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County Commissioners and Treasurer Return Taxpayer Funds

The Lake County Board of Commissioners, along with Treasurer Michael Zuren, announced a renewed effort to return surplus taxpayer funds to local property owners at the September 30, 2021 board meeting. The Treasurer's Office, per the Ohio Revised Code, is responsible for a surplus overage account.

The fund is the accumulation of overages of tax payments through the Treasurer's Office on various parcels of real estate for various reasons including tax overpayments or excess costs in foreclosure cases.

"Prior to officially taking office, Commissioner Plecnik informed me of this account and on day 1, I made it a



priority to address the nearly \$5 million dollars of overpayment sitting in this account. In the first week alone, thanks to my staff, roughly 65 parcels were identified that had duplicate payments with 3 larger checks being personally delivered back to the homeowners. I am so proud of Deputy Treasurer Karen Potter and the whole staff for devoting any extra time to researching taxpayer overpayments", said Treasurer Michael Zuren.

"Treasurer Zuren's first few weeks in office are a prime example of working for, and on behalf of, the taxpayer", noted Commissioner John Hamercheck. The Board of Commissioners have been analyzing this



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fund over the past couple months with the understanding that the Treasurer is the key official to make substantial change, and he and his staff certainly have.”

In addition to refunds to local residents, Treasurer Zuren and his staff also discovered a refund for the Lake Metroparks, who paid property taxes in order to apply for exempt status. “The Treasurer and his staff should be commended for their prompt and professional attention in returning much needed funds to our local residents. This is the true definition of public service,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

“Treasurer Zuren, yet still in his first month of office, has been extremely impressive in his responsibilities to the taxpayers. Well done,” said Commissioner Ron Young.

You can contact the County Treasurer’s Office at 440.350.2516 or visit lakecountyohio.gov/treasurer for additional information.

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