



**Blaine County Assessor's Office
Fiscal Year 2023
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

BCC Presentation Date: June 13, 2022, 2:00 pm

Assessor's Office Profile

Operational Description

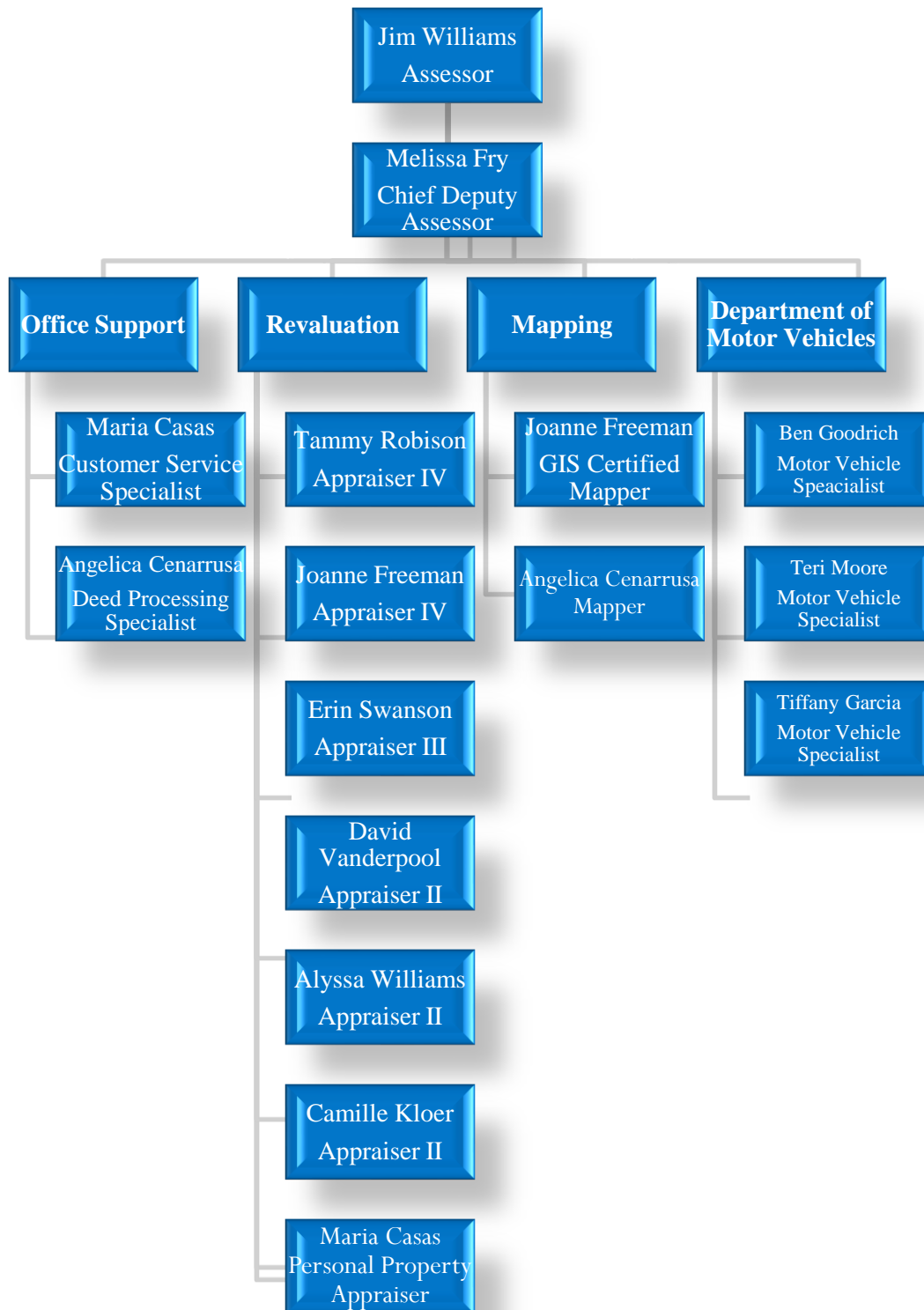
The Blaine County Assessor's Office provides the following statutory services:

- 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



FY22 Fiscal Year Review

FY22 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

FY22 Fiscal Year Highlights

- Our appraisal team continues to grow in knowledge and experience by taking the courses required to maintain certification by the State Tax Commission. Our team works well together and discusses appraisal problems and methods with the more experienced appraisers helping the newer appraisers. The result is accurate and timely property assessments. This success was possible with the budget items approved in the Reval B Budget.
- We had another employee get their mapping certification from the State Tax Commission, increasing our certified mappers to two. This team continues to produce maps and information requests to the public according to state code. These accomplishments were possible with the budget items approved in the Reval B Budget.
- Our DMV survey scores continue to show that we provide excellent customer service in a way that works well for our customers. We continue to serve customers both with appointments and walk-in availability. This year, we added an iPad and a check-in system to help organize the lobby. We frequently hear that we are the best DMV in the nation. This level of service was supported by the budget items in the Assessor B Budget.
- Last year we added two new hybrid vehicles to our fleet. It was a wise investment and helped meet our office sustainability goals with gas prices soaring. The Capital budget approval for Vehicles made these purchases and fuel savings possible.

FY22 Other Highlights

- The Assessor was appointed to the Blaine County School District's Finance Committee, increasing our service to the community.
- We increased our public outreach with the Assessor giving a presentation to the full membership of the Sun Valley Board of Realtors.
- Our assessments passed the statistical testing of the State Tax Commission.
- The Assessor is a member of a working group with ITD and other Assessors to find the best way to move forward with statewide DMV funding challenges.

FY23 Fiscal Year Budget Request Highlights

Requested Resources and Associated Costs

- People
 - Salary Increases
 - To be determined
- Vehicles
 - 2022 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid
 - This purchase will complete our vehicle upgrade goals with a total of five cars with better gas mileage than what we drove previously.
 - \$36,407

FY23 Fiscal Year Anticipated Highlights

FY23 Anticipated Projects, Performance, and Highlights

- We look forward to continued success in our appraisal department as we strive to educate and grow our appraisers. We will continue to assess property at market value according to state standards and mail out accurate assessments before state deadlines.
- Our mapping team will continue to improve at providing maps and information requests to the public. Their continued dedication to timely and accurate service will only grow.
- The continued improvement in the customer service skills of our DMV agents and the way we provide that service to the public. We intend to continue to evolve to meet the needs of all of our customers.
- We are working towards a sustainable and resilient Assessor's Office as we care for employees, our customers, our community, and our environment. We are learning from our failures and celebrating our successes.