



OKLAHOMA ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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Greetings Everyone,

Wow, May was a full month! Four district meetings in four weeks; a legislative session that we thought would never end; and wildfires that were soon replaced by flooding rain in parts of the state. May 2022 had it all and won't be soon forgotten.

It was great getting to see everyone at the district meetings. A special thanks to Ron Dean (Muskogee County), Denise Bailey (Seminole County), Jennifer McCormick (Dewey County), and Grant Edwards (Comanche County) for the work they and their offices did putting on a great series of meetings. I recognize this was especially difficult for Denise in Seminole County and Jennifer in Dewey County as they were dealing with storm damage on top of hosting meetings! The Music Hall of Fame was an interesting glimpse into our state's musical roots, and the TASC fish fry was excellent like always. I even heard Grant Edwards was still giving away door prizes in Medicine Park through the Memorial Day weekend...

Despite our best efforts, HB 2627 was signed into law by the governor. I try to remind myself of those simple five words: "It is what it is." With that, assessors will do what they've always done and figure it out. I will plan to host a zoom meeting for all assessors soon after June abstracts are due to discuss the next steps so we can all try to be on the same page. Please be on the lookout for this email.

Remember abstracts are due June 14th this year. And if you're new to the assessor's office, 68 O.S. §2867 (B) provides the following guidance:

B. It is hereby specifically provided that where any county assessor fails to comply with the provisions of this section by the time herein required, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall immediately notify the chairman of the board of county commissioners and the county clerk of such county and neither such county assessor nor any of his deputies or employees shall be paid any remuneration, compensation or salary for the month of June and each succeeding month thereafter until such abstract is transmitted to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. This penalty provision shall be cumulative to the penalty provisions and requirements of Section 2943 of this title.

A link to the full statute can be found

here: <https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/DeliverDocument.asp?CiteID=93026>. Obviously, I get lots of reminders about this from my office and can feel their prayers for safety as I deliver our abstract to the OTC!

Also, Nancy Grantham presented a new format for the 2022 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REPORT TO THE EXCISE BOARD during our district meetings. I checked with her and understood all CAMA providers are now aware of this new requirement which will be reflected in that report with updated public service figures for each county.

In closing, I'm finishing this up on Memorial Day so challenge each of you to take a moment and say a prayer of thanks for those men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice:

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

- Unknown

Respectfully,

Matthew J. Wehmuller, MBA

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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Assessor Family,

What a crazy couple of months. I am going to list the bills below that passed this session that will affect our association. Most of you probably heard the information in some form at the district meetings. These have all been approved by the governor and will take effect for our next assessment period. A huge thank you to our officers and our legislative committee for all the hard work and time they put in. Also, as always, an amazing effort by you, the membership in getting the word out and answering the action alerts as they came in over and over again this year!! The important thing to remember is that our leadership is looking at each of the issues and we will approach the “new normal” with a plan; confidently, and consistently.

SB 192: “Unmanufactured farm products” are no longer taxable. They will not be reported and the section of the 924 will be removed.

SB 1667: Assessors are no longer required to send out change of value notices to 100% disabled Veterans. You still may if you so choose, but are no longer required to do so.

HB 2627: This bill does many things,

1. Assessors must send a notification to all taxing jurisdictions that have any protests as of the date June 1 that have a value exceeding 3,000,000. It can be emailed with approval from the jurisdiction. The report must include a list of protests filed, the value under protest, and the estimated tax on the value under protest.
2. Strangely, it requires a listing of assets to be provided to the assessor at the time of protest. If not, the assessor's value is presumed correct.
3. At the time the protest is filed, the assessor must provide the taxpayer with a protest schedule with all deadlines and consequences if those deadlines are not met.
4. For residential, the assessor can ask OTC to assign an appraiser, or to assist in the valuation of the property.
5. For personal property, we must consult with OTC, (they do not have to approve just be consulted), and then we may appoint an appraiser to assist in valuation.
6. 3rd party appraisers may not participate in the negotiations of an informal or formal protest.
7. The contract with the 3rd party is subject to open record.
8. All communication between the Assessor and the 3rd party is an open record, except the listing of assets.

HB 3901: This requires all protests exceeding 3,000,000 in value to be moved to the court of tax review and out of district court. The case will be heard by 3 judges outside the jurisdiction of the property under protest and must be decided within a 12-month period.

