

Taxes bring in \$100M-plus

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WALHALLA — Oconee County has taken in more than \$100 million in property tax collections, with more than 55,000 bills being paid.

Chief deputy treasurer Tonya Keller told The Journal this week a total of \$104,824,584.11 had been collected, with Duke Energy accounting for a significant portion of that. The utility provider paid its \$37,475,496.41 bill on Jan. 17. A Duke spokesman did not respond by press time as to whether the company appealed the bill.

Taxes were considered late starting on Jan. 19, with a 3 percent penalty applied. On Feb. 2, an additional 7 percent penalty will be tacked on, with another 5 percent penalty March 17.

A total of 66,300 tax notices were mailed out, according to Keller.

QUICK COMPARISON

For a comparison, Oconee had collected \$100,331,173.26 by Jan. 22, 2021. In 2020, that figure was at \$93.57 million on Jan. 24. It was \$97.46 million at the same time in 2019.

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