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Gwen Henry appoints Committee on Finance and Investment

New committee to assist treasurer invest taxpayers hard-earned money

For Immediate Release:

Wheaton, IL (10-04-06) - Gwen Henry, the next treasurer of DuPage County, today announced the formation of the first ever DuPage County Treasurer's Advisory Committee on Finance and Investment. Forming this committee is the first step to fulfill Henry's pledge to make the DuPage County Treasurer's office more responsive to the taxpayers of DuPage County.

"The Advisory Committee on Finance and Investment, which is made up of volunteers, will work with my office to insure we are investing the taxpayers' hard earned money, collecting revenues and paying the county's bills in a responsible and efficient manner," according to Henry. "We will also work together to increase the County's return on investments, study other tax payment options and develop strategies and recommendations for advising county leaders interested in building financial reserves," she added.

The Advisory Committee on Finance and Investment will serve under the chairmanship of Don Sveen, retired President & COO of Nuveen Investments. Nuveen Investments provides high-quality investment services designed to help secure the long-term goals of institutions and high-net-worth investors as well as the consultants and financial advisors who serve them.

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“We are fortunate to have someone of Mr. Sveen’s stature and expertise to serve as chairman of this important committee. I am looking forward to working with Don to develop new and innovative ways of serving DuPage County taxpayers,” Henry said.

“The committee is a great group of banking, finance, business and community leaders,” Henry continued. Members of the DuPage County Treasurer’s Advisory Committee on Finance and Investment include:

Steven H. Abbey, Senior Vice President and Group Sales Manager, Bank One. Abbey’s group manages and solicits banking relationships with local governmental, healthcare and tax exempt organizations in Illinois and four other Midwestern states. Additionally, Abbey has authored several articles on tax-exempt financing.

Greg Bielawski, Senior Advisor-Range Rider, Illinois City/County Management Association. As the retired Village Manager of Carol Stream and the Assistant City Manager of Naperville, Bielawski possesses a keen understanding and valuable perspective on local government.

Brian Eisenmenger, President and CEO of Eisenmenger and Co., CPAs and Eisenmenger Financial Management Corp. The Eisenmenger companies deliver high quality, personalized tax and financial services to individuals and businesses.

Blanche Hill, President and CEO, Suburban Bank and Trust Company. In this role, Hill oversees the bank’s ten branches with assets in excess of \$585 million. Prior to joining Suburban Bank and Trust Company, Hill founded and served as Chief Financial Officer of Superior Air Ground Ambulance Service.

Stacy Huels, President and CEO, Wheaton/Glen Ellyn Bank and Trust. Mr. Huels, a Glynn Ellen resident, is president of the Wheaton Bank and Trust Company and the Glynn Ellen Bank and Trust Company. As of November 1, 2006, he will also serve in the same capacity at Hinsbrook Bank and Trust of Glynn Ellen. The banks have combined assets in excess of \$300 million.

Ken Hughes, Midwest Regional Sales Manager, Vormetric, Inc. Vormetric, Inc. provides security for consumer information. Their primary markets include financial institutions.

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Darrell B. Jackson, President and CEO, Northern Trust, Illinois West Region. Jackson is responsible for six facilities. Additionally, he is responsible for all personal and private banking, investment management, fiduciary and commercial banking services in DuPage and Northwest Cook and Lake counties.

Tom Johnson, Attorney and Retired State Representative. Johnson brings a wealth of governmental experience serving in the Illinois legislature from 1993 to 2004. He also served as partner in the law firm of Johnson, Westra, Broecker, Whittaker & Newitt. He currently serves on the Illinois Prison Review Board.

Mike Kelnosky, Manager, Calamos Investments. Kelnosky's career spans twelve years in the financial industry. He currently manages a staff of sixteen sales associates.

George Kouba, President of GKK Consulting Services, a firm that provides professional consulting services to government, healthcare, non-profit and for-profit businesses. Prior to that, Kouba was the chief financial officer for DuPage County overseeing a budget of \$650 million.

Tony Lopez, President, Lopez Financial Consultants. Lopez Financial currently manages assets for individual investors and small companies. Lopez is also a regular commentator on domestic and international financial markets for both Univision and Telemundo.

Louis Marsico, Senior Vice President of Operations, Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation. Prior to his promotion, Marsico served as vice president of finance and administration for the foundation.

Karl Maurer, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch. Maurer assists individual investors, business owners and not-for profits develop long-term investment strategies including estate planning and insurance.

Jack Mensching, President, Itasca Bank and Trust. Mensching also serves as the chairman of the DuPage Community Foundation.

Mary Beth Moran, Partner, Kirby, Phelan and Associates. Moran specializes in retirement planning, tax planning and financial planning for her clients. She has extensive experience in the design and implementation of retirement planning and works closely with plan sponsors to assist them in maximizing the benefits of their plans.

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Lisa Schmeh, President and CEO, Advantage Bank. Schmeh oversees two branch locations and is currently in the process of building a third. Her responsibilities include finance and audit, compliance and regulation, operation and technology and banking services for retail and commercial clientele.

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