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Clerk Of The Circuit Court

by Hon. Ken Burke



The Pinellas County Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 2007, has been published, announced Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

As Clerk, Burke serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the Board of County Commissioners and shares fiscal responsibility for County funds with them. This report provides citizens a brief analysis of where County revenues came from and where those dollars were spent during the last fiscal year. It is designed to give citizens an easy-to-read synopsis of the County's financial health, according to Burke.

In addition to the Popular Report, the Finance Division also produces the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which contains more detailed financial information. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded its prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Pinellas County for its CAFR for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 2006, for the 26th consecutive year.

The reports included in the PAFR condense and simplify the format used in the CAFR. The PAFR does not conform to generally accepted accounting principals and governmental reporting standards. The report is prepared in this format so that the non-financial reader can easily understand it. The GFOA awarded Pinellas County its first Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended Septem-

ber 30th, 2006 and the County has applied for the award for this PAFR.

Both reports are accessible on the Clerk's website at www.pinellasclerk.org/asplinclude2/2007PAFR.pdf and www.pinellasclerk.org/asplinclude2/CAFR2007/2007CAFR.pdf. ♦

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