

**Public Notice**

The Ascension Parish Assessor will hold a Public Hearing/Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on December 13, 2023 in order to receive citizens' input concerning the amended budget for the year 2023 and the proposed budget for the year 2024. This meeting will be held in the Assessor's Office, 815 E. Worthey St., Gonzales, LA 70737. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written or oral comment.

**Ascension Parish Assessor's Office  
Amended Budget for 2023 and Proposed Budget for 2024**

	2023			2024
	Projected	Adjusted	Budget	Projected
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>			\$4,567,550	\$4,681,050
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$3,045,000	-	\$3,045,000	\$3,500,000
Interest Income	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$10,000
Other Income	\$15,000	-	\$15,000	\$15,000
Special Assessments	\$77,000	\$200,000	\$277,000	-
Proceeds from Sale Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
State sources:				
State Revenue Sharing Funds	\$110,000	-	\$110,000	\$110,000
State Grant	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,249,500</b>	<b>\$207,500</b>	<b>\$3,457,000</b>	<b>\$3,635,000</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Full Time Employees	\$1,430,000	\$103,000	\$1,533,000	\$1,630,000
Part Time Employees	\$80,000	\$5,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Expense Allowance	\$14,500	\$500	\$15,000	\$15,500
Retirement	\$290,000	-	\$290,000	\$331,000
Insurance Benefits	\$480,000	-	\$480,000	\$495,000
Office Expenses				
Agency Insurance and Bonds	\$35,000	-	\$35,000	\$35,000
Required Publication and Announcement	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	\$1,000
Vehicle, Fuel and Maintenance	\$10,000	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
Bank Charges and Misc Fees	\$500	-	\$500	\$500
Continuing Education, Conferences, Seminars	\$25,000	-	\$25,000	\$25,000
Office Supplies, Copiers	\$30,000	-	\$30,000	\$30,000
Dues, Fees, and Misc Subscriptions	\$15,000	-	\$15,000	\$15,000
Postage and Mailing	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$11,000	\$20,000
Misc Services, Water, Signs, Uniforms	\$10,000	-	\$10,000	\$10,000
Mileage and Meals	\$26,000	-	\$26,000	\$28,000
Misc Services on As Needed Basis	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Telecommunications and Internet	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Professional Services	\$345,000	-	\$345,000	\$315,000
Capital Outlay	\$350,000	-	\$350,000	\$250,000
Rent and Utilities	\$28,000	-	\$28,000	\$28,000
Grant Expense	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,213,000</b>	<b>\$133,000</b>	<b>\$3,343,500</b>	<b>\$3,378,000</b>
<b>Estimated Ending Fund Balance</b>			\$4,681,050	\$4,938,050

The proposed budget may be examined Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Assessor's Office.

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Ascension Parish Assessor