

## **What is happening in the month of February?**

The 2020 taxes were due before February 2, 2021. As of February 2nd penalty and interest has been added to any unpaid 2020 taxes in the amount of 7%.

January 1<sup>st</sup> was the assessment date for market values for the tax year. Thus values were assessed based on the condition of the property on that date. For example, an improvement which was under construction on January 1<sup>st</sup> would be added to the tax roll at the percent of completion as of that date.

Many business owners have been mailed Business Personal Property Rendition forms. If you have not yet received a rendition form, you can get one from our website, or by contacting our office. Business owners are required by State law to render business personal property that is used in a business or used to produce income. This property includes furniture and fixtures, equipment, machinery, computers, inventory held for sale or rental, raw materials, finished goods, and work in progress. The last day to file your rendition is April 15th annually. If you mail your rendition, it must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before April 15th.

Our appraisers are in the discovery and data collection phase for the 2021 appraisal year. During this time, appraisers may be seen throughout the County in neighborhoods and commercial areas as they are measuring new residential or commercial construction, reviewing and updating characteristics of existing construction and/or land parcels, and reviewing, updating, or adding inventory of present or new businesses. Aerial imagery and analysis tools are utilized to assist in staff efficiency, and ensure proper valuations and equitable results during the assigned/limited time for this phase. This process requires collection and analysis of three types of data: General data, which affect values on regional or neighborhood levels; specific data, about the site and improvements of a property; and comparative data, which regards recent sales, cost, and income information for similar properties.

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