

J.C. First In Nation To Electronically Record Survey Map

As more and more counties are exploring creative ways to offer better public services with stricter budget guidelines, Johnston County is leading the nation by electronically recording signed surveying maps.

Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall, who chaired the electronic notarization standard setting committee for the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), has long been an advocate of electronic commerce in North Carolina.

"This is a great historic moment in the development of eCommerce in North Carolina," Secretary Marshall said at the annual conference of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors. "This is exactly why we invested so much energy in developing our state's standards for electronic recording — so that we could move important legal business filings to a quick, efficient conclusion that also helps the public have better access to them."

"It is an exciting time here in North Carolina to work with surveyors to be able to accept plat maps electronically," Craig Olive, Johnston County register of deeds, said. "We are the first recording office in the nation to



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Pictured from left are Craig Olive, Johnston County Register of Deeds; Linwood Byrd Jr.; N.C. Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall; and Linwood Byrd Sr. of Byrd Surveying Inc.

accomplish this feat. This will increase productivity in their offices as well as the register of deeds offices. This process will save time and money for all parties involved. The method of submission is more secure than any other method of delivery to the register of deeds office."

"The Johnston County Planning Department is excited to of-

fer this streamlined plat eRecording process to continue its enhancement of customer service. By incorporating eRecording of plats into its daily operations, the department is able to advance its mission of providing efficient and innovative services for its customers and citizens," Berry Gray, planning director, said.

The North Carolina Society of Surveyors and its Johnston County chapter has been instrumental in making the pilot project a success. Pilot participants included: World Wide Notary, EDL, Johnston County Register of Deeds, Johnston County Planning Office, Byrd Surveying, McKim and Creed, and True Line Surveying.