



BEVERLY B. KAUFMAN COUNTY CLERK

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PROPERTY RECORDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS SAFE: DATA RECOVERY FACILITY IN PLACE IN CASE OF DISASTER

Houston, TX, - The Harris County Clerk announced today that an off-site automated backup and archiving data center is now in place to secure records filed with the Clerk's office. The data center was set up at the behest of the Clerk to safeguard data in case a catastrophic event impacts the greater Houston area.

"The people entrust the County Clerk with records which are dear to them, including property and marriage records and other important documents. That is why setting up a system which provides long-term security of those documents is so important", said Kevin Mauzy, Harris County Clerk's Office Chief Deputy, who oversaw the realization of the Disaster Recovery Facility.

According to Jason Williams, the County Clerk's Director of Information Technology, the Disaster Recovery Facility located in Chandler, Arizona is a significant enhancement in how the Clerk's office protects and stores data. The off-site center will duplicate data in semi real time.

In addition to protecting data from manmade disasters, the facility secures data from natural disasters which are too familiar to residents of the Texas Gulf Coast, namely the ravages wrought by tropical storms and hurricanes.

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ABOUT THE HARRIS COUNTY CLERK' OFFICE

In Harris County, the County Clerk's office has three major responsibilities. The Clerk's office maintains records for Commissioners Court, County Probate Courts, and County Civil Courts at Law. The office records real property records including state and federal tax liens; vital statistics records such as marriage licenses; assumed names; and uniform commercial code records.

The County Clerk's office is also responsible for the conduct of county, state and federal elections in the third largest county in the United States.