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Treasurer's Office Has Record Year In Collecting Delinquent Taxes

DELAWARE, Ohio (Dec. 20, 2021) – Delaware County Treasurer Donald E. Rankey Jr. today announced a record year in the collection of delinquent property taxes in Delaware County.

As of Dec. 1, the treasurer's office has collected more than \$21.5 million dollars in delinquent taxes. That compares to \$10.1 million for all of 2020. This represents an 89-percent increase over last year.

After his election in November 2020, Rankey made the collection of delinquent taxes a priority.

Rankey said the improvement was a result of the new Revenue Recovery Division, which he formed in April. As of March 1, more than 1,390 land parcels in Delaware County were delinquent on taxes in excess of \$12.4 million. Some of the delinquencies dated back to 2007.

Some of the major successes this year include:

- The owner of a closed furniture store location in the Polaris area paid \$286,251 to bring its tax bill into compliance.
- The owners of a fast-food restaurant near Polaris Fashion Place are now making \$500 a month in additional payments to address a \$14,000 delinquency.
- The owner of a building that housed a closed high-end restaurant in the Polaris area paid \$51,579 to bring a tax bill into compliance.
- A store location in the Polaris Fashion Place paid \$119,694 in delinquent taxes.

“This is exactly why we formed the Revenue Recovery Division,” Rankey said. “It’s unacceptable that the large majority of Delaware County taxpayers were paying the freight, while others allowed property tax bills to go unpaid for years. I’m very proud of the job my team has done.”

The Revenue Recovery Division is under the direction of Jeffrey H. Jordan, who is a lawyer with an extensive history of collections and creditors’ rights. Doug Crew serves as senior deputy treasurer for the Revenue Recovery Division.

Donald E. Rankey Jr. was elected Delaware County treasurer in November 2020. He is the county’s chief financial officer and responsible for collecting more than \$660 million in annual property taxes on 86,671 parcels. His office also oversees an investment portfolio in excess of \$325 million.

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