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**Online Tax Certificate Sale Results for 2010
Tax Certificate Sale Revenues Just Over \$8 million**

DeFuniak Springs, FL (June 7, 2010) – The Walton County Tax Collector’s Office held the annual tax certificate auction online for the fifth consecutive year on June 1, attracting over 26 million bids and generating \$8,215,182.27, slightly up from the \$7.9 million generated last year.

“Like last year, we anticipated less interest in the sale of tax certificates due to the state of the real estate market and economic downturn.” said Tax Collector Rhonda Skipper. “We were pleased to have more certificates sell this year and fewer struck to the county at the higher interest rate, which is of greater benefit to the delinquent property owner.”

The tax collector’s online auction offered 6,979 tax certificates on parcels owned by people who owe delinquent property taxes. A sale of 5,715 parcels resulted, leaving 1,264 unpaid and assigned to the county at 18 percent interest, the highest possible interest allowed by law.

For those persons still interested in investing in tax certificates, certificates struck to the county will be available for purchase online at www.waltontaxsale.com on July 6 at 8 am. Those interested in purchasing county held certificates will be required to register online to obtain a bidder number, complete an IRS W-9 form, and pay the face amount of the tax certificate plus a \$6.25 per certificate purchase fee. The county held certificates will be sold in a similar fashion to the “Buy It Now” feature on Ebay. Interested bidders should register at the sale site prior to July 6 to ensure all banking information is available upon the start of the sale.

The auction Web site, including this year’s results, is available at waltontaxsale.com, or from the tax collectors official website at www.waltontaxcollector.com.

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