



Franklin County Appraisal District 2019 Annual Report

The Franklin County Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the state. The Constitution of the State of Texas, the Texas Property Tax Code, and the Rules of the Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division govern the operations of the appraisal district.

Mission

The mission of Franklin County Appraisal District is to discover, list and appraise property as accurately, ethically and impartially as possible in order to estimate the market value of all property within the boundaries of the district for ad valorem tax purposes. The district must make sure that each taxpayer is given the same consideration, information and assistance as the next. This will be done by administering the laws under the property tax system and operating under the standards of:

- The Property Tax Assistance Division of the Texas State Comptroller's Office (PTAD),
- The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO), and
- The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP).

Governance

The appraisal district is governed by a **Board of Directors** whose primary responsibilities are to:

- Establish the district's office,
- Adopt its operating budget,
- Contract for necessary services,
- Hire the Chief Appraiser,
- Appoint the Appraisal Review Board
- Provide advice and consent to the Chief Appraiser concerning the appointment of an Agricultural Advisory Board,
- Select Appraisal Review Board members from submitted applications,
- Approve contracts with appraisal firms selected by the chief appraiser to perform appraisal services for the district,
- Make general policies on the appraisal district's operations, and
- Biennially develop a written plan for the periodic reappraisal of all property within the district's boundaries.

The Franklin County Appraisal District is governed by a board of six directors. Five directors are chosen by ballot from individuals nominated by the taxing entities. The sixth board member is the Franklin County Assessor/Collector. The Franklin County Assessor/Collector is a non-voting member. The board's responsibility is strictly administrative. The directors are not involved in the appraisal process, setting schedules, or the certifications of employees to meet state guidelines set out by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.

The Chief Appraiser is the chief administrator of the appraisal district and is appointed by the board of directors.

The Ag Advisory Board is appointed by the Board of Directors at the recommendation of the chief appraiser to aide him in determining typical practices and standards for agricultural activities in the district.

The Appraisal Review Board is a board made up of five (5) citizens of the county to hear and resolve property owner protests and taxing unit challenges. Their decisions regarding value are applicable for only the tax year in question.

Taxing Jurisdictions

The Franklin County Appraisal District is responsible for appraising all properties for each of the taxing jurisdictions that have territory located within the boundaries of Franklin County. Following are those taxing jurisdictions with territory located in the district:

- Franklin County,
- City of Mt. Vernon,
- City of Winnsboro,
- Mt. Vernon ISD
- Saltillo ISD
- Sulphur Bluff ISD,
- Winnsboro ISD,
- Rivercrest ISD
- Franklin County Water District

Tax rates for the 2019 tax year are set in September and available shortly thereafter. All taxpayers are encouraged to attend the public hearings concerning the tax rates.

	2019
Jurisdiction Name	Tax Rate
Franklin County	0.371880
FC Special Bridge	0.022260
FC Lateral Road	0.138820
	0.532960
FC Water District	0.020000
Mt. Vernon City	0.604380
Winnsboro City	0.566300
Mt. Vernon ISD	1.218900
Saltillo ISD	0.970000
Sulphur Bluff ISD	1.133350
Winnsboro ISD	1.430900
Rivercrest ISD	1.288400

WEBSITE:

Franklin County Appraisal District information is also available on our website at WWW.FRANKLINCAD.COM. The website contains the most current certified roll with search capabilities and is updated quarterly for ownership and address. The district's website makes a broad range of information available for public access, including information on the appraisal process, property characteristics data, protests and appeal procedures. Downloadable files of related tax information and district forms, including exemption applications and business personal property renditions are also available.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Franklin County Appraisal District is responsible for establishing and maintaining approximately 24,982 real and personal property accounts which include mineral accounts covering roughly 286 square miles within Franklin County. This data includes property characteristics, ownership, and exemption information. The majority of the land is rural with agricultural production the main use, making farming/ranching a notable occupation in the county. Franklin County has two lakes, Lake Cypress Springs and Lake Bob Sandlin and is a popular water recreational area with several residential waterfront subdivisions.

The district has a digital mapping system that maintains parcel maps and various layers of data and aerial photography.

Brochures covering a variety of subjects are available at the front counter, the Tax Assessor/Collectors office, and the Franklin County Library. Some subjects covered are Homestead exemptions, Agriculture and Timber, Wildlife Management, Appraisal Review Board, and more.

PROPERTY TYPES & VALUES:

PTAD PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION	2019		
	PROPERTY TYPE	PARCEL COUNT	MARKET VALUE
A	Single Family Homes	4,225	\$ 780,282,900
B	Multi Family Homes	23	\$ 4,442,340
C	Vacant Land (typically <5 acres)	5,764	\$ 44,511,820
D1/D2	Qualified Open Space Land & Improvements	5,289	\$ 41,021,800
E	Rural Land & Improvements	1,870	\$ 173,312,880
F1	Commercial Real Property	273	\$ 52,729,500
F2	Industrial Real Property	7	\$ 21,174,410
G	Oil/Gas/Minerals	4,205	\$ 17,733,170
J	Utilities	174	\$ 97,070,370
L	Commercial/Industrial Personal Property	439	\$ 77,832,362
M1	Mobile Homes Only	190	\$ 5,293,680
O	Residential Inventory	47	\$ 1,316,190
X	Exempt Property	2,875	\$ 50,441,682
TOTAL		25,381	\$ 1,367,163,104

EXEMPTIONS:

HOMESTEAD:

