Lee Clerk of Courts marks 34 years of financial excellence

FORT MYERS, FLA (Jan. 2, 2020) – For the 34th consecutive year, the Lee County Clerk’s office has earned national recognition for its financial responsibility to citizens.

The Clerk’s office received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The award was given by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, the foremost organization on public finance excellence.

“This award demonstrates our commitment to safeguarding the public’s tax dollars,” said Linda Doggett, Lee County Clerk of Courts. “It’s every citizen’s right to know where and how their hard-earned money is being spent, and it’s all outlined in this thorough report every year.”

The report features the audited financial statements during fiscal year 2018 for Lee County, including the Board of County Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector. To download the report, visit LeeClerk.org. The next report covering financials for the 2019 fiscal year will be published in spring 2020.

According to the GFOA, the Certificate of Achievement is the “highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.” The annual report is judged by several GFOA financial experts and must adhere to numerous high standards of financial excellence and transparency.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

To learn more about the Clerk’s award-winning reports, visit LeeClerk.org.

ABOUT THE CLERK’S OFFICE:
The Florida Constitution established the Clerk of the Circuit Court as a public trustee, responsible for safeguarding public records and public funds. Clerk Linda Doggett is directly elected by and accountable to Lee County residents. In addition to the role of Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Clerk is the County Recorder and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, and the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Auditor for Lee County.