

**Clinton County Clerk/Register of Deeds Appointment Committee
Organizational Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026
4:00pm**

1. Call to Order at 4:00 PM
2. Nominations for Committee Chair – Judge Schlegel nomination advanced for Committee Chair by Judge Barkman. Judge Shlegel seconded nomination. Judge Schlegel appointed as committee chair.
3. Nominations for Committee Secretary – Judge Schlegel nominated Judge Barkman and Judge Barkman seconded nomination.
4. Discussion of Clerk / Register of Deeds Duties, Salary and Benefits – salary and benefits is \$96,605
5. Review of Statutes
 - a. MCL 168.209 – County Offices; vacancy, creation – resignation effective April 30, 2026.
 - b. Michigan Constitution, Article VI, Sec. 14; MCL 168.209(2) – County Office; vacancy, procedure, terms – appointment by Circuit Court Judges, effective for remainder of the term ending December 31, 2028.
 - c. MCL 168.191 – County Officers; eligibility – registered, qualified elector of Clinton County.
 - d. Discussion of current Clerk retirement effective April 30, 2026.
6. Review of Open Meetings Act – relevancy and it is determined that this hearing falls under Open meetings act.
7. Application deadline announced to be February 6, 2026 at 12 noon. Applications (2 copies) should be physically dropped off at Clinton County Clerk's Office.
8. Public Comments (limit 3 minutes) – none made.
9. Adjournment at 4:11 PM.