

May 4C Committee Meeting

The County Computer Coordination Committee (4C) met on May 6 in the Ad Valorem Division.

The property record card program has been installed in several counties. Difficulties have been traced to Windows software. Work is being done to standardize the process so all are successful when pictures are coming off AA.

A program fix is available so that a building that is deleted does not also delete the remainder of the drawings. If the house needs to come off, a quick fix is to leave it on and override with "zero building"; then put in the note filed "house is gone". Some counties do not draw the outbuildings but just put them in miscellaneous.

Some counties have an issue with names disappearing when an appraisal date change is made. This is being investigated to determine the cause.

Another issue is a certain county can take a sale from AA to CAMA if done one at a time, but if several are sent, then part come over and part do not. The problem should be corrected when SA&I updates that county.

Scott Warren reported the process of importing values from CAMA has changed regarding the 5% cap. Now the value from CAMA is moved over 100% directly to the AA column. Then, the 5% increase is calculated and any excess of 5% is subtracted. It is subtracted from the bottom up, and the fields are aligned with CAMA. The logic is easier and straightforward. If the property value goes down, it is uncapped. Updates for this will be made available.

Mobile homes with surrendered titles are no longer mobile homes, and some owners are unhappy. Discussion centered on whether

a code could be in place to designate a mobile home without a title. Part of the issue is that mortgage companies package loans and sell to other companies, but the package buyers do not want mobile homes included in the deal. There is a statute in place which allows for the reinstatement of a mobile home title. It could be beneficial to identify mobile homes without titles. One way to handle this may be to change the style and add it into the improvements. This will be investigated further with the software company.

Scott Warren stated that any changes in the law will not be reflected in the abstract this year.

Protested amounts are to be put on the Excise Board report. An RX code designates it as a protest and should show the actual dollar amount protested.

There will be explanatory language on the backside of the abstract to clarify what goes in each category. This is instructional, and nothing new has been added to the abstract.

Troy Frazier and Scott Warren discussed some data extraction issues resulting from AA's Ratio Study database utility. It seems with one county in particular, the resulting database to be used in the OTC's ratio study was corrupted with incomplete records and a data structure unreadable with current Microsoft database drivers. No immediate fixes were discussed, but there was talk of continuing to address the issue.

The next meeting date will be June 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ad Valorem Division.