

YAKIMA COUNTY CLERK
Law and Justice Sales Tax Report
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To the Voters and Taxpayers of Yakima County:

The 3/10ths of 1% Sales Tax Initiative which you supported and approved in November 2004, has allowed the County Clerk to add staff required for operation of additional Superior Court and Juvenile Court proceedings. In addition, the County Clerk's office has been able to replace old equipment used for records management.

SUPERIOR COURT:

Two full-time and one part-time staff have been added for the additional court sessions established by the Court. The County Clerk's office in partnership with the Yakima County Department of Corrections, have established a new program for assessment and collection of Court ordered felony adult detention/medical costs.



JUVENILE COURT:

One full time staff position in the County Clerk's juvenile office has been funded with the tax dollars.

Extra help staff have been hired, as needed, to provide coverage with records management and for staff absences.

The County Clerk is required to attend all court sessions for Superior and Juvenile Court and to permanently maintain all documents filed. Additionally, the County Clerk staff, in many court sessions, electronically record the court proceedings instead of a Court Reporter.

Without County Clerk staff, the Superior and Juvenile Court courtrooms could not operate.

