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 (2020) Inputs/Outputs

FTE (2020): 37.42

- Made enhancements to Personal Property Tax Online Filing with over 82% filing online!
- Had only 544 real property appeals. Residential appeals finished by Oct. 9th.
- Detailed review over 1/5 of the county
- Revalued all residential properties.
- Hired new Office Manager.
- 90% collection on personal property (lower than normal due to covid).
- Added 1791 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 (2021) Projected Outcomes

- Continue with SB 13 requirements for certain taxpayers to file a Residential Property Declaration. Monthly letter are sent to taxpayers, with a reminder later 60 days after first notice.
- Reduced our Personal Property staff by two full time employees and still able to process all the filings and collect taxes on 95% of the accounts.
- New Personal property tax program to be completed by year end for use in next tax year.
- Remodeled the front desk area to have 3 OS and an Office Manager up front. Enhanced functionality and safety of our office.
- Converted vacant data collector positions and unfilled Personal Property and Office Specialist positions into two new appraiser trainee positions.
- Processed approximately 320 appeals – projected finish of residential appeals is October 10th.

Next Year (2022) Budget Initiatives

- Improve methods to comply with SB 13 requirements by creating an online filing process.
- Continue to train the 8-10 trainees in our office (a 3-5 year process); with more proposed retirements in 2022 we need to attract and retain already licensed or certified appraisers
- Increase the wages for appraisers to be competitive with adjacent counties
- Increased education budget to train new appraisers and every appraiser needs to take the USPAP update course this year (a course required every other year).
- 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 by creating income models.
- Defend Lagoon valuation and create a process going forward.