



County Corner

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Flathead County Treasurer Department

The Flathead County Treasurer's office consists of three departments – Tax, Accounting, and Motor Vehicle. The Treasurer's office staff consists of one elected official and 20 employees.

The Treasurer/Tax Department is responsible for the collection of approximately \$112.4 million in real and personal property taxes. They process approximately 54,000 real estate, 5,000 mobile home, and 2,000 personal property tax bills per year. Another primary function of the tax office is to issue tax lien assignments, redemptions, and tax deeds. In addition, the staff tracks bankruptcy filings, issues tax paid certificates, and processes all tax receivable adjustments and refunds. The staff consists of Sue Waggener, Supervisor, TaSha Franklin, and Marla Roberts.

The Treasurer/Accounting Department acts as a bank for all county entities, including fire districts and school districts. They work in conjunction with the Finance Department to ensure tax receivables, protest taxes, and warrants balance for month end processing. They also ensure compliance with auditors. They track and pay school bonds, rural special improvement district bonds, and all investments. The accounting department also issues county liquor licenses and business licenses. The staff consists of Karen Okamoto, Supervisor, Angela Baker, and Rhonda Ziglar



Left to right: Angela Baker, Adele Krantz, Karen Okamoto, TaSha Franklin, Sue Waggener, Rhonda Ziglar, Marla Roberts.

The Treasurer/Motor Vehicle Department is responsible for the registration and titling of all motor vehicles including mobile homes. The department processes approximately 130,000 transactions per year with a total amount received of approximately \$14.5 million. The staff consists of Jan Leddy, Chief Deputy, Jennifer Adkins, Darcy Baldauf, Kate Beinhoff, Amanda Brutscher, Jana Greenwood, Laramie Hubble, Charlotte Kostelecky, Judy Lindahl, Myrna Maltby, Jamie Polsen, Michael Webb, and Debbie Weston.

The Treasurer/Public Administrator/Assessor, Adele Krantz,

is serving her first year of her first elected term. She was appointed to the treasurer position in August 2004 by the commissioners to complete the term vacated by Patty Arnold due to retirement. Adele has worked for the county for 16 years.

The Treasurer is responsible for all the investments of the county. The county's financial portfolio consists of US Treasury Bills; US Government Instrument Securities – Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), and Federal Home Loan Banks; Repurchase Agreements; Certificates of deposit; and Sweep Accounts. The investment portfolio as of August 2007 was approximately \$94 Million. The treasurer has an investment committee that consists of a representative from the school districts, college, banks, cities, and county. They review the investments quarterly.

The Treasurer is also responsible for submitting the department budget, claims, and payroll. She is also required to follow legal publications, filings, and recordings per Montana law. In Flathead County, the Treasurer also serves as the Public Administrator. The Public Administrator is responsible for any deceased person who has no living heirs or has living heirs that are not able or willing to act as the personal representative. The PA is under a duty to settle and distribute the estate of the decedent in an efficient and expeditious manner with the best interests of the estate in mind.



Back row standing left to right: Darcy Baldauf, Judy Lindahl, Laramie Hubble, Kate Beinhoff, Jan Leddy, Mike Webb. Middle row standing left to right: Amanda Brutscher, Myrna Maltby. Front row kneeling left to right: Jamie Polsen, Jennifer Adkins, Jana Greenwood, Charlotte Kostelecky. Front row standing: Debbie Weston

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— County Commissioners: Dale Lauman, Gary Hall & Joe Brenneman

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