

**THE CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT** by Jackie Martin, RPA,RTA,CTA  
Scurry County Appraisal District

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Scurry County Appraisal District (SCAD) has closed our building to public access until further notice. The appraisal district staff will continue answering phones and correspondence in the office 8:30AM-5PM. We will assist the public by phone, fax, mail and email. Information can also be obtained from our website, [www.scurrytex.com](http://www.scurrytex.com) . The office personnel are keeping their distance and limiting the number of people in the office. These directives are in response to President Trump's National Emergency Declaration and Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Public Health Disaster Declaration.

SCAD has cancelled the Business Personal Property Workshop for owners.

I am also granting an **automatic thirty-day extension for Business Personal Property Renditions**. The extension will move the deadline from April 15 to **May 15**.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property the business owner owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. Examples of personal property include computers, desks, chairs, office supplies, business inventory, machinery and vehicles used to produce income. The appraisal district has already mailed personal property rendition forms to businesses known to have been operating in Scurry County during the previous year. However, all business owners are required to file renditions regardless of receiving notification. A rendition form is available on the appraisal district's website at [www.scurrytex.com](http://www.scurrytex.com) under the "Forms" tab along with information on the rules of the process.

As the Chief Appraiser for Scurry County Appraisal District, I will continue to do what's best for the citizens of Scurry County within the confines of the law. In light of the ongoing pandemic, it is important for you to know Texas appraisal districts have been in contact with the Governor's office and taxing unit organizations regarding critical time frame issues. However, there are currently no waivers or extensions pertaining to this year's ad valorem appraisal year. We are asking the Governor for guidance in the matter of our 2020 reappraisal plans and the impact it will have on our citizens suffering economic hardship during this time.

Our offices are about to undergo the busiest time of the year concerning taxpayer visits and correspondence. We are fast approaching the time to send 2020 Appraisal Value Notices. Texas appraisal districts are mandated to appraise as of January 1 and will go through the same "checks and balances" as in past years. Texas school funding will still be reliant on timely establishing accurate market values based on the previous year's sales of similar properties. The final Certified Appraisal Value is required to be sent to the taxing units by [July 25](http://www.scurrytex.com).

There is currently nothing in the property tax law that will allow the current pandemic to factor into this year's property tax appraisal valuation. While we are all sympathetic to the situation we are facing, our hands are tied without the Governor's help. By not taking immediate action related to this year's ad valorem appraisal process, the matter will only exacerbate an already serious time for Texans. For questions concerning the appraisal district, please call 325-573-8549, fax 325-573-8458 or email [scad@scurrytex.com](mailto:scad@scurrytex.com). Thank you and stay safe.