

TAXPAYER TIPS

OBJECTIVE: The primary objective of the Assessor's Office, as well as the Equalization Board, is to arrive at a "fair market value" of your property.

Act 659 of 2017 – The normal burden of proof in civil action before administrative authorities and in court is a preponderance of the evidence.

BE PREPARED FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

1. Get property card from the Assessor's Office or online. (Instructions are listed on separate sheet.) You will need your parcel number. If more than one parcel, list them all.
2. Check measurements and features listed on Assessor's property card.
3. Submit photos of your home.
4. If possible, list any problems or discrepancies.
5. Bring with you any recent appraisals or valuation statements.
6. Compare your property value with other properties recently sold in your area. For appraisal purposes, square foot quantities are based on outside dimensions rounded to the nearest whole foot.
7. Bring with you estimates or expenditures made on recent construction or modifications to your property.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SEARCH **PARCEL CARD INFORMATION** **ONLINE**

1. Go to: bentoncountyar.gov
2. Click on HOME Benton County Government
3. Click on: [View Mapping \(GIS\) Data](#) at far right of the page
4. Click on: [Parcel map](#) under Interactive Maps
5. Click Accept
6. In Search Layer, Choose: [Parcels](#)
7. Type name, address or parcel in search field then find
8. Once you find your property, click on link at far right
9. Click through the tabs for information about the parcel
10. You will not be able to print a parcel card however you can print information off through the print function of the browser you are using

***You can also search for comparable properties at:**
arcountydata.com