Gallatin County Circuit Court Receives Over $154,000 in Technology Grant

Gallatin County Circuit Court has been awarded a Technology Modernization Grant of just over $154,000. This grant program, funded by the Illinois Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, has been offered to county courts in the State for the last two years for technology upgrades to modernize the delivery of court services. Gallatin County Resident Judge Thomas Foster and Circuit Clerk Brittney Lane-Capeheart first applied for the grant last year and were awarded approximately $57,842.00. This year, Judge Foster and Circuit Clerk Lane-Capeheart sought to continue making upgrades and their request was approved to fund new equipment, including an advanced security system consisting of cameras and monitors, new computers and software, printers, photocopiers, and the necessary electrical wiring upgrades to support these advancements.

Second Circuit Chief Judge Melissa Morgan expressed her gratitude for the funding and noted, "The Second Circuit as a whole was awarded over $1 million this year from this grant program and we are extremely grateful to the Administrative Office for this funding. While I know all of Gallatin County's upgrades will serve the needs of the Court, I am particularly excited about the new security system. Everyone who comes into Court should feel as safe as they can and this system provides an additional layer of security and will hopefully serve as a deterrent for ill-advised or illicit behavior. I commend Judge Foster and Circuit Clerk Lane-Capeheart for taking the lead to secure these essential technology upgrades making their Court safer and more efficient without having to pass those costs on to the people of Gallatin County."

The Second Judicial Circuit is comprised of twelve counties: Crawford, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White.

(Pictured: Gallatin County Resident Judge Thomas Foster and Circuit Clerk Brittney Lane-Capeheart)