



BASIC FACTS

The records of the Racine County Treasurer’s office are open to the public and most property and land tax information is now available online, though some handwritten and paper records may still be available.

The core responsibilities of the County Treasurer has essentially remained the same throughout history.

The office was established as an elected office so that the person charged with the care of the people’s money would be held directly responsible.

Changes to the term of office require a constitutional amendment such as the one passed in 2005 increasing the term of the treasurer, amongst other elected officials, from two to four years.

The County Treasurer is currently on the same fall ballot as the US President, Register of Deeds, District Attorney and County Clerk.



Resource: “The Many Hats of County Treasurer”, October 2015 issue.



As amended specifically for Racine County

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RACINE COUNTY TREASURER’S OFFICE

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The county treasurer “receives all moneys from all sources belonging to the county and all other moneys by which statute or county ordinance directs paid to the treasurer...”§59.25(3)(a)



Often the first thing that comes to mind, tax collector is one of the more visible responsibilities of the county treasurer. Treasurers must collect the second installment of property taxes for any municipality with two installments

Treasurers also settle with taxing jurisdictions in August to ensure they receive their full levy. This leaves the County to collect delinquent taxes to make up the difference between what was paid in taxes and what was paid out to the jurisdictions

It is the responsibility of the office to print assessment and tax rolls and maintain records of all paid and delinquent property taxes

Treasurers work with assessors, municipalities, title companies, and members of the public when billing Agricultural Use Value charges, mailing delinquent tax statements, and obtaining or providing records

County Treasurers represent taxpayers by advocating for the efficient and effective administration of fiduciary responsibilities within each county.

The corporation counsel and county treasurer’s offices rely on each other to double check that there is a mutual understanding of the laws and how to best serve the public.

Treasurers oversee the issuance of accounts payable and payroll checks, reconciles the general ledger and bank accounts and serves as the liaison for the county’s banking relationship.

The county treasurer is not just a bookkeeper or a tax collector but a vital resource for the people of the county in which they reside.



Treasurers must “keep a true and accurate amount of the receipt and expenditure of all moneys which come into the treasurers hands...”

§59.25(3)(d)