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CIRCUIT CLERK AND COUNTY CLERK BEGIN RNOVATIONS TO MAKE OFFICES MORE EFFICIENT

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Carlinville - Circuit Clerk Mike Mathis and County Clerk Pete Duncan recently announced that the weekend of August 16^{th} they will be switching offices to make a more efficient work space.

The move will bring two of the three division of the Circuit Clerk's office together and move all three of the County Clerk's office divisions into two adjoining rooms. The changes all are on the first floor of the Courthouse, the County Recorder's and Circuit Clerk's General Division offices are next to one another with a shared doorway that is currently closed. The same is true of the Circuit Clerk's Probate Division and County Clerk General and Election offices. By switching where the Recorder and Probate offices are located, the shared doorway can be opened and two offices become one.

Mike Mathis said, "With the tough choices we have to make to keep the budget balanced, anything that can help keep costs down and provide better service is an easy call. This move will make it easier to do more for taxpayers with current staff levels. That's something we strive for daily."

The plan should see no major distribution during business hours as the necessary changes will start at the end of business on Friday the $16^{\rm th}$ and should be finished in time for the doors to open on Monday the $19^{\rm th}$. Pete Duncan stated "We're doing everything possible to make this change without causing any headaches for the folks who need our offices. But there might be some spare furniture in the hallway for a few days or it may take a minute for us to locate where the movers placed some files. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience."