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Webb County Clerk*



*2026 -2027
Archival Plan*

Webb County Clerk Archival Plan

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I STATUTE

House Bill 370 enacted by the 7th Legislature of the State of Texas, amended Vernon Texas Code Annotated, Local Government Code, Section 118.011 (e), governed by Section 118.025, enabled the Commissioners Court to adopt a Records Archive Fee for the preservation and restoration services performed by the County Clerk in connection with maintaining a County Clerk's records archive.

On May 21, 2013 during the 83rd Legislative Regular Session HB1513 was passed relating to temporary increases in the records archive fees and the records management and preservation fees charged by district and county clerks.

Article 1. Authorized the commissioners court of a county to increase the county clerk's Records Archive Fee from \$5 to not more than \$10. Article .1 took effect September 1, 2013.

On April 26, 2019 during the 86th Legislative Regular Session SB658 passed, making permanent the former temporary increases of the records archive fee of \$10 charged by district and county clerks. Effective September 1, 2019.

II PURPOSE

Official Webb County records prior to 1960 are in their original paper and book copies. They are exposed to deterioration from daily usage and the unfavorable elements in the storage areas. The County Clerk's Office seeks to preserve the existing original records by restoring or recreating books, digitizing older paper records, re-indexing handwritten indexed records, and entering the images and data to a computerized system.

The goal of the County Clerk's Office is to:

- continue to modernize and upgrade the systems in the Office*
- continue to add records and information to the existing computer system; Commissioners Court, Marriage Licenses, Probate cases, Official Public Records, Criminal cases, and Civil cases from 1848*
- expedite records searching by having more records available for electronic retrieval*
- continue to eliminate the need for paper records*
- scan all historical records and make them available electronically to the public*
- preserve original records by reducing daily usage*
- reclaim much needed space in the public records area*

III REVENUE

	Approximately
OPR Documents filed weekly	550
	X
	<u>\$10.00 per document</u>
	\$ 5,500.00 per week
	X
	<u>52 weeks</u>
	\$286,000.00 a year

IV EXPENDITURE

As of August, 2026 the County Clerk Archive Fund has an approximate balance of \$1,600,000. All monies not used during the fiscal year under this plan accumulate as revenues for further projects.

We are requesting approval in our plan to:

- ***Continuation of Preservation Projects:*** Ongoing work to preserve historical miscellaneous documents, ensuring their longevity and accessibility.
- ***Ongoing Restoration and Digitization of Public Records:*** Continue scanning, restoring, and preserving plats, probate files, marriage records, and other historical public documents, as funding permits.
- ***Preservation of Fragile Bound Volumes:*** Proceed with the conservation of over 40 archival books currently identified as being in very poor condition.
- ***Procurement of Additional Storage:*** Purchase and install additional shelving for our court records to accommodate our growing archival inventory and improve organization.
- ***Purchase additional Shelving***
To replace outdated and/or deteriorated shelving units ensuring safe, efficient, and reliable storage while improving organization and accessibility.

V RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION PROJECTS

The main objective of our Archival Restoration and Preservation Project is to continue scanning historical documents and make them more readily accessible to the public without the liability of further damaging the frail volumes and documents. We have a great demand on all of our records which include Property Records, Vitals (Marriage License, Birth & Death), DD-214 Records and Courts (Misdemeanor, Juvenile, Civil, Probate, Small Estates, & Mental Commitments). Most importantly is to preserve our records and books which are deteriorating.

WEBB COUNTY §

STATE OF TEXAS §

ORDER TO ADOPT ARCHIVAL PLAN

WHEREAS, Vernon Texas Code Annotated, Local Government Code, §118.011 (e), enabled the Commissioners Court to adopt a Records Archive Fee, for the preservation and restoration services performed by the County Clerk in connection with maintaining a County Clerk's records archive;

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court approved to raise the Records Archive Fee to \$5.00 on September 22, 2003, which the County Clerk's Office collects at the time of filing or recording of any public record;

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court approved to raise the Records Archive Fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 on September 9, 2013, which the County Clerk's Office collects at the time of filing or recording of any public record;

WHEREAS, the fee is deposited in a separate Records Archive Account in the County;

WHEREAS, after holding a Public Hearing on August 24, 2026 to present the Archival Plan, and the Plan being accepted as presented;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Webb County, pursuant to Vernon Texas Code Annotated, Local Government Code, §118.011 (e), hereby adopts the Archival Plan for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year to be implemented by the County Clerk with all the changes as presented:

ADOPTED, this ____th day of August 2026.

WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

TANO E. TIJERINA
County Judge

JESSE GONZALEZ
Commissioner Precinct No. 1

ROSAURA "WAWI" TIJERINA
Commissioner Precinct No. 2

JOHN C. GALO
Commissioner Precinct No. 3

RICARDO A. JAIME
Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Attest:

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA
Webb County Clerk

**Margie Ramirez Ibarra
Webb County Clerk
Department 2310**

SLOT #	TITLE	HOURLY RATE	ANNUAL	GRADE/STEP/EQ	W/C CODE
2242	Archival Management Coordinator	-	100	10/A	8810
2243	Archival Management Coordinator	-	100	10/A	8810
2359	Archival Project Coordinator	-	51,709.00	18/Q	8810

Approved Slots= 3	51,909.00
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5005 (Part Time) 35,000.00

Total 86,909.00