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**PRESS RELEASE**

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From: Derek W. DeVine, Seneca County Prosecutor & David J. Claus, Assistant Seneca County Prosecutor

Re: Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes 2011

Earlier this month the Seneca County Prosecutor's Office began the process of starting collections against those property owners who were delinquent in paying their real estate taxes to Seneca County. Working with Seneca County Treasurer Damon Alt, the Seneca County Prosecutor's Office sent out 154 letters starting the collections process.

"From those initial letters, we have collected over \$38,000 for the citizens of Seneca County as of July 22, 2011", said prosecutor DeVine. Of those who have still not paid their real estate taxes, Mr. Alt added, "we are still accepting payment at this time, however, costs incurred by the county for title searches and preparation of foreclosure lawsuits will be driving up the costs in the very near future. Now is the time to pay these debts to avoid incurring those additional expenses".

"We will be ordering the title searches in the next several weeks", said assistant prosecutor Claus. Upon receipt of the title searches, the county will then be able to file foreclosure complaints to recover the remaining delinquent real estate taxes.

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