

## PRESS RELEASE FOR NEWSPAPER

Jackson County Assessor, Deb Lane, is announcing that the door-to-door inspections of all residential and agricultural dwelling properties in Jackson County will begin approximately August 9, 2010.

A reappraisal program was approved by the Jackson County Conference Board in June 2008.

The purpose of the reappraisal program is to equalize property assessments so that each taxpayer is responsible for paying only his/her fair share of the property tax burden. Periodic inspections and reappraisal of properties is necessary as all types of properties do not increase or decrease in value at the same rate. Some properties physically deteriorate faster than others, and in many instances similar buildings located in different areas of the county will differ greatly in value due to economic factors.

Data collectors with photo ID signed by the assessor will make interior and exterior inspections of all residential and agricultural dwelling properties. They will be compiling information to be used to estimate the fair market value of each property. Information to be collected includes type of construction, type of interior finish, physical condition of the property, age of structures and exterior measurements. A complete sales analysis, local construction costs and economic conditions are also considered. No estimate of value will be given at the time of inspection.

Property owners are asked to cooperate by allowing a complete inspection of their property and providing accurate information so that a fair and equitable assessment may be determined for each property.

The preliminary data collection process will begin in August 2010. The project is scheduled for completion December 31, 2011.

Notice of final value estimates will be mailed to each property owner after January 1, 2012. The property owners will have an opportunity to meet informally to discuss their revaluation in the spring of 2012.

The new assessed values will be effective for January 1, 2012, for taxes payable in fiscal year 2013-2014.

Representatives of Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. in conjunction with the Jackson County Assessor's Office will be conducting this project.

All law enforcement agencies as well as the Jackson County Assessor's Office will be apprised of the areas where data collectors are working. They will also have a listing of all names and license plate numbers of anyone involved in the project.

If any property owner has questions regarding the reappraisal project, they are urged to contact the Jackson County Assessor's Office at 563-652-4935.

<b>Irrew</b>	<i>Complete</i>	<b>Maquoketa</b>	<i>Complete</i>	<b>Preston</b>	<i>Complete</i>
Inpections	96	Inpections	1487	Inpections	28
Estimates	35	Estimates	425	Estimates	7
Refusals	7	Refusals	120	Refusals	1
O's	5	OBO's	21	OBO's	1
Total	143	Total	2053	Total	38
Entry %	73.28	Entry %	77.77	Entry %	80.0
Refusal %	4.90	Refusal %	5.85	Refusal %	4.4

<b>Edwin</b>	<i>Complete</i>	<b>Monmouth</b>	<i>Complete</i>	<b>Miles</b>	<i>Complete</i>
Inpections	49	Inpections	45	Inpections	12
Estimates	12	Estimates	13	Estimates	3
Refusals	5	Refusals	5	Refusals	1
O's	6	OBO's	4	OBO's	
Total	72	Total	67	Total	16
Entry %	80.33	Entry %	77.59	Entry %	80.3
Refusal %	6.94	Refusal %	7.46	Refusal %	6.5

<b>Maguerville</b>	<i>Complete</i>	<b>Zwingle</b>	<i>Complete</i>	<b>Sabula</b>	<i>Incomplete</i>
Inpections	24	Inpections	7	Inpections	9
Estimates	10	Estimates	2	Estimates	4
Refusals	0	Refusals	2	Refusals	1
O's	1	OBO's	2	OBO's	
Total	35	Total	13	Total	15
Entry %	70.59	Entry %	77.78	Entry %	70.0
Refusal %	0.00	Refusal %	15.38	Refusal %	7.5

<b>Livingbrook</b>	<i>Complete</i>	<b>La Motte</b>	<i>Complete</i>	<b>CURRENT URBAN TOTAL</b>	
Inpections	49	Inpections	78	<b>Inpections</b>	<b>297</b>
Estimates	14	Estimates	24	<b>Estimates</b>	<b>86</b>
Refusals	3	Refusals	2	<b>Refusals</b>	<b>23</b>
O's	5	OBO's	6	<b>OBO's</b>	<b>9</b>
Total	71	Total	110	<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>
Entry %	77.78	Entry %	76.47	<b>Entry %</b>	<b>77.4</b>
Refusal %	4.23	Refusal %	1.82	<b>Refusal %</b>	<b>5.5</b>

<b>Donatus</b>	<i>Complete</i>	<b>Bellevue</b>	<i>Complete</i>
Inpections	34	Inpections	605
Estimates	13	Estimates	176
Refusals	6	Refusals	43
O's	3	OBO's	19