

## **TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**

**Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor**

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### **Former Vienna fiscal officer sentenced to eight years in prison**



Former Vienna Township fiscal officer Linda McCullough on July 29, 2025, was sentenced to eight years in prison and ordered to pay \$120,371 in restitution to the township and \$11,746 to reimburse the state auditor's office for the investigation into the missing money in the township funds.

In June, McCullough pleaded guilty to two counts of theft in office, one count of telecommunications fraud and seven counts of tampering with records. The charges stem from accusations that McCullough had used her elected position to pay personal credit card bills, as well as individual and private business expenses.

"My actions betrayed my community. I am humiliated and will live with this humiliation for the rest of my days," McCullough said before sentencing by Common Pleas Judge Cynthia Rice.

Assistant Prosecutor Charles Morrow, who represented the state in the case, said he found it was intriguing that McCullough had no issues with drugs, alcohol or gambling, but there was \$116,000 missing.

"The only thing I can surmise is that ... she saw a piggy bank that she could put her hands into and line her own pockets with this \$116,000," Morrow said in noting McCullough's actions have resulted in the loss of public confidence in Vienna Township government. He also said she tried to conceal her criminal activity by entering fraudulent information into the record.

Morrow credited the outstanding efforts of the State Auditor Keith Faber's Office, and specifically Forensic Audit Manager Cara Yoder and Fraud Investigator Richard Kridler, both of Auditor Faber's the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), for their efforts in obtaining the convictions.

"These investigators spent untold hours collecting and reviewing complex and complicated business records, bank records, credit card statements and receipts, and presenting it in a concise and simplified way," Morrow said.

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