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RE: Assessor's budget increase

To whom it may concern:

On this year's tax receipt, it shows that the property taxes levied by the assessor's office increased by 64.726% from the prior year. The reason for the increase is that the Assessor spent down a portion of the carryover within her budget the prior year at the request of the Conference Board. This lowered the prior year's taxes levied by 30%. By spending a portion of the carryover, the levy was reduced from .49503 to .34631.

When calculating the budget for the current fiscal year there were several items added that hadn't traditionally been paid for by the assessor's office. These items included licensing and training fees for the GIS program and paying ½ the cost of the new aerial flight/imagery. The costs of the GIS and aerials had traditionally been paid for by the auditor's office. The current fiscal year's levy is .55016. This is an increase of 11.136% from .49503 (had the carryover not been spent on the prior year's budget). The maximum levy allowable by law for the assessor's department is .675.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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