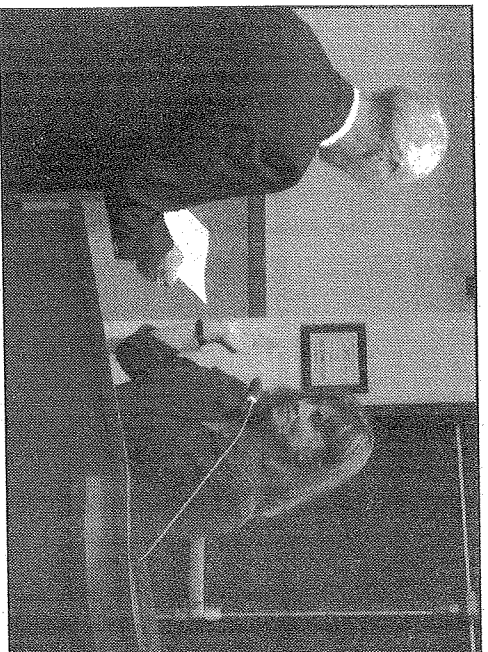


## NEW CLERK



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**APPOINTED** Former Probate Judge Janet Foster gets sworn in on Wednesday morning by Council Chair Michael Wheeler, as the new county clerk. Foster replaces Mary Pat Kraemer, who resigned last month.

## Help wanted: Probate judge

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*Special to the Monitor*

Janet Foster tended her resignation as Probate Judge after being appointed to the position of Los Alamos County Clerk. She will replace Mary Pat Kraemer, who resigned.

Four members of the County Council voted for Foster and three voted for Lynne Johnson, a retired technical writer for Los Alamos National Lab. Ann Cooke, also applied, but didn't receive any votes and was not present at the Council meeting.

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Foster wrote in her application letter to the council, "I believe I could work with the

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Clerk's staff to provide a seamless transition to full-time Ms. Kraemer's term as County Clerk. Ironically, I had intended to run for this position in 2012."

Council Chairman Michael E. Wheeler gave Foster the oath of office and the appointment is effective immediately.