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Treasurer Announces Annual Tax Auction

The Beaufort County Treasurer's Office will conduct its Annual Delinquent Property Tax Auction at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 2 at the Charles Lind Brown Gymnasium located at 1001 Hamar Street in Beaufort. The properties listed are delinquent for the 2016 tax year and any prior years. Taxpayers wishing to prevent their property from being auctioned have until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29 to pay any outstanding taxes due. Payments will not be accepted the day of the auction.

Should a defaulting taxpayer's property be sold at tax sale, they have an opportunity to <u>redeem</u> the property for twelve (12) months and one day from the date of the tax sale during which time the delinquent property owner may pay the delinquent taxes and interest to the bidder to maintain ownership of their property. All real estate subject to auction must be advertised once per week for three consecutive weeks prior to the tax sale date. A <u>complete list</u> of properties for auction will be advertised in the <u>Beaufort Gazette</u>, <u>the Island Packet</u>, and <u>the Bluffton Sun</u>, as well as online at <u>www.BeaufortCountyTreasurer.com</u>.

<u>Bidders</u> may register in advance <u>online</u> or at any three of the Treasurer's office locations by 12 noon on Friday, September 29. The registration fee is \$30.00 and includes a list of all properties to be sold, distributed the morning of the auction.

On the day of the sale, bidder sign-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 9:30 a.m. All bidders must be signed in no later than 9:30 a.m. All bid payments, deed preparation costs, and recording fees must be paid in full before the close of business on the day of the tax sale with guaranteed funds.

To learn more about the tax auction, please visit www.BeaufortCountyTreasurer.com.