

DECEMBER "4C" MEETING

The County Computer Coordination Committee meet on December 2, 2008, in the Ad Valorem Division.

Troy Frazier gave a computer demonstration of the new Picture Maintenance Utility Program. The program allows for resizing of photos without losing picture quality. There will be four text lines available in the upper left-hand corner. When the picture size is reduced, the font size for the text will remain unchanged which keep the text in a readable format. The program will be tested further before installation in the counties. Another demonstration is scheduled at the February CODA meeting. Instructions will be given at the time of installation, and additional training is scheduled for the 2009 educational conference. Troy added that there is also a new SIC code feature.

A personal property update is in the process of being installed. Petroleum pipeline information will be available after the first of the year. Bill Wadsworth is working on refining the angle drawings so they will no longer be an issue.

An adjustment has been made to the state-owned land program so that it now totals the number of acres. Scott Warren announced that ATAP recently purchased software which they are preparing to demonstrate. Upgrades to software will carry a number sequence which increases every time a change is made to the program. This will simplify the tracking of upgrades.

Kenny Chuculate provided information regarding the veterans' exemption and referred to A.G. Opinion 08-21 issued July 29, 2008. The opinion says "tools and implements" refer to personal property in support of the family but does not include household items of the heads-of-families. "Tools and implements" can be for the family's use but not for businesses. The determination is made according to how the assessor has it classified.

An important issue was raised by Carol Bomhoff who she recently assisted a county that had ignored a warning message on its computer. If any county sees the phrase "Error on Back-up Log", call the CCAP staff immediately. The consequences of not heeding the warning can be devastating. All counties should be reminded of the imperative need to have regular, dependable back-up of the computer data. If that is done, then restoration after a computer problem can be done. Otherwise, the county would be in dire circumstances.

Teresa Strawther advised that completion is near for the auditing of the Net Assessed Valuation and Millage Reports (Form 993) submitted by the counties.

Debbie Gentry, 4C chair, set the next meeting date to be January 6, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ad Valorem Division conference room.