

The Tulsa County Assessors Office is one of 42 of the state's 77 assessors that passed new audit standards. Ken Yazel, Tulsa County Assessor, said he has been told informally the Tulsa office "achieved the highest score of the 77 assessor's offices by scoring a possible 265 out of 275 possible points." The Oklahoma Tax Commission Ad Valorem Division performed the audit. "I want to congratulate my staff for their performance and professionalism," Yazel said. "We put a great deal of emphasis on training and education and we focus on doing what is fair for all Tulsa County taxpayers no matter who they are. It is very gratifying to know the State Board of Equalization performance audit supports the fact that investments made in the professional development of our staff is delivering the expected results," he added. The State Board of Equalization is made up of top elected officials including the Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor and Inspector, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of Agriculture. The board's various duties include the responsibility to ensure that properties in the state are valued equally within individual counties and across the state. Yazel explained that two years ago the State Board of Equalization adopted and began the implementation of the new performance audit. The expanded audit is more rigorous and objective and comprehensive than its predecessor. It employs a variety of other checks to determine a county's performance. A higher score tends to indicate the more equalized and fair values across the county and the assessor is meeting the professional expectations of the office. "« Tulsa County Assessors Office one of 42 to pass