HB 1682: All livestock in Oklahoma is considered livestock in support of the family and is no longer taxable.

I know some of this is overwhelming and confusing! We are all overwhelmed and confused. Some of this will make no sense to you, it makes no sense to us. BUT we will figure it out and face it all head-on because that's who we are and that's what we do! Please reach out to me with any questions and I will do my best to point you in the right direction.

With much love and appreciation,
Mandy Snyder

THE HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY

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An excerpt from History.com's Father's Day Article.
Article Edited By: Maggie L. Donoho

"The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps (as Mother's Day) because, as one florist explained, "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have."

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers, and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910."

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June: Father's Day 2021 occurs on June 19th."

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"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."
Ephesians 6:2-3

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UPDATES AND EVENTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14th
SBOE Meeting
Abstracts are due.

Email Nancy Grantham [here](#) or visit the Secretary of State's [website](#) for further information.

June 1st
Association dues distributed
by Michelle Fields

June 19th
Father's Day

CAAOK DUES:

JUNE 1ST

Michelle Fields, Association Treasurer, will be sending out Association Dues on June 1st. Please see the invoice for your reference. An editable version is attached to the content of this email.

UNIT 6: CADASTRAL MAPPING

JUNE 7TH – JUNE 10TH

Meeting Times:

Tuesday from 1 pm – 4:30 pm

Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am – 4:30

Friday from 8:30 am – 12 pm

Location: Tulsa

Hilton Garden Inn Midtown

4518 E Skelly Dr.

Tulsa, OK 74135

UNIT 7: AG LAND VALUATION

JUNE 22ND – JUNE 23RD

Meeting Times:

Wednesday from 8:30 am – 4:30

Thursday from 8:30 am – 12 pm

Location: Tulsa

Hilton Garden Inn Midtown

4518 E Skelly Dr.

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COUNTY TRAINING PROGRAM

OSU Extension

Greetings from the County Training Program,

We hope all is well!

CTP Staff

The County Training Program is growing! In May, we welcomed our newest employee, Gloria Evans. Before coming to work with the County Training Program as a Technical Writer, Gloria worked as a Composition Instructor and Writing Consultant for the Oklahoma State University English Department through their Graduate Teaching Assistantship program. Darla Hisey has also returned from retirement as a part-time instructor.

County Training Program Schedule

CTP will be offering a few of the Assessor Certification Program courses in June. Supervisory Skills 3 is a one-day, six-hour course taught by Lorinda Schrammel. This brand-new course will be offered on June 9th at the ACCO building. Additionally, Darla Hisey will be teaching Introduction to Purchasing, a three-hour course that will be held via Zoom on June 14th.

Online courses are also available and can be taken anytime.

As a reminder, a camera, microphone, mouse, and keyboard are required for our Zoom courses.

CTP Website

Make sure to check our website regularly to view our course schedule, register for upcoming courses, and access helpful resources, such as handbooks and fact sheets.

Contact Information

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Membership Dues FY 22-23

Name	
County	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Email	

Invoice Date

6/1/2022

Invoice Number

2022

(County Code)

Annual Dues Amounts

Type	Code	Rate
Assessor	A	\$ 100.00
Full-time employee(s)	FTE	\$ 25.00
Large county-dues capped at 1K	LC	\$ 1,000.00
Part-time employee(s)	PTE	\$ 12.50
Subscribing	S	\$ 100.00

DUE BY:

7/31/2022

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Make checks payable to the **County Assessor's Association of Oklahoma**, and mail or email to:

(PLEASE NOTE: Change of address)

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**4-C Committee Meeting
April 28, 2022-1:00 p.m.
Stillwater, OK**

Donise Rogers, Chair of the 4-C Committee, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. The minutes from the meeting held on February 1, 2022, were distributed. These minutes were also previously distributed by email and in the Assessors Association's newsletter.

Review, Discuss and Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matthew Wehmuller made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Renetta Benson. Motion carried.

Landmark/MapView Software Issues– Group Discussion

The Committee discussed uploading field cards to Landmark and flattening files and the solutions available: large images that are being exported are being resized in the weekly exportation and a new tool for compression has been licensed to remedy the flattening of the files. It may be possible to use these resolutions retroactively in batches.

