

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 the Treasurer's Office will be CLOSED to the public.

Due to concerns regarding the COVID -19 virus, the Treasurer's Office has moved to a virtual format, along with the Assessor's and Auditor's Offices, effective Tuesday, 03/17/2020. This was a difficult decision to make but it was determined it is necessary to protect the health of our customers, our employees, and our community. The closure will be re-evaluated weekly in conjunction with current CDC recommendations to determine when in-person services will resume.

For information or assistance, please contact us at:

Phone: (360) 577-3060

Email: treasurerdept@co.cowlitz.wa.us

We will be currently working in our office and will be happy to assist you either by phone or email. A kiosk will be located in the hallway near our main office entrance that will have information available for services, envelopes, and a blue dropbox for dropping off tax payments and Real Estate Excise Tax Affidavits. The dropbox will be checked on an hourly basis.

Pay your Property Taxes here

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The county treasurer holds an important position of public trust within the financial affairs of local government, while acting as the bank for:

- The County
- School Districts
- Fire Districts
- Port Districts
- Various units of other local government

The Treasurer's Office receipts, disburses, invests, and accounts for the funds of each of these entities. In addition, the Treasurer is charged with the collection of various taxes that benefit a wide range of governmental units.

Responsibilities

The Treasurer's major responsibilities can be summarized in the following areas:

- Collecting real and personal property taxes (including performing foreclosure on real property and distraint of personal property), special assessments, excise tax, gambling taxes, and miscellaneous receipts from other county districts and departments and collection of all delinquent accounts
- Accounting for all funds and deposits of revenues from the state, county, cities, and junior taxing districts (schools, ports, cemeteries, fire, diking)
- Determining adequate liquidity in funds and authorizing the release of warrants for payments to vendors
- Administering short and long term debt financing
- Managing the cash flow of the county and investing funds not needed for immediate expenditures for the county and junior taxing districts
- Coordinating banking services and facilitating financial planning for the county and various taxing districts
- Acting agent to Department of Revenue in the administration of real estate excise tax

Finance Meeting

Finance Meetings are held at 9:00 am on the 3rd Thursday of January, April, July, and October. Please note, these meetings are subject to change if the finance committee has conflicts. Contact the treasurer if you plan to attend to ensure there has not been a change of schedule.