Lee Clerk resumes Passport services Oct. 12 by appointment

FORT MYERS, FL (Oct. 9, 2020) – Lee County citizens planning to travel overseas in the coming months can once again apply for a passport at the Clerk of Courts. Appointments are now required, and passports may take up to 12 weeks to be issued by the U.S. Department of State.

It is now required that customers bring a completed, unsigned passport application to their appointment. Valid proof of citizenship, photo ID, and a passport photo must be provided when applying. Copies of the front and back of the photo ID and citizenship documents must also be provided at the application appointment.

“We’re pleased to resume passport services while ensuring the safety and well-being of our customers and Deputy Clerks,” said Linda Doggett, Lee County Clerk of Courts. “This much-needed service is essential for many of our residents; especially those who need to travel for business or care for loved ones.”

Applicants wishing to receive their passports sooner than 12 weeks can request expedited service for an extra fee to receive their passport within 4 to 6 weeks.

Anyone entering the County Administration Building is required to wear a mask. To ensure proper distancing in the office, only customers applying for passports will be allowed into the office. Children may stay with their parents.

To schedule an appointment, customers can call 239-533-5007. Passport services are provided in the Recording Department on the 2nd floor of the County Administration Building, located at 2115 Second Street in Fort Myers.

Passports are $110 for citizens age 16 and older or $80 for those 15 years old and younger, payable to the U.S. Department of State. A separate $35 processing fee is payable to the Clerk of Court.

Those customers wishing to renew their passports may do so by mail, no need to make an appointment. Visit https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/renew.html for more information.

For downloadable passport applications and a full list of required documentation and fees, please visit LeeClerk.org/passports.

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.