

An Overview of the Tax Collector's Office



Presented by:

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CPM, CFC

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES:

Answer Three Questions

1. (Who we are)

- Define the relationship of the Tax Collector relative to state, county, and local governments.

2. (What we do)

- Describe the various state agencies for which Tax Collectors carry out the duties of law and related regulations.

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PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES:

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3. (What we accomplish)

- Review general office statistics.
- Questions & Comments (time permitting).

Alachua County Tax Collector Defined

- Constitutional Officer / Office
- I am not an employee of county government, local government or the state, neither are my deputies.
- The Tax Collector is a sovereign Constitutional officer elected to serve in a county political subdivision.

As a Constitutional Officer, the Tax Collector & Staff:

- Follow Statutory requirements
(Chapters 197, 319, 320 & 322 FS).
- Must carry out certain statutory and regulatory functions as the “agent” for various state agencies and local taxing authorities.
- Operate out of three public service centers.
 - Downtown
 - NW 34th Blvd.(formerly Street)
 - Butler Plaza
 - Central Processing Center (non-public)

The Tax Collector is a Limited & Specialized Agent of the State

Carries out the duties of law and related regulations for the following:

- The Florida Department of Revenue
- The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV)
- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC)
- The Florida Department of Health
- The Florida Department of Agriculture
- The Alachua County BOCC

Tax Collector (as Agent for ...)

Florida Department of Revenue

General Responsibilities:

Ad Valorem Tax Program (Property Taxes)

- Mail and Process Real Estate & Tangible Tax Bills
- Collect, Reconcile, & Distribute all Tax Revenues according to Law (Chpt. 197 FS)

No Exemptions Tax Bill Example

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ESCROW CD	APPLICABLE VALUES AND EXEMPTIONS BELOW	MILLAGE CODE
07911 000 000			3600

1533 NW 45TH AVE

HOLBROOK & HOLBROOK
608 NE 5TH AVE
GAINESVILLE, FL 32601

COM NE COR W1/2 LOT 34 OF PARADISE
S/D PB-4 PAGE 4 W ALG S
See Additional Legal on Tax Roll

AD VALOREM TAXES					
TAXING AUTHORITY	MILLAGE RATE	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPTION(S)	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXES LEVIED
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS					
CNTY GENERAL	8.9290	105,900	0	105,900	945.58
ALACHUA CNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT					
LIBRARY BONDS	0.0750	105,900	0	105,900	7.94
LIBRARY GENERAL	1.3371	105,900	0	105,900	141.60
SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY					
SCHL CAP32 PROJECT (S01)	1.5000	105,900	0	105,900	158.85
SCHL DISCRNRY & CN (S01)	0.7480	105,900	0	105,900	79.21
SCHL GENERAL	4.6880	105,900	0	105,900	496.46
SCHOOL VOTED (S01)	1.0000	105,900	0	105,900	105.90
ST JOHNS RIVER WATER MGT DISTR	0.2885	105,900	0	105,900	30.55
36 CITY OF GAINESVILLE	4.5079	105,900	0	105,900	477.39
TOTAL MILLAGE					23.0735
AD VALOREM TAXES					\$2,443.48

WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR BILL ELECTRONICALLY NEXT YEAR? VISIT www.AlachuaCollector.com AND SIGN UP FOR E-BILLS!

PAY ONLINE WITH E-CHECK



SCAN TO PAY

PAY ONLY ONE AMOUNT. (1)

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			
LEVYING AUTHORITY	UNIT	RATE	AMOUNT
R710 710 BOCC SOLID WASTE MGMT	1.000	@ 16.4700	16.47
T360 360 GAINESVILLE FIRE	1.000		115.82
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			\$132.29

COMBINED TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS \$2,575.77

If Paid By Please Pay	Nov 30, 2016 \$2,472.74	Dec 31, 2016 \$2,498.50	Jan 31, 2017 \$2,524.25	Feb 28, 2017 \$2,550.01	Mar 31, 2017 \$2,575.77
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JOHN POWER, CFC
ALACHUA COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

2016 REAL ESTATE
NOTICE OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

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PLEASE PAY IN U.S. FUNDS (NO POSTDATED CHECKS) TO JOHN POWER, TAX COLLECTOR • PO BOX 142340 • GAINESVILLE, FL 32614-2340

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07911 000 000	1533 NW 45TH AVE	

HOLBROOK & HOLBROOK
608 NE 5TH AVE
GAINESVILLE, FL 32601

IF PAID BY	PLEASE PAY
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Please Retain this Portion for your Records. Receipt Available Online.

