Dr. Mark J. Matney, Commissioner of Revenue, for Washington County, VA would like to announce that we are in the real estate reassessment year.

Abingdon, VA – The general reassessment of all real property in Washington County is underway. State law requires that localities periodically adjust real estate values to 100% of fair market value for tax purposes and to assure uniformity of assessments. The County's last reassessment was effective for the 2017 tax year.

To oversee this process, the Board of Supervisors has contracted with Pearson's Appraisal Services, Inc. to update the values of all real estate in the County, effective January 1, 2021. A team of appraisers from Pearson's Appraisal Services will personally inspect every parcel in the County, both taxable and non-taxable, to establish the current fair market value of the real estate in accordance with State requirements. The appraisal team will also digitally photograph all of the improved properties in the County. Moreover, Pearson's Appraisal Services' field staff will carry photo identification badges indicating their affiliation with both the County and with the appraisal firm and will have signs on their vehicles identifying themselves as reassessment employees.

If residents are not home when an appraiser visits a property, the appraiser will leave a notice indicating that the property has been inspected. Residents are invited to call with any pertinent information, which can affect the value of their property. A telephone number will be on the notice if more information is needed or if the property owner wants to contact the reassessment office. Notices of the proposed 2021 assessed values will be mailed after all field work is completed. Property owners will then have an opportunity to appeal the assessed values.

The Washington County Commissioner of the Revenue will provide updates regarding the reassessment throughout the process. Should the taxpayer need assistance from the Commissioner's office in regards to these matters please do not hesitate to call.