

Hardin County Circuit Court Awarded Over \$137,000 for Technology Upgrades

Hardin County Circuit Court has been awarded a Technology Modernization Grant of just over \$137,000.00. The 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 help modernize the delivery of court services. Hardin County Resident Judge Tara Wallace and Circuit Clerk Nancy Pennell secured a grant last year of just over \$119,000.00. This year, they sought additional funding to continue updating equipment and have been awarded \$137,828.68 to purchase a new A/V system, computers, document scanners and copiers, as well as electrical wiring upgrades to support this new technology.

Second Circuit Chief Judge Melissa Morgan stressed the importance of this award stating, “Our courts have become so modernized over the last few years with the use of remote video court through Zoom and electronic filing. The costs associated with keeping up with these technological advancements is great, so I am extremely grateful to the Supreme Court and the Administrative Office for this funding. I also want to commend Judge Wallace and Circuit Clerk Pennell for obtaining these upgrades for the Court without having to pass the costs on to the people of Hardin County.”

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

(Pictured Left to Right: Hardin County Circuit Clerk Nancy Pennell, Hardin County Resident Judge Tara Wallace and Second Circuit Chief Judge Melissa Morgan)

