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## NEWS RELEASE REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S RESPONSE TO COURTHOUSE CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19

At this unprecedented time the Marshall County Revenue Commissioner's Office remains committed to adaptability in this uncertain time.

The Marshall County Courthouse was closed to the public due to the COVID-19 outbreak. For public safety and the safety of the employees the County Commissioners unanimously approved the closure of the courthouse for public access. The staff of the Revenue Commissioner's Office remain on the job and may be reached by phone at the number found in the letterhead.

At any given time, a large portion of the staff is very actively involved in the preparation of tax years to come. At this time, tax years 2020 and 2021 are being developed. This requires a tremendous effort and the staff is working diligently. With current health concerns some alterations in work have been implemented, critically to field work. The appraisers are in field checking properties but have been instructed to remain in the vehicle and to have no direct contact with the public.

Attempts to collect unpaid taxes, which were due October 1, 2019, continues as a high priority. The staff is attempting to reach owners with delinquent tax by phone. The delinquent list of taxes may be checked by accessing the "Pay Property Tax/Property Appraisals" link on website: <a href="www.marshallco.org">www.marshallco.org</a>. If you have a delinquent tax or can help us contact someone who has a delinquent tax please contact the office at the number found in the letterhead. Payments may be made online at the link previously mentioned. Payments may be made by mail in the form of cashier's checks and money orders (no personal checks) to the address found in the letterhead.

The 2019 Land Sale (the sale of land for delinquent taxes) has been postponed. Originally scheduled for May 1, 2020, the sale has been postponed until an undetermined date. While the sale is expected to take place during the first week of June no specific date will be set while the current state of public safety concerns prevails.

The office is communicating with the Alabama Department of Revenue and Revenue Commissioners of other counties as we carefully navigate the issues before us. The fair and equitable administration of the duties of this Office continue to act as our guide.

During this time everyone is encouraged to help those you can and protect yourself from exposure to the virus as much as possible.

Michael Johnson

Marshall County Revenue Commissioner