THE MATH

Assessed Value - Exemptions = Taxable Value

Taxable Value x Millage Rate = Taxes Levied

- Assessed Value, Exemptions & Taxable Value (Property Appraiser)
- Millage Rate (Taxing Authorities...City, School Board, County, etc.)
- Taxes Levied / Tax Bill (Tax Collector)

Homestead Tax Bill Example



2016 REAL ESTATE

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NOTICE OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ESCROW CD	APPLICABLE VALUES AND EXEMPTIONS BELOW	MILLAGE CODE
00014 005 000			0300

25762 NW OLD BELLAMY RD

VAUGHN DAN W
25762 OLD BELLAMY RD
HIGH SPRINGS, FL 32643

COM NW COR ATKINSON GRT RUN N 59
DEG E ALONG N LINE
See Additional Legal on Tax Roll

AD VALOREM TAXES					
TAXING AUTHORITY	MILLAGE RATE	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPTION(S)	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXES LEVIED
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CNTY GENERAL	8.9290	129,500	50,000	79,500	709.86
MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT UNINCORPORATED SERVICES	0.6325	129,500	50,000	79,500	50.28
SHERIFF LAW ENFORCE	2.4342	129,500	50,000	79,500	193.52
FIRE PROTECTION SERV	1.7705	129,500	50,000	79,500	140.75
ALACHUA CNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT					
LIBRARY BONDS	0.0750	129,500	50,000	79,500	5.96
LIBRARY GENERAL	1.3371	129,500	50,000	79,500	106.30
SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY					
SCHL CAP32 PROJECT (S01)	1.5000	129,500	25,000	104,500	156.75
SCHL DISCRNRY & CN (S01)	0.7480	129,500	25,000	104,500	78.17
SCHL GENERAL	4.6880	129,500	25,000	104,500	489.90
SCHOOL VOTED (S01)	1.0000	129,500	25,000	104,500	104.50
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MGT DIST	0.4093	129,500	50,000	79,500	32.54
TOTAL MILLAGE	23.5236	AD VALOREM TAXES		\$2,068.53	

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NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			
LEVYING AUTHORITY	UNIT	RATE	AMOUNT
R501 501 BOCC REFUSE RURAL COLL	1.000	@ 67.1000	67.10
R730 730 BOCC SOLID WASTE MGMT	1.000	@ 11.2100	11.21
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			\$78.31

COMBINED TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS \$2,146.84

If Paid By Please Pay	Nov 30, 2016 \$2,060.97	Dec 31, 2016 \$2,082.43	Jan 31, 2017 \$2,103.90	Feb 28, 2017 \$2,125.37	Mar 31, 2017 \$2,146.84
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How Your FY17 Property Taxes Are Divided

This is a representation of how each property tax dollar is divided for property owners in the unincorporated area.

All Alachua County property owners pay only 17.39¢ per property tax dollar for countywide programs provided by the County Commission. Property owners in the unincorporated area pay a Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) of only 10.39¢ per property tax dollar for municipal services provided by the County Commission. Property owners living within municipalities pay their city's property tax instead of the MSTU.



Scan the code to visit Alachua County's Facebook page.

16.48¢ to the Sheriff,
& Other Constitutional
& Judicial Offices



17.39¢ to County
Commission Programs



1.27¢ to cities for
Community Redevelopment



1.72¢ to Reserves



1.29¢ to Capital Projects



38.15¢
to the County
General Fund



6.04¢
to Libraries
1.23¢
to Water
Management
District



33.91¢
to the School Board



20.67¢
to the MSTUs

9.19¢ to the Sheriff



7.31¢ to County
Commission Provided
Fire Services



3.08¢ to County
Commission Provided
Municipal Services



0.98¢ to Reserves



0.11¢ to Capital Projects

Statistical Totals -Property Tax Program-

- Tax Bills & Reminders Mailed
 - +/- 150,000
- Total Transactions (real, tangible, current, delinquent, etc.)
 - +/- 115,000
- Total Monies Collected / Disbursed
 - \$290 Million
 - Weekly Average ~ \$5.6 Million
(85% in Nov. & Dec. alone)

Tax Collector (as Agent for ...)

