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Auditor Meacham Announces Reappraisal Commencement *All Properties to be Photographed for Appraisal Purposes*

Mahoning County Auditor Ralph Meacham is announcing that his office has begun the preliminary steps of a county wide reappraisal. The Auditor's Office has contracted Integrity Appraisal Services to conduct the reappraisal, and Integrity has hired Facet Technology Corporation to take photographs of all homes and buildings in Mahoning County.

"As with every step we take in the reappraisal process, these pictures are taken to ensure as much accuracy as possible in regard to placing a market value on a property. The pictures will assist Integrity in verifying the type of building, the building materials used as well as the condition of the building," Meacham stated.

According to Meacham, "We have notified all cities, townships, and villages as well as their police departments of the presence of the vehicles to ease any concerns of local residents. With advanced technology, the vehicles do not need to stop in front of each property or even drive slowly. Each of the two vehicles is clearly identified with Facet Technology Corporation and Mahoning County Auditor Real Estate Appraisal Department."

Ohio law requires that all County Auditors conduct a county wide reappraisal every six years. Mahoning County's last reappraisal was effective for tax year 2011, collection year 2012. The process has now begun for the next reappraisal which will be effective for tax year 2017, collection year 2018.

Meacham states, "It is a lengthy process and I will keep taxpayers informed on the progress. I encourage anyone with questions to call my office for more information."

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