

# Oconee receiving reassessed

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WALHALLA — Oconee County officials should be receiving preliminary reassessment results Friday.

Tyler Technologies Inc., the private company being paid \$1.8 million to reassess property in the county, will provide the much-anticipated findings.

The numbers will be crucial

in determining whether Oconee can hit projected tax revenues to cover a \$43.1 million General Fund budget approved by County Council last week.

Delays caused by issues with the county's tax software system late last year led to Tyler missing a May 1 deadline for coming up with reassessed property values.

County Administrator Scott Moulder said Wednesday that

he expects to get reassessment results on schedule.

"At this point, we're still on track to get preliminary numbers (Friday)," Moulder said.

Moulder characterized the numbers he would as "worst-case scenario," because they could be suppressed by the 15 percent cap.

The South Carolina Property Tax Valuation Reform Act of 2006 caps any increase in the

## values Friday

assessed value resulting from a countywide reassessment program at 15 percent.

However, Moulder said the preliminary numbers could go up once Tyler identifies properties whose values increased because of additions or improvements. He said those values aren't controlled by the 15 percent cap.



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Moulder said the public would be given information before reassessment notices are mailed out.

"I would expect some kind of public presentation on the final numbers," he said. "Tyler has

to justify the values at appeals."

Council Chairman Joel Thrift said Wednesday he's yet to see any of the reassessment information.

"I'm sure we will get the information from the administrator," Thrift said.

The state Department of Revenue also must approve the values submitted by Tyler.

State law requires that all reassessment notices to taxpayers be mailed by Oct. 1. Tax notices are to be mailed out by Oct. 15.

According to DOR,

Oconee is one of 23 counties implementing reassessment this year. However, four of those counties — Abbeville, Dillon, Marion and Sumter — are delaying implementation until 2012.

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