

Formal reassessment

Too early to know if Tyler Technologies

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WALHALLA — It's too early to know whether Oconee County will need Tyler Technologies Inc. to put in more time than is called for in its contract to participate in formal appeals before the county's Board of Assessment Appeals.

County Administrator Scott Moulder said Monday that until hearings are held, he has no way of gauging whether the 25 person

days allotted in Tyler's contract are sufficient.



Moulder

time," Moulder said. "If each proceeding only takes 15 minutes, then the contract should

As of Friday, the Assessor's Office indicated that 40 reassessment challenges would be heard before the BAA.

"I can't say whether I feel this will be enough

cover them all.

"Until we know how in-depth the hearings will be and how much time each takes, then we won't know if 25 person days is enough," he added.

As of Monday, the BAA has not scheduled any formal reassessment appeal hearings. The nine-member board canceled a meeting Feb. 22, and no other meetings have been scheduled.

Derrill Ables of Westminster, who represents the southern section of the county, is the group's

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appeals pending

will work extra hours

chairman. He is responsible for scheduling meetings.

Ables could not be reached for comment.

BAA members are appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the County Delegation.

According to the scope of services, the county requires that Tyler representatives be available for consultation or to answer questions as needed during formal hearings before the BAA.

Any support by Tyler during the formal appeals process beyond the 25 days called for in the contract would cost the county an additional fee of \$900 per day.

The contract further states that Tyler would charge \$1,200 per day for representing the county before the State Board of Tax Appeals or in court.

Oconee contracted Tyler for \$1.8 million to do its countywide reassessment.