

## OCTOBER "4C" MEETING

The County Computer Coordination Committee held its monthly meeting on October 22, 2008.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Picture Maintenance Utility Program written by Troy Frazier which is to be included as an option on the CAMA Utility Program menu. Troy explained the software was designed to assist the counties with the various picture edit and maintenance issues that need to be done on an ongoing basis. The software will work with both CAMA and AA picture maintenance. Testing has been done to work out certain difficulties.

Parcel labels, numbers and date, along with sizing and saving to both CAMA and AA picture folders automatically are available in the software being written. The program does have an automatic resize for existing pictures so that this doesn't have to be done individually as in the past.

The picture does not have to be re-linked since it is still named the same way. What was previously done picture-by-picture is now automated. Resolution size options allows from three sizes and picture quality settings.

The general consensus of the group was that there is a need for a program like this to reduce the amount of time involved to maintain pictures in the counties. Several other software programs are currently used now to do what this one can do as a stand alone program.

A demonstration will be provided to the committee at its December "4C" meeting. At that time the group can see if there are any additional features needed in the program or if any problems are detected with the current software design.

Johnny Caldwell advised that a Linux software program called Image Magic is currently installed in 16 county servers. His group has been testing it. The program is strictly a resizing program as opposed to any of the other edit or maintenance functions that are included in the Picture Maintenance Utility Program that Troy developed. Johnny said they would continue to test the Linux picture sizing program in some counties to see what issues might come up.

Joe Hapgood spoke of the CAMA update the OTC field staff recently received to install in the counties as they make their rounds in the State. There are 8 or 9 different program changes mainly to clean up or fix known problems.

The CAMA draw program was placing the wrong square footage on drawings on the draw screen, but it was correct when going to F9. This issue is being addressed. One draw program issue was a missing line in some of the drawings, and the fix for that is in the most recent update. The Ad Valorem Division will report on the draw screen again at the December "4C" meeting.

The committee opted not to meet in November. The next meeting date will be held on December 2, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ad Valorem Division office.

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