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

General Responsibilities:

Motor Vehicle & Vessel Titles and Registrations (Tag & Title)

- Mail and Process Vehicle registrations annually
- Collect, Reconcile, & Distribute all Tag Revenues according to Law (Chpt.319 & 320 FS)

Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice



Registration Renewal Notice

"Our mission is to serve the public with integrity, innovation, fiscal responsibility, and respect." - John Power

Skip the trip and renew online at www.AlachuaCollector.com

PAY ONLINE:

Visit our website at www.AlachuaCollector.com to renew online using a credit card, debit card, or e-check

PAY BY MAIL:

Return the bottom portion(s) of this notice along with a check in U.S. funds made payable to:

John Power, Tax Collector

P.O. BOX 142340, Gainesville, FL 32614-2340

PAY IN PERSON:

See reverse side for service center locations and hours.

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*** ARRIVE ALIVE, DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE ***

2

JOHN SMITH
123 ANY LN
ORLANDO FL 32872-9142

EXPIRES: 04/01/2015

TAG NO: 01234(RGS)

YR/MAKE/COLOR: 2000/HOND/BLU

VIN: 123456789ABCXYZ

BODY/CLASS: 4D 001

WEIGHT/LENGTH: 002950

OWNER DL: 123456789ABCXYZ

WEB PIN: 0123456789

AMOUNT DUE

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year	Due By Mail:	\$36.85
	Due In Person:	\$36.10
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year	Due By Mail:	\$72.95
	Due In Person:	\$72.20

Add \$5.00 late penalty after 05/10/2015

Check Box for voluntary donations, complete reverse side.

☐ Change of Address, complete reverse side

NOTIFICATIONS

This area was intentionally left blank as there are no additional renewal notices due.

RETURN WITH PAYMENT

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1

JOHN SMITH
123 ANY LN
ORLANDO FL 32872-9142

EXPIRES: 04/01/2015

TAG NO: 01234(RMR)

YR/MAKE/COLOR: 2004/GMC/WHI

VIN: 123456789ABCXYZ

BODY/CLASS: UT 001

WEIGHT/LENGTH: 005642

OWNER DL: 123456789ABCXYZ

WEB PIN: INS AFFADAN

AMOUNT DUE

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year	Due By Mail:	\$46.85
	Due In Person:	\$46.10
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year	Due By Mail:	\$92.95
	Due In Person:	\$92.20

Add \$10.00 late penalty after 05/10/2015

Check Box for voluntary donations, complete reverse side.

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NOTIFICATIONS

Insurance not on file. Please fill out Insurance Affidavit on reverse side. Does not apply to mobile homes or vessels.

RETURN WITH PAYMENT



Permanent Parking Placard



Statistical Totals

- Auto Tag Program -

- Renewal Notices Printed & Mailed
 - +/- 215,000
- Total Transactions (registrations, titles, vessels, etc.)
 - 285,000 Transactions
 - +/- \$17 Million
- Weekly / Daily Average
 - ~5,500 per week / ~1,100 per day (Transactions)
 - \$327,000 per week / nearly \$65,000 per day

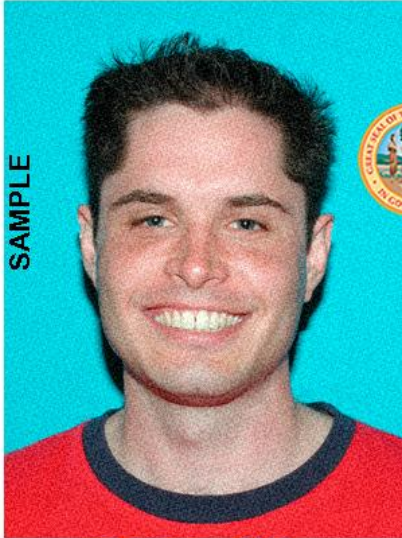
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Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Driver License Services

