

Passports

Bernie Quilter became an agent for processing United States Passport applications. He established “One Stop Passport Centers” which are located in all four of our Auto Title Agencies located in Lucas County.

After Hours Bail Program

In September of 2005, Mr. Quilter worked with the Lucas County Sheriff in establishing an After Hours Bail program. This program allows for bail to be posted on weekends and after normal business hours. This will address some of the overcrowding issues at the Lucas County Jail by allowing attorneys and bonding companies to post bail on individuals arrested on lesser crimes.

Court Cost Collection Program

Mr. Quilter worked with the Ohio Attorney General's office in establishing a Court Cost Collection Program. This program utilizes the vast resources available through the Attorney General's office and enables the Lucas County Clerk of Courts to recoup significant sums of money owed as a result of judgments rendered through the Court of Common Pleas and at a savings to Lucas County.

Lucas County Optical Imaging Lab

In April of 2006, Bernie Quilter and the Lucas County Commissioners opened the Lucas County Optical Imaging Lab. The lab converts public record documents into electronic images thus providing back file conversion services to county offices engaged in the optical imaging process. This provides a permanent and more efficient document storage solution to the vast amount of documents that are required by state law to be retained. The Optical Imaging Lab was the first of its kind in the State of Ohio and one of the first in the nation. This unique facility is staffed by individuals from Lott Industries and the Board of Developmental Disabilities in Lucas County. This provides a win win for both Lucas County and the Board of Developmental Disabilities as there is a cost savings to the county and at the same time the employees that staff the imaging lab perform all the tasks necessary to complete the imaging process, including document prepping, imaging, and the indexing of documents. Mr. Quilter has received numerous awards for his employing of individuals with developmental disabilities and articles have appeared in a number of local and national publications.

Automated Redaction Software Solution

In July of 2009, The Lucas County Clerk of Courts and the Lucas County Recorders office jointly purchase automated redaction software for their electronic images. This software shields from public viewing personal identifiers including social security numbers, tax identification numbers, employee identification numbers (EIN), federal employee identification numbers (FEIN), bank account numbers, and drivers license numbers from all electronically recorded images. This joint project by the Clerk of Courts and the Recorders office represents a pioneering effort to protect citizens from identity theft and misuse of personal information. This project is due to recent rules adopted by the Ohio Supreme Court regarding shielding of certain personal and private

information from court documents submitted to the court of jurisdiction or filed with the Clerk of Courts.