The Committee discussed a Perimeter Commercial issue where the sketches are changed. To fix the issue, appraisers will need to resave the sketch when it's worked. It is also important to sketch clockwise when drawing in structures. Mark Pillar is working on evaluating how extensive the problem is throughout the counties.

The Committee discussed an issue with the sketch locking up on computers. The issue is that the computer is trying to save data off the screen and the sketch needs to scale it down. The is occurring about 40 percent of the time.

The Committee discussed rubber sheeting that is being worked on by the Landmark team. Todd Holliday explained that when an appraiser is in COGO there is now a line to calculate the township SKU. This should help this problem.

Scott Marsh presented an issue with RCMF, RCMA, RCMG soil type codes that are replacements for "waste" or "strip mines." These codes are not in every county but there were in the tables for Rogers' county. The required codes are provided by OTC via agricultural studies from the 80's, and these codes (RCMF, RCMA, RCMG) are not part of those approved codes. Scott Marsh is going to do more research on these codes.

The Committee discussed issues on the tablets including freezing up, overheating and swelling. A lot of counties have different types and models so the problems vary. If there is an error with swelling, it is best to leave it alone and send it back to the manufacturer. There are also issues with some of the Surface Pro's locking up if you try to use the zoom feature. Aaron said the Surface Pro 7 which is an older model seems to do better than the newer models.

There was a question about using another PDF reader instead of Adobe Acrobat Pro. The Assessor did not want to have to purchase the Pro version. Aaron Ferguson explained that with

the last Adobe update, there's now a popup that wants you to try the Pro version with a free trial period. You do not have to use Adobe Acrobat Pro for Landmark to work. The free version will work just fine. Aaron said the preferences section in Adobe can be changed to stop the popup from asking you to try the free trial version of Adobe Acrobat Pro. Contact Aaron if you need help turning the popup off.

Donise Rogers asked if photos that may have personal property or children in them can be tagged to not be posted to the web without having to archive it. Mark Piller stated that there is a field available that is not in use that can probably be implemented. He will look into it.

The idea was presented to have data integrity checks before notices are sent out to mitigate values changing throughout the year. One solution presented was to freeze the value that was signed by the taxpayer on the "appraisal summary" tab located on the Assessment side of Landmark. It will lock in the value on the Assessment side and anything that is done on the appraisal side will not transfer over. Even if you roll a value from the Appraisal side to the Assessment side, it will not adjust the frozen value. These checked boxes will need to be removed for the following year since no future changes in value will occur if that box remains checked. Assessors also discussed how they would like to be notified beforehand that values will be adjusted versus after the fact.

Gaylon Freeman had submitted a question requesting more information be distributed about the weekly updates by Landmark. He feels more instruction should be given to explain the reasons behind the changes and how to implement them. Assessors were advised to contact their CLGT representatives to receive more information about the updates.

The Committee discussed the new mapping layer is not functional on the field tablets. Aaron Ferguson said that he can create a batch file that will update the latest mapping layer from MapView to the tablets. You would have to run the batch file each time you powered up the tablet so the new layer could transfer to the tablet. The tablet would also have to be connected to the server for this to work. Assessors should email Aaron or your CLGT support person to have the batch file put on the tablets.

Future Direction of the 4C Committee - Discussion

Association President, Matt Wehmuller, envisions a committee that addresses the logistical application of passed legislation or changes that affect all CAMA systems. The Committee discussed the benefits of having a 4Cs committee and a separate Landmark User Group. Attendees discussed the benefit of having an open forum to create equity and consistency amongst the 77 counties. The proposal of two separate and distinct groups to address the needs of the Association members and Landmark CAMA system users was also discussed. No action was taken.

New Business: The Committee discussed the qualifying guidelines for a Freeport Exemption. Kelly Miller with OTC will send out an email with more information.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting TBD.

Adjourn: Kerry made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Matt Wehmuller. Motion carried.



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Tulsa, OK 74135

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Tulsa, OK 74135

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If you have any suggestions or would like to include something in the monthly newsletter, please contact John A. Wright at:

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Melissa Waters – Pawnee County – 6th

Ed Quinton – Osage County – 12th

Kandace Madden – Coal County – 25th

Marsha Trammel – Cherokee County – 30th
