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## Lancaster County Treasurer Sees Increase in Online Tax Payments and Savings to Citizens

Lincoln, NE – January 8, 2018 –Lancaster County Treasurer Andy Stebbing and his office have processed a record number of tax receipts in the month of December 2017. Stebbing is also seeing an all-time high number of citizens utilizing the online tax payment option that he put into place.

Due to increased marketing, lower fees and the rush to pay before the end of the year, there were 2,500 more tax receipts paid online in December 2017 compared to December 2016. Stebbing reports a contract signed in 2017 with Lexis Nexis, an online payment solution company, has reduced service fees to citizens that have resulted in big savings for the office and tax payers.

"We are seeing an immediate savings due to more citizens using our automated online services with fewer in-person and mail transactions", Stebbing said. The new service fees are \$1.00 for e-check, 2.35% with a \$2.00 minimum on all major credit cards. Stebbing also stated that, "We are encouraged to see the high volume of online payments as this will continue to increase the efficiencies in the office and minimize the workload on staff during peak tax seasons." In addition to the convenience of paying online citizens also have immediate access to the receipt for tax purposes when they make a tax payment online. Stebbing noted that, "It is extremely important to me to provide ways to make our office more helpful and easy to use for Lancaster County citizens as well as continue to find places where we can save on taxpayer dollars."

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