County 20% (Not less than \$5000.00)
 Franklin Co. Rd \$3000.00 plus additional 20%
 Special Bridge the ONLY exemption Veteran Disability
 Schools:
 Mount Vernon \$25,000.00
 Winnsboro \$25,000.00
 City- Mt. Vernon NONE
 Winnsboro NONE

Disabled Veterans:

Percent of Disability	Exemption Amount
10-29%	\$ 5,000
30-49%	\$ 7,500
50-69%	\$ 10,000
70-100%	\$ 12,000

OVER-65/HOMESTEAD OR DISABILITY/HOMESTEAD:

County 20% plus additional \$12,000.00-CEILING
 Franklin Co. Rd 20% plus additional \$12,000.00-CEILING
 Special Bridge the ONLY exemption is Veteran Disability
 School:
 Mt. Vernon \$41,000.00-CEILING
 Winnsboro \$35,000.00-CEILING
 City- Mt. Vernon \$ 3,000.00-CEILING
 Winnsboro \$10,000.00-CEILING

100% Disabled Veteran with service connected disability and/or unemployability may qualify for 100% total exemption

WATER DISTRICT: the ONLY exemption is Veteran Disability

Other Exemptions:

Other commonly occurring exemptions include:

- Cemetery exemptions
- Religious Organizations
- Veteran’s Organizations

For more possible exemptions, please refer to Chapter 11 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

2019 CERTIFIED VALUES:

Franklin County	\$ 1,301,897,245	\$ 1,204,938,365
Mt. Vernon ISD	\$ 1,196,792,090	\$ 987,855,447
City of Mt. Vernon	\$ 136,576,748	\$ 135,406,888
Saltillo ISD	\$ 1,385,070	\$ 1,089,090
Sulphur Bluff ISD	\$ 3,673,990	\$ 3,551,140
Winnsboro ISD	\$ 78,665,695	\$ 67,277,355
Rivercrest ISD	\$ 20,314,550	\$ 18,446,370
City of Winnsboro	\$ 24,212,210	\$ 23,368,870
Franklin Co. Water	\$ 1,312,203,775	\$ 1,305,076,055

Homestead Count:

General Homestead:	1,265
Over-65 Homestead:	1,277
Disability Homestead:	97
Over-65 (No HS)	0
Partial Disabled Veteran	109
100% Disabled Veteran	34
Total Homestead Parcels	2,782

Appraisal Review Board Information:

Primary Responsibilities

- Determine protests initiated by property owners;
- Determine challenges initiated by taxing units;
- Correct clerical errors in the appraisal records and the appraisal rolls;
- Act on motions to correct appraisal rolls under Section 25.25 of the Property Tax Code;
- Determine whether an exemption or special valuation is improperly granted or denied;
- Take action or make any other determination that is specifically authorized or required by the tax code.

Informal Review

The Franklin County Appraisal District (FCAD) offers informal reviews as a courtesy to our property owners and as a means to resolve issues in a relaxed atmosphere without the property owner being further inconvenienced. These informal reviews **are not** a requirement of the Texas Property Tax Code. Informal reviews may take place any time after the "Notice of Appraised Value" has been mailed out **but before the final protest deadline**. Any property owner wishing to do an informal review is encouraged to go ahead and file a formal protest in the event a mutually satisfactory value agreement cannot be reached. Informal reviews will be held for all taxpayers until the protest deadline at which time informal reviews are cut off UNLESS a formal protest has been filed.

Informal reviews with property owners who have formally protested may continue until the week before actual hearings begin or as workload permits.

When a property owner and the FCAD are unable to reach a satisfactory mutual agreement, the disputed value remains at the **noticed value** and if the taxpayer wishes, a formal hearing is scheduled before the Appraisal

Review Board (ARB) if one has not been previously filed.

The Appraisal Review Board does not have jurisdiction over informal reviews. They are constrained from reviewing or rejecting an agreement between an owner and the appraisal district. (PTC 41.01(b)) If the property owner rejects a settlement offer made in person or electronically, the ARB must hear and determine the property owner's protest, provided the owner filed a timely notice of protest.

2019 SUMMARY OF PROTEST DATA:

Protested Value Change Report Summary Information

	Count	Total Protested Value	Total New Value	Total Value Loss	% Change
Value over Market	506	233,745,180	229,808,140	3,937,040	1.68
Value Unequal	426	191,991,800	189,315,300	2,676,500	1.39
Property Should Not Be Taxed In...	0	0	0	0	0.00
Failure to Send Required Notice	2	916,680	902,580	14,100	1.54
Other	58	23,368,220	21,799,900	1,568,320	6.71
Exemption Denied, Modified or Cancelled	14	4,694,020	3,728,480	965,540	20.57
Change in Land Use	4	231,020	231,020	0	0.00
Ag Special Use Denied, Modified or Cancelled	6	1,659,280	1,532,940	229,700	13.84
Owner's name is Incorrect	10	15,660	15,660	0	0.00
Property Should Not Be Taxed in Appraisal District..	0	0	0	0	0.00

Please Note: Parcels may be included in one or more of the above categories.

	Count	Total Protested Value	Total New Value	Total Value Loss	% Change
Protest Withdrawn	150	42,166,980	42,155,200	11,780	0.03
Protest Settled	292	155,897,760	152,208,580	3,689,180	2.37
Protest No Shows	54	19,206,280	19,206,280	0	0.00
Protest Board Order NO Change	50	11,297,080	11,264,180	32,900	0.29
Protest Board Order Change	30	12,850,520	12,004,020	846,500	6.59
Totals	576	241,418,620	236,838,260	4,580,360	1.90

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