

I would like to address the allegations by Ms. Jones concerning the Horry County Treasurer's Office. These are serious allegations and they merit response

On June 3, 2016 I received a call from a local news agency requesting information relating to an anonymous complaint that they had received. The complaint concerned the alleged waiver of a penalty by Ms. Jones on a tax bill for land owned by her brother. The news agency indicated that they had received a screen shot of the tax payment in question. I had no knowledge of this transaction, and in fact was out of the office attending the annual Treasurer's meeting in Columbia, SC on February 3, 2016, the date of the transaction.

On Monday, June 6, 2016 I reviewed the records of the transaction in question and noted some irregularities. Because Ms. Jones was a candidate for the Treasurer's Office, I wanted to remove myself from the process of further investigation, so I requested an outside investigation.

Ms. Jones was notified of the investigation and given an opportunity to respond. She then tendered her resignation to me on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

To maintain the integrity and to preserve the public trust of the Horry County Treasurer's office is more important than any individual employee of this office and I pledge to you that is what I will continue to do.

Roddy Dickinson Horry County Treasurer