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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

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 from a list provided by Seneca County Auditor's Office, the Seneca County Prosecutor's Office sent out 217 letters starting the collections process. This number was up slightly from 196 letters sent out last year. "The letters went out last week and we are already getting responses", said Derek W. DeVine, Seneca County Prosecutor.

Seneca County Treasurer Damon Alt reported that the county is owed delinquent taxes totaling \$824,250.55. "The delinquency amount is significantly higher than last year's number of \$653,000", said Alt.

DeVine added: "We will make every effort to collect the delinquent taxes with a letter as this keeps down the costs for the county and for the taxpayers." However, the expenses associated with the foreclosure process will become a reality if the tax delinquency is not paid. "Our office wants each of the 217 owners to be aware of their delinquency so that they can have every chance to make things right", said DeVine.

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