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Services to the taxpayer have been expanded at the Perkins County Treasurer's Office.

Treasurer Pat Kroeker reminds residents that the office now accepts debit/credit cards for payment of driver's licenses, motor vehicle registrations and payment of real estate or personal property taxes.

A recap of some of the convenient services offered by the Perkins County Treasurer's Office include:

• *Payment of Taxes:* Beginning last fall, taxpayers were able to pay their real estate and personal property taxes online. This site can also be visited to view whether taxes have been paid and what the amount is that is due.

Taxpayers can use credit/debit cards or e-check. A fee is added for this service, and the fee goes to the card company being used by the treasurer's office.

Visit http://nebraskataxesonline.us for this service.

Also available is a website for renewing vehicles online. Go to www.dmv.state.ne.us/ for this service.

The service requires an extra fee that goes to the state of Nebraska.

Kroeker wants farmers to know that the treasurer's office can now file an IRS form for them:

• *IRS Form 2290 (Heavy Highway Use Tax Form):* The treasurer's office can file Form 2290 which is required for vehicles with a registration weight of 28 tons or more.

Kroeker said prior to when the treasurer's office became an agent for the IRS, farmers would have to make a trip to North Platte or wait for the form to come back in the mail.

Individuals or businesses who drive vehicles more than 5,000 miles for commercial use or agricultural use of more than 7,500 miles, must still go to the IRS office in North Platte.

• *Receive a plate/registration refund:* Kroeker said something that some taxpayers may not know is that they can receive a refund on motor vehicle registration when they sell a vehicle.

Take the plates and registration back to the Perkins County Treasurer's office within 60 days of selling a vehicle and receive a refund.

• *Bring tax statements on April 30:* The treasurer's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 30 (Arbor Day).

Taxpayers are asked to bring their real estate, personal property and occupational tax statements with them when paying their taxes this year.

The office does not have copies in their office because they switched to a laser printer, and thus bringing the statements along will speed up the process.

They can still look everything up on the computer or in the legal books, but it will take more time.