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JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK ANNOUNCES PUBLIC RECORDS SEARCH WILL BE BACK ON-LINE

CHARLES TOWN, WEST VIRGINIA – the Jefferson County Clerk Jennifer Maghan is pleased to announce that the online records search feature will be re-activated beginning on Friday, March 6, 2009.

The nearly four-month long process of redacting social security numbers from over 1.7 million public documents has been completed. The on-line system had been operational for three days before it was discovered that some public documents contained social security numbers. Clerk Maghan states, “Our office, in conjunction with our software vendor, has made every attempt to eliminate social security numbers from the on-line version of our public records. However, should citizens find that their social security number is still visible on-online; we ask that they call our office for immediate removal of that number.”

Frequent patrons of the County Clerk’s records room have enjoyed the in-house version of the recently installed, user friendly, fast and easily accessible records management software.

The County Clerk’s offices utilizes a records management software system is used in over thirty West Virginia County Clerk’s offices and is product of Complete System Support, Inc. of Parkersburg, West Virginia. The October 2008 installation of the system was the result of nearly two years of bids, vendor showcases and budget request of the County Commission to approve the \$159,272 system which included all new computers, monitors and servers.

In addition to the numerous benefits of this robust and easy to use system, the Clerk states that it reduces the operating budget by thousands of dollars in monthly maintenance fees in comparison to the previous system that had been in place since 1998. Additionally, citizens can perform a records search from the comfort of their home or office.

To access records on-line, please visit - <http://jeffersoncountyclerkwv.com/> and click on the Electronic Record Search link.