



**Blaine County Assessor's Office
Fiscal Year 2024
Assessor and Revaluation Budget**

General Information

Office/Department: Blaine County Assessor and DMV

Budget Contact Person: Jim Williams

Budget Team Members: Jim Williams and Melissa Fry

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Assessor's Office Profile

Operational Description

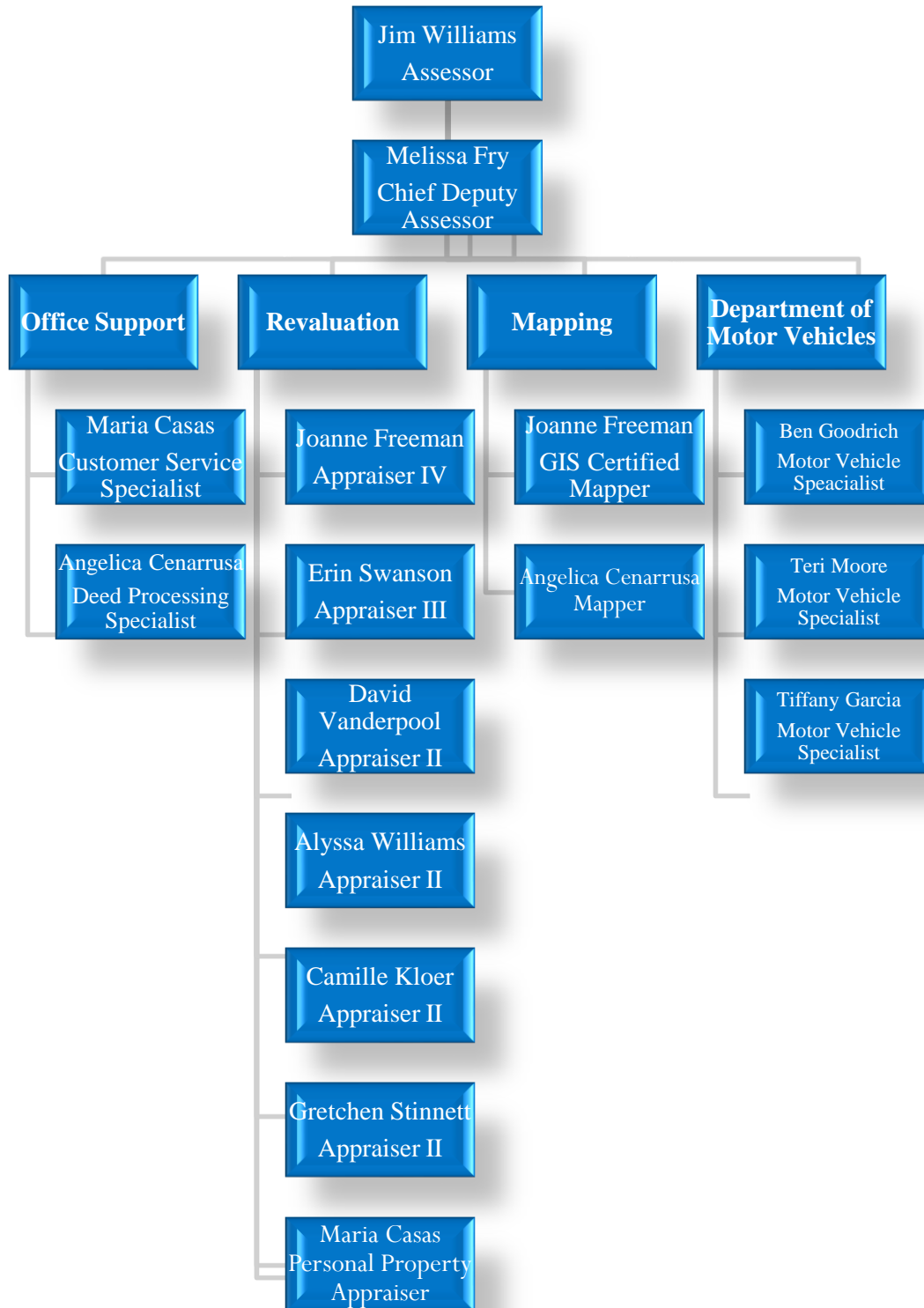
The Blaine County Assessor's Office provides the following statutory services:

- Assessment and valuation of all taxable property in the county
- Collection, documentation, and maintenance of the characteristics and descriptions of every parcel and structure in the county
- Tracking of property ownership changes
- Mapping of property boundaries for each parcel in the county and the platting of newly created lots and subdivisions
- Management and application of various exemptions and tax relief programs, including the Homeowner's Exemption and the Circuit Breaker Program
- Providing the service of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

Department Mission

The mission of the Assessor's Office is to change the perception of local government one person at a time by providing professional and courteous service through fair assessment, equitable valuation, accurate information, and consistent motor vehicle transactions to each person and agency.

Organizational Structure



FY23 Fiscal Year Review

FY23 Performance Metrics

- Deliver accurate assessments to Blaine County property owners
- Process information requests and map property changes efficiently for the public
- Provide high-quality service to DMV customers
- Maintain a sustainable and resilient Assessor's Office

FY23 Fiscal Year Highlights

- Our appraisal team implemented the NearMap product into the appraisal process. This saved us time measuring out in the field. While a physical visit is still required, more time can be spent analyzing data and quality checks. This success was possible with the NearMap funding in the GIS Department budget.
- All appraisers took classes to maintain certification from the State Tax Commission. The skills they learn in classes are relevant to the work they do. The Reval B Budget supports this educational opportunity.
- The mapping team worked hard to maintain the parcel splits and new subdivisions. They filled all information requests and supported other county offices and public agencies. These accomplishments were possible with the budget items approved in the Reval B Budget.
- Our DMV team continued to provide outstanding service to the people of Blaine County. Our surveys show that people are happy with the changes in this department. DMV agents participated in several training opportunities throughout the year. The budget items in the Assessor B Budget supported this level of service.
- Another hybrid vehicle was added, resulting in less fuel and maintenance costs. We have one vehicle left to replace. The Capital budget approval for Vehicles made these purchases and fuel savings possible.

FY23 Other Highlights

- Appraisers attended a class to find yew plants and are now searching while out in the field.
- The Assessor continued to serve on the Blaine County School District's Finance Committee, increasing our service to the community.
- Property values are adjusted to meet the statistical testing requirements of the State Tax Commission.
- The Assessor worked with ITD and other Assessors to help pass H0085, which solves statewide DMV funding challenges. We met with the chairs of the transportation

committees in the House and Senate, resulting in the bill allowing each county to set fees.

FY24 Fiscal Year Budget Request Highlights

Requested Resources and Associated Costs

- People
 - Salary Increases
 - To be determined
 - Sustainability, Community Well-Being, Organizational Development
- Vehicles
 - 2023 Ford F150 Hybrid
 - This vehicle will replace our current 4x4 needed for remote areas and provide fuel savings
 - \$52,659
 - Sustainability, Community Well-Being

FY24 Fiscal Year Anticipated Highlights

FY24 Anticipated Projects, Performance, and Highlights

- All taxable property in Blaine County is assessed fairly and accurately, meeting all State standards and timelines.
- Complete all information requests and mapping projects on time.
- Work all DMV transactions while providing exceptional customer service.
- We continue towards a sustainable and resilient Assessor's Office as we care for employees, our customers, our community, and our environment. We grow from our failures and celebrate our successes.