Property value notices

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The key component in the notice is the assessed value, which will remain in the books for the next four years, while the millage rate may go up or down from year to year.

WALHALLA — Someone saw Oconee County Administrator Scott Moulder escorting a taxpayer to the Assessor's Office on Tuesday.

Moulder said he also personally fielded several phone calls from property owners with questions about their reassessment notices.

The county boss rolled up his sleeves to give Oconee taxpayers the time and personal attention they needed to help them sort out the reassessment process, and he expects county employees to follow his lead.

Despite feeling a bit under the weather with what he described as a summer cold, Moulder answered every call that came his way from the people that ultimately pay his salary.

"I've been working with citizens myself with the (reassessment) notices," Moulder said. "Council asked us to communicate with them in a clear way to explain the process... It's a shocking and confusing time for citizens."

Moulder said he expected reassessment notices to go out in the mail this week, but instead they started arriving in the mail Saturday.

"We were ready," Moulder said.

In an effort to help property owners understand the reassessment notices they've received in the mail, the county is publishing in the local newspaper a guide to reading the notices.

Prominently noted on the guide is that the notice is not a tax bill.

Tax bills will be mailed the first week of October.

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