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## Donald E. Rankey Jr. Sworn in as County Treasurer for Second Time

**DELAWARE, Ohio (March 23, 2021)** – Donald E. Rankey Jr. was sworn in as the Delaware County interim treasurer Monday afternoon for the second time this month.

The swearing-in ceremony took place at the treasurer's office at 4 p.m. Judge Craig R. Baldwin of the Ohio Fifth District Court of Appeals did the honors.

It was the second of three swearing-in ceremonies for Rankey. This ceremony enables Rankey to complete the term of former Treasurer Jon Peterson.

Peterson died in October 2019. Michael Ringle, who was appointed to replace Peterson, resigned in February to accept a position in the auditor's office.

Rankey was appointed to complete the term at a recent meeting of the Delaware County Republican Central Committee.

Rankey won the treasurer's seat in the November election. In accordance with state law, his elected term will not officially begin until Sept. 6.

Rankey's first swearing-in ceremony was held March 1 after the county commissioners appointed him to fill the vacant treasurer's seat from March 1 until the central committee met on March 18. He will be sworn in for a third time on Sept. 2, four days before his elected term begins.

Rankey, a longtime Delaware County businessman, will introduce two new plans for investment and the collection of property taxes at the Delaware County Investment Advisory Committee at 8 a.m. Thursday at the Delaware County Commissioner's office on the second floor of the former county courthouse, 101 N. Sandusky Street.

Rankey will introduce an investment plan that will earn the county millions of dollars in revenue annually and detail the creation of a Revenue Recovery Division for his office. The new division will be tasked with creating a more efficient process for the collection of delinquent property taxes.

“I’ve hit the ground running,” Rankey said of his first month in office. “I’m going to apply some of the techniques that I’ve learned in my 40 years in business to the treasurer’s office. We’re going to invest well and create more wealth for the county and become more effective at collecting delinquent property taxes.”

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