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Manatee County Clerk Begins Online Foreclosure Sales with Realauction

Fort Lauderdale, FL –Viewed as a leader in responsible, cost effective management of his office, R.B. “Chips” Shore, Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, has selected RealForeclose by Realauction to begin sales of foreclosed property online. Shore has been proactive in reducing the paperwork involved and increasing the number of bidders participating as the leading reasons to embrace technology for foreclosure sales.

With more than 2,600 foreclosures filed in Manatee County last year, staff involved in the labor-intensive process is ready for the efficiencies of online sales. Currently, copying documents is time consuming and expensive. The Clerk’s staff will save time with the new process by uploading documents once so all bidders will have simultaneous access to complete information for each case.

"Our office looks forward to an increase in the number of bidders on each property," said Shore. "The more bidders we attract, the more likely the property will sell at the highest amount possible. Reducing the paperwork in this process yields a direct savings to taxpayers and saves our staff time."

Recent changes to Florida Statutes have enabled Clerks of the Court to hold foreclosure sales online. Counties throughout Florida are no longer limited to just those bidders who can physically be present at the sale. The increase in bidders also means an increase in the number of properties sold.

"Chips Shore is known for his vision in utilizing technology to save time and taxpayer money," said Lloyd McClendon, Realauction CEO. "With documentation, history and property details uploaded to a dedicated web site for all bidders, the bidders’ playing field is leveled and the Clerk’s staff can focus on other priorities."

Realauction will conduct training and orientation sessions for bidders prior to the sale, with complete instruction on participation in the online sale. Realauction also provides a toll free number to their customer service team to answer questions during the sale.

Manatee County’s online foreclosure sales are set to begin in September with training for bidders scheduled throughout August.

About Realauction

Realauction is a leading provider of technology solutions for government agencies. Realauction helps governments reduce costs by providing consultation, design and implementation for online auctions of tax lien sales, tax deed applications and foreclosure sales. With over 50 years of combined experience in the delinquent tax and real estate data transfer industry, Realauction is committed to providing the software and customer service to help governments succeed.

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About the Clerk's Office

The Clerk of the Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder, and Custodian of all County Funds. In Manatee County, the Clerk's office also administers a child support enforcement program, violence protection advocacy program, Citizens' Review and Teen Court programs. Located at 1115 Manatee Avenue West in Downtown Bradenton, the Courthouse is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please be sure to visit our web site at www.manateeclerk.com.