Oconee reassessment back on track

Notices to be mailed out before Oct. 1 state deadline

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WALHALLA — Oconee County is on track to comply with a state deadline of Oct. 1 for mailing out reassessment notices.

County Assessor Linda Shugart said Wednesday that Tyler Technologies, Inc. would have the notices out before the deadline.

Oconee is paying Tyler $1.8 million to handle the reappraisal of property required by the state every five years.

Three weeks ago, County Administrator Scott Moulder announced that Tyler was running behind schedule and blamed the delay on time lost last year when problems resurfaced with the county's tax software system.

However, Shugart said Wednesday that Tyler has completed all field related to the appraisal of residential and commercial properties.

"They are doing reviews and may on occasion go out in the field for a review," Shugart said. "They will have reassessment notice out before Oct. 1."



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Tyler Technologies, Inc. has completed its reassessment of property values in Oconee County that began last spring. The company is on track to mail out assessment notices before an Oct. 1 state deadline.

Moulder told council last month that Tyler's new deadline for completing Oconee's reassessment is July 1.

State law requires that all reassessment notices be mailed by Oct. 1.

Failure to do so would mean that the county would have to use the prior year's values as the basis for taxes and not the reassessed values.

Department of Revenue spokesperson Samantha Cheek said the agency must review and approve Oconee's reassessed values.

"So long as we receive their sales files with the new values and approve the ratio study prior to Oct. 1, no other information is required from the county," Cheek said.

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