Assessor

Mission Statement

- To ensure that all properties in our county, real and personal, are valued at Fair Market Value, comply with all laws and statutes in a responsible and reasonable manner, and maintain a high standard of assessment and equity for each taxpayer.

Prior Year (2019) Inputs/Outputs

FTE (2019): 36.32

- Made enhancements to Personal Property Tax Online Filing with over 82% filing online!
- Had only 735 real property appeals. Residential appeals finished by Oct. 7th.
- Detailed review over 1/5 of the county
- Revalued all residential properties.
- Hired new data analyst/ modeler .
- Developed more commercial models reducing the need to factor.
- 95% collection on personal property.
- Added 1502 new properties to the tax roll (commercial and residential).

Core Functions & Services

- **Real Property Valuation** – estimating values, detailed review, sales verification, greenbelt, new construction and new growth tracking, etc.
- **Personal Property Valuation** – assessing, billing and collecting personal property tax.
- **Appeals** – real and personal property.

Current Year (2020) Projected Outcomes

- Complied with SB 13 requirements for certain taxpayers to file a Residential Property Declaration. As a result we removed the primary residential exemption from over 300 properties.
- Collection rate on personal property tax has dropped to 92% (down from 95% in 2019) due in part to COVID-19 and our resulting decision not to seize personal property in order to force collection.
- New Personal property tax program to be completed by year end for use in next tax year.
- Processed approximately 520 appeals – projected finish of residential appeals is October 2nd.
- Finished detailed review on 1/5 of the county.

Next Year (2021) Budget Initiatives

- $54,000 payment to Harris for ongoing RealWare maintenance and support.
- Remove 2 cars from our fleet thereby reducing the number to 6.
- Leverage our previous investment in Online Personal Property Tax filing by reducing our personal property staff by at least one full time employee (possibly 2).)
- Improve methods to comply with SB 13 requirements.
- Invest in the functionality and safety of our office by remodeling the front desk area.
- Increase collection of personal property tax by resuming (post COVID) seizure of personal property.
- Continue to enhance and refine our Personal Property Online Filing and new Busi-Tax programs.
- Focus on the commercial valuation process including land and improvements.
- Continue with detailed review on 1/5 of the county, revalue all residential properties and vacant land.
- Defend Lagoon valuation and create a process going forward.