- During the 2010 Legislative session, state lawmakers required the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to transition all front-line Driver License issuance services to the Tax Collectors.
- Mandated in Chapter 322. Tax Collectors issuing DL by June 30, 2015.
- **Driver License Transactions**
(originals, renewals, suspensions, testing, etc.)
 - +/- 60,000 Transactions
 - ~1,200 per week / ~230 per day

SAMPLE



Joe Sample

ORGAN DONOR



Florida *The Sunshine State*

DRIVER LICENSE CLASS E

S514-172-80-44-0



JOE

SAMPLE

3456 SOMEWHERE AVE

TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399

DOB: 07-11-1980 SEX: M

ISSUED: 02-01-2013 HGT: 5-08

EXPIRES: 07-10-2021

REST: BF

ENDORSE: X

REPLACED: 08-16-2013



SAFE DRIVER

Operation of a motor vehicle constitutes consent to any sobriety test required by law.

Florida

DRIVER LICENSE



D123-456-83-789-0

CLASS E

SAMPLE



1 DRIVER
2 FLORIDA SAMPLE
3 2900 APALACHEE PKWY
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399

3 DOB 10/10/1983 15 SEX M
45 EXP 10/10/2025 16 HGT 6'-00"
12 REST A 94 END A

SAFE DRIVER

EX ISS 08/21/2017

500 W461706210067



Florida Sample Driver

Operation of a motor vehicle constitutes
consent to any sobriety test required by law.

VETERAN
DONOR

Statistical Totals

- Driver License Services -

- Driver License Transactions
(originals, renewals, suspensions, testing, etc.)
 - +/- 60,000 Transactions
 - ~1,200 per week / ~230 per day
 - +/- \$2,800,000 collected and disbursed
 - \$54,000 per week / Nearly \$10,800 per day

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Carries out the duties of law and related regulations for the following:

- ~~The Florida Department of Revenue~~
- ~~The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV)~~
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- The Florida Department of Health
- The Florida Department of Agriculture
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Tax Collector (as Agent for ...) Alachua County

General Responsibilities

Business Tax Program

Issue licenses, collect, reconcile & distribute monies collected.

- Issued +2,400 Business Tax receipts totaling approx. \$300,000.

Tourist Development Tax Program

Collect “Bed Tax” monthly, reconcile & distribute monies collected, perform audits on various accounts.

- Process 1,300 Tourist Development Returns and
Collect approx. \$4 Million

Statistical Totals

Office-wide Customers & Transactions

Total Notices Mailed

- 365,000

Total Customers & Transactions (including phones, excluding internet hits)

- 570,000 (Over ½ Million)
- \$310 Million

Weekly Average

- 11,000 Customers & Transactions per week
- ~\$6 Million per week

Daily Average

- +2,000 per day
- ~\$1.2 Million per day

Public Service Centers General Statistics w / DL

- Queued Customers in Public Service Centers
 - 60% Increase in customers (200,000+ customers)

Wait Times

- Overall Average Service Center Wait Time
8 minutes 30 seconds
 - 50 % waited under 5 minutes
 - 80 % waited under 15 minutes

Statistical Totals

Tax Collector's Finance Department

General Responsibilities:

All Facets of TC Accounting, Receivables, Disbursements, Budget, Payables, Payroll, Contracts, Legal, Auditing, etc.

Total Funds Accounted for = approx.
\$320 Million

FTCA Financial Excellence Awards
(2016 & 2017)

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES:

Main Points Summarized..

1. (Who we are)

Independent Constitutional Officer / Office

2. (What we do)

Carries out duties for various agencies

Transaction agents

3. (What we accomplish)

Hundreds of thousands of transactions

Collect, reconcile & distribute millions of dollars

For Questions, Comments & Suggestions...

CONTACTS

- John Power, Tax Collector
- Jon Costabile, Chief Deputy
- Donna Johnson, Exec. Director of Public Branches
- Matt Geiger, Exec. Director of Tax Operations
- Kyle Lindsey, Administration Coordinator

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