Ellis County Treasury

Summer Newsletter

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to my 2nd *Summer Newsletter* as your Treasurer. I have started a tradition of writing a biannual newsletter to keep Ellis County citizens informed of the work the Treasury does. Fall newsletters are printed on the back of the Homestead Tax form, and all citizens receive these in their November tax mailings. The Summer edition is available at the Treasury's welcome desk. I also archive all newsletters on the County website for citizens to reference any time.
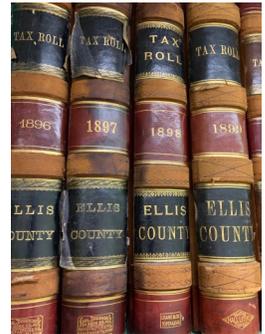
BENEFITS TO CITIZENS

BANKING: A few months after taking office and examining Ellis County's investment potential, I put out a bid for a more competitive banking agreement. It had been decades since this process had occurred. After a year-and-a-half on the job, the financial boost to County's bottom line has been substantial. My Fall 2018 newsletter outlined other specifics, but in summary, the new relationship with the winning bank, Astra, has yielded a "fee-free" management of County accounts, saving tens of thousands of dollars already. Further, the interest rate mirrors Federal Treasury rates, which have hovered right around 2.5% for the past year. Interest income alone for 2019 amounts to over $200,000. This extra income comes at a time it is greatly needed as budgetary challenges are one of the main issues in our County.

TAX COLLECTION: In a combined effort with the County Commissioners and County Counselor, I have restructured the delinquent tax collection process.

New collection practices include annual Tax Sales, stop codes on vehicle renewals, and active communication with oil companies regarding garnishments. These practices amount to almost $500,000 annually that had not been actively collected in the past.

PROCUREMENT: I enjoy negotiating and making sound financial decisions for the varying contracts the Treasury manages, ranging from banking contracts to postage machine contracts and everything in between. The courage and knowledge it takes to investigate which competitor is the best for Ellis County is something I enjoy doing as a lifelong learner and will continue to do as your Treasurer.

Lisa Schlegel
Ellis County Treasurer

Summer 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

June

Per Statute 79-2101 Notice of Delinquent Personal Property Tax mailed on or before June 10

Tax Sale the 18th 10:00AM

Warrants mailed the 20th

H-I Renewals

July

Per Statue 79-2302 & 79-2303. Delinquent Real Estate Tax listing sent to the newspaper

Garnishments mailed the 23rd

J-K-L Renewals

August

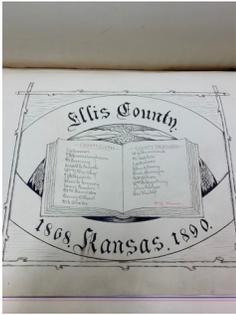Per Statute 79-2303 Delinquent Real Estate Tax published in the newspaper

M-N-O Renewals

September

Per Statute 79-2306. Delinquent Real Estate Tax bid off by 1st Tuesday

P-Q-R Renewals

I am happy to work for you, Ellis County citizens, and I enjoy the challenges that come with the responsibilities of being your Treasurer. I have a hopeful attitude for our County and Country, and I know a prosperous future is possible. I am happy to use my voice to speak on behalf of our community. With wishes for an abundant spring, and gratitude to be able to represent the citizens of Ellis County.

Lisa Schlegel
Ellis County Treasurer

Michelle
Administrative Manager

Suzanna
Deputy Treasurer/
Motor Vehicle Administrator

Amanda
Tax Administrator

Casey
Treasury Operations Manager

Sharon
MV/Tax Collection Clerk

Merrie
Accounting Manager

Treasury Staff

We are grateful for the opportunity to work for the taxpayers and aim to provide top quality service. We look forward to assisting in all your motor vehicle and tax transactions.

Miranda
MV/Tax Collection Clerk

Maryssa
MV/Tax Collection Clerk

Stephanie
MV/Tax Collection Clerk

Nicole
MV/Tax Collection Clerk