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2022 TAX STATEMENTS DELAYED BY SOFTWARE CONVERSION

DeWitt County taxpayers normally receive their yearly tax statements during the first week or two of October which allows for time to pay the tax bill before October 31 in order to take advantage of the 3 percent discount offered by the county.

However, this year's statements have been delayed due to difficulty converting existing taxpayer records into a new software system, and by adding the taxpayers of the Yoakum ISD into the new system following the decision of the Yoakum ISD Board of Trustees to enter into an agreement with DeWitt County for the assessment and collection of the school district's property taxes.

Tax Assessor-Collector Ashley D. Mraz states that the traditional green envelopes the office has used for decades have been replaced by common white envelopes this year due to supply constraints.

Although tax statements will be in mailboxes soon, the delayed mailing does not postpone the deadline to take advantage of the early payment discount on the DeWitt County portion of taxes due.

Taxpayers who want to take advantage of the three (3) percent discount need to act promptly by paying the county portion of the tax statement in person at the new tax office location of 102 North Clinton Street in Cuero before the close of business on Monday, October 31, or by mailing the payment in time to receive a postmark cancellation of October 31. Reduced discounts are still available during the months of November and December. All property taxes are due by January 31, 2023.

Taxpayers have other convenient options to pay taxes. Electronic checks and credit/debit cards may be used with an online collection service, but user fees will apply. Online payments can be directed to: https://dewitt.propertytaxpayments.net.

Mraz states, "I apologize for any inconvenience the delay in mailing statements may cause our taxpayers, but I want you to be aware of the deadlines and the additional payment options available to help you receive a timely discount for the early payment of your property taxes."

The tax office is now located on the first floor of the 2021 DeWitt County Annex at 102 North Clinton Street which is one block east of the former location. Customer service hours are Monday through Friday (except for Holidays) from 8:00 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. Additional assistance can be sought by calling the tax office at this phone number: 361-275-0879.

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