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OKLAHOMA CITY (Free Press) – In the first meeting of the new fiscal year (FY22) for Oklahoma County, the Board of County Commissioners approved a wide range of spending on agreements that went into effect July 1.

Many of the expenditures were routine concerning such items as copiers, maintenance agreements, and many other types of spending that need to happen each year to keep county services running.

Most notable were actions to pay for:

- Courthouse elevator modernization
- Systems for the Sheriff
- Jail-to-courthouse transfer agreement with Jail Trust
- New computer citizen access to the County Assessor's office through the Internet

## County Assessor online filing improvements

CARES Act funds of \$205,000 were approved to give more access to the County Assessor services online which will reduce the number of people who currently have to come to the Annex for a number of services.

Once the new systems are in place, county residents will be able to file the following online:

- Business Personal Rendition
- Farm Personal Rendition
- Manufactured Home Rendition
- Freeport Exemption Rendition
- Homestead Application

- Additional Homestead Application
- Senior Valuation Freeze Application
- Charitable Tax Exemption
- Real Estate Valuation Appeal
- Personal Property Valuation Appeal

“For the longest time, our goal has been to be able to do that, but we never had the money to be able to do it,” County Assessor Larry Stein told Free Press after the meeting.”

Stein said that the “COVID funds” are designed to reduce contact in public spaces and so that’s how they were able to use that money for the new public access.

“We’ve had concerns about being able to have a system where the technology would be secure, and accurate, and we’d be able to have everything blend right into our database,” Stein continued. And, this new system would be able to do that.