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Rush County Treasurer Christie Bittel recognized for her work on the state's new vehicles system

TOPEKA – Thursday morning the Kansas Department of Revenue recognized the help of several county treasurers and county employees who have helped develop and test the state's new vehicle title and registration and driver licensing system.

Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan presented Rush County Treasurer Christie Bittel a Secretary's Discretionary Award during a ceremony in Topeka.

"We've relied heavily on the expertise of county treasurers and their staffs to create a modern system for processing vehicle titles and driver's licenses that is efficient and useable," said Director of Vehicles Donna Shelite.

"They've helped at every step, from the initial review of the project requirements to the current system testing as we prepare to move to the upgraded system, they have put in countless hours to make this project a success," she said. "Without the assistance we received from a core group of counties, we would not be where we are today."

The DMV modernization project is a three-year, \$40 million project that will move the Division of Vehicles off of a system put into place three decades ago and onto a more efficient and modern system.

From May 1 to May 7 county treasurers' offices will not be able to process vehicle titles or registration and state and county offices will not be able to process driver's license or identification cards. It will take about 100 hours to transfer 6.8 million records on to the new system.

The new computer system will replace three aging mainframe systems used for driver licensing, motor vehicle titling and registration, and inventory management with a single, modern system that is easier to use, maintain and enhance.

While those records are being converted, state and county offices will close out of the old mainframe system, install new computer equipment, and get set up to serve customers again on May 8.