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McGuire Offers Tips on Paying Will County Property Taxes Due This Wednesday, June 2

Joliet, IL May 28, 2010 – Will County treasurer Pat McGuire suggests how to save time, gas, and extra costs when paying the Wed., June 2 first installment of Will County property taxes.

- A payment by mail bearing a U.S. Postal Service postmark no later than June 2 is considered on-time no matter when it reaches the treasurer's office. "Don't use a mailbox if you're mailing on June 2," McGuire advises. "Take your payment envelope into the post office and have a clerk put a June 2 postmark on it."
- Over 125 banks in Will County accept property tax payment until closing time June 2. No fee is charged for payment by cash or check, and one does not need to have an account at the bank.
- "You can pay online 24/7 at www.willcountytreasurer.com," McGuire says. ACH automatic withdrawal from savings or checking is \$1.50 per transaction, subject to conditions listed on the website. Using Visa or MasterCard as a debit card incurs a \$3.95 fee. Charging taxes involves bigger credit-card company fees plus the interest charged on an unpaid balance.
- Payment by check can be put in the drop box outside the Will County Office Building, 302 N. Chicago St., Joliet until 11:59 p.m., June 2.
- A partial payment by June 2 is better than no payment because the state requires 1.5% monthly interest on late payments. "The smaller the unpaid balance, the less interest," McGuire notes. Call (815) 740-4675 for more information on making partial payments, including a \$2 re-billing fee.

McGuire recommends homeowners threatened by foreclosure contact Governor Pat Quinn's Mortgage Relief Project, (800) 532-8785, www.idfpr.com.

More payment information is available on the back of the property tax bill, on the insert, at www.willcountytreasurer.com or by calling (815) 740-4675 Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The treasurer's office will be closed Mon., May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

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