

From the Desk of Camden County Clerk Joe Ripa:

The Office of the Camden County Clerk had another record-breaking year in 2020, despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic!

As the Keeper of the Records for the County, the Clerk's Office has two major divisions with the Registry Division and the Election Division. The Registry (Real Estate Recording) Division handles all matters pertaining to the Land Records of the County as a Constitutional Row Officer. The Election Division handles an array of election services and statutory responsibilities as prescribed by the Legislature and the State Constitution.

The Registry Division has been steadily increasing in the volume of documents recorded and last year marked the highest year in over 13 years of revenue received, processed and remitted to the County and State of New Jersey. Specifically, the amount of revenue for 2020 was \$26,993,438.00 which is the highest amount since 2007 when that number was \$30,985,360.78 for that year.

The Election Division also witnessed a significant increase in activity and successfully made it through the 2020 Presidential Election Cycle! In the 2020 General Election, in accordance with the law, each active registered voter, of the 398,475 registered Camden County voters, was automatically mailed a ballot. There were 273,555 voters that voted, which represented a turnout percentage of 68.65%. Prior to 2020, the high-water mark was set in 2019 when 60,217 voters were mailed their ballots. The task of mailing every active voter their ballot was daunting, but our staff stepped up to the challenge and got it done.

I remain so very proud of the staff members in both of our divisions as they did their jobs and did it exceptionally well. Above all else, they proudly continue to serve their fellow citizens just as they themselves would like to be served and for that I am thankful.

Further information on any of the services of the Office of the Camden County Clerk can be obtained by visiting our website at [www.camdencounty.com/clerk](http://www.camdencounty.com/clerk).