

**Auditor's Office Update – April 5, 2022**

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Fun Facts

- More than **10% of homes in Fairfield County have sold since 2019.**
- There are more than **67,000 parcels** in the county.
- Did you know that the Fairfield County Auditor is issuing about **40% more vendor licenses** as compared to pre-pandemic levels? More than 400 licenses are now being issued annually. Residents are increasingly working in different ways, and the increase in the number of vendor's licenses is impacted in part. There are other variables that impact the increase, such as population or ongoing trends in entrepreneurship.

Financial Systems

- MUNIS is now known as **Enterprise ERP**. ERP typically stands for enterprise resource planning.
- Executime is now known as **Time & Attendance**.
- A system for hotel/motel lodging tax collections using technology is a work in progress. (See the fact sheet emailed Wednesday, March 16, 2022.)
- Evaluation is underway to convert to software as a service for financial systems (which will improve functionality and security.) **Testing for program upgrades will be important in July and August.**
- The Budget Commission has waived the requirement for tax budgets and related formal hearings.
- **Sales Tax revenue estimates** were updated at the end of the first quarter. They were increased to \$25.8 M.

Real Estate Assessment

Geographical Information Systems and the Map Room continue to **add value** in Fairfield County by:

- Maintaining an address/ road database. This year, we have added 232 addresses and 27 road segments.
- Answering data requests, to support the 911 software upgrade, the Hunter's Run Conservancy District reassessment, and other projects.
- Increasing access to the data portal to support management in decision-making.
- Implementing new technology, such as *Simplifile* for conveyance of property.
- Updating the minimum requirements for conveyance with the County Engineer.

Appraisers are focused on the **triennial update** in 2022.

- This update is a review of valid sales that have occurred over the prior three years. **The state issues a recommendation** based on the relationship between value and sales price.
- By reviewing sales and market trends, property values are adjusted incrementally creating a more predictable tax base (and a less shocking change at the sexennial update). Adjustments vary between neighborhoods based on market conditions. (**See the enclosed fact sheet.** A video about appraising property is also available.)
- We are improving the **website** to modernize it and boost transparency. (Press releases with tutorials were issued on Monday, March 21, 2022, and Monday, March 28, 2022).

See our **directory of employees** (emailed Thursday, March 31, 2022), for contact information & purpose statements.

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