

The court minutes indicate that the carpet was replaced in downstairs portions of the courthouse 43 years ago in 1982. Given this duration, I believe it is reasonable to expect a sanitary and healthy work environment for my staff as well as for the public we serve, rather than a space that has endured years of deteriorating conditions including accumulated insect remains and excrement.

I understand the county will seek restoration again in 3 years, but replacing the carpet at any other time would entail disruption of the office's ability to conduct business. It seems more practical to replace the carpet now, while the office is unoccupied. I am also aware that the last 2 restoration plans in 2002 and 2020 were never acted on.

This office has collected \$2,615.00 in passport fees in the first three months of this year and a total of \$9,760 in 2024. Money that goes straight into the General Fund. I would gladly dedicate that money to pay for the carpet if allowed to.

Please consider the services this office provides to the county residents and the health of the District Clerk employees when making this decision.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Bowles". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marianne Bowles

District Clerk