

\$50,000 Milestone, Expanded Hours for Hunterdon County Clerk



FLEMINGTON, NJ – Hunterdon County Clerk Mary Melfi and her staff have demanding jobs.

Melfi told the Freeholders at their meeting yesterday that while revenue so far this year is about \$2.35 million, it comes at a price.

This year, “we actually touched 38,626 pieces of paper,” she said, about 10 percent more than last year.

That what’s involved when you’re responsible for things as varied as deeds, mortgages and

mortgage releases, maps, military discharges, certificates of incorporation, mechanics liens and trade names. All of those documents have to be indexed, filed and digitally imaged and microfilmed.

The office also has general supervision over all elections held within the county. That includes sending out the absentee ballots, ensuring official sample voting machine ballots are printed and distributed to Hunterdon voters, and tabulating the election returns.

Then there are the weddings. She officiates about 150 weddings every year, and then donates her fee to [SAFE in Hunterdon](#), the Flemington-based group that helps victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

The money adds up. Melfi began her third five-year term as clerk last January, and her total donation to SAFE has passed a milestone and is now more than \$50,000.