# **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Property Tax Assistance Division of the Texas Comptroller's requires appraisal districts to publish an annual report. This report provides property owners, taxing units, and other interested parties information about total market and taxable values, average market and taxable values of a residence, and exemptions at the time of certification of values to the taxing entities.

Article 8 of the Texas Constitution defines five basic rules for property taxes:

- Property taxes must be equal and uniform
- Generally, property must be taxed at market value which is defined as "the price at which a property would transfer for cash or its equivalent under prevailing market conditions". There are limited exceptions to this rule, such as productivity value for agricultural land.
- Each property must have a single appraised value.
- Property owners have the right to reasonable notice of increases in the appraised value of their property.

The Jim Hogg County Appraisal District was formed by the Texas Legislature in 1979. Senate Bill 621 required that an appraisal district be established in each county for the purpose of appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes. Appraisal districts are local government political subdivision of the state responsible for appraising property within county boundaries. Prior to the creation of central appraisal districts, each taxing unit followed their own appraisal standards and practices. Values were inaccurate and inequitable. Property owners were required to visit multiple taxing units to resolve any disputes concerning property value. Appraisal districts are independent of the taxing units but are governed by a board which is elected by the taxing entities elected officials.

By law, an appraisal district is to be managed by a professional staff with training and education prescribed by the State of Texas. Appraisers are registered with the Texas Department of Licensing and Registration and must complete courses and exams to become a Registered Professional Appraiser.

Appraisal practices are governed by the Texas Property Tax Code and follow rules established by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Appraisal Districts are audited by the Texas Comptroller of Public Account Property Tax Assistance Division in alternating years conducting a property value study and Methods and Assistance Program (MAPS) review. Results of both reviews are available on the Comptroller's website.

Jim Hogg County Appraisal District has five taxing entities within the District's boundaries. Currently these taxing entities are as follows:

- 1. Jim Hogg County
- 2. Jim Hogg County I.S.D
- 3. Jim Hogg Water Control and Improvement District
- 4. Jim Hogg County Fire District
- 5. Jim Hogg County Brush Country Groundwater District

There are no school districts that overlap into Jim Hogg County Appraisal District. Current state law requires that overlapping jurisdictions match values in the overlapping areas, none are necessary.

The Chief Appraiser is the chief administrative and executive officer of the appraisal district. The Chief Appraiser employs and directs the district's staff, oversees all aspects of the appraisal districts operations and performs either directly or through the district staff a variety of operations.

The Chief Appraiser's responsibilities are as follows:

- 1. Discover, list and appraise.
- 2. Determine exemption and special use requests
- 3. Organize periodic reappraisals
- 4. Notify taxpayers, taxing units and the public about matters that affect property values.

Jim Hogg County Appraisal District is an office consisting of the Certified Chief Appraiser, The office Manager/clerk, one appraiser/ 911 coordinator and one Receptionist / clerk.

The Chief Appraiser and Appraiser have the responsibility to value the properties assigned and performs most fieldwork on the appraisal of real property and commercial personal property.

The Appraisal District employs the services of Pritchard and Abbott, Inc. valuation Consultants, an appraisal firm to appraise all minerals, industrial plants, pipelines, industrial personal property and utilities within the boundaries of the appraisal district. The District uses the services of Pritchard and Abbott Inc. for its data processing of all appraisal records.

#### **OVERVIEW OF TYPE OF PROPERTIES APPRAISED**

There are four major categories of property appraised by the Jim Hogg County Appraisal District. These categories are:

- 1. Real Properties: Residential, Multi-Family, Commercial, Vacant lots, Farm/Ranch Land and Farm/Ranch Improvements.
- 2. Personal Properties: Business personal properties and industrial personal properties.
- 3. Utilities: Telephone companies, television cable, gas companies etc.
- 4. Minerals: Oil and gas production.

The Property Tax Division of the state comptroller's office requires properties to be identified by type by using a standard identification code. The codes currently used by the Jim Hogg County Appraisal District are as follows:

| Code | Type of Property                     |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| A1   | Residential (land with improvements) |
| A1M  | Mobile Homes                         |
| A2   | Residential (land with mobile home)  |
| A3   | Single Family Residence              |
| B1   | Real Residence Multi-Family          |
| B2   | Duplexes                             |
| C1   | Vacant Land (lots)                   |
| C2   | Vacant Land (Misc.)                  |
| C3   | Vacant Misc.                         |
| D1   | Real Acreage Ranchland               |
| D2   | Non-Ag. Land                         |
| E1   | Real Farm & Ranch improvements       |
| E2   | Mobile Homes Rural                   |

| E3 | Imps. Misc.                     |
|----|---------------------------------|
| F1 | Real Commercial Building        |
| F2 | Real Industrial                 |
| G1 | Oil, Gas and Mineral Reserves   |
| H1 | Tangible Personal               |
| l1 | Banks                           |
| J1 | Real & Tangible Pers. Utilities |
| J2 | Gas Companies                   |
| J3 | Electric Companies              |
| J4 | Telephone Companies             |
| J5 | Railroads                       |
| J6 | Pipelines                       |
| J7 | Other                           |
| J8 | Other                           |
| K1 | Tangible Personal               |
| L1 | Tangible Personal               |
| L2 | Tangible Personal               |
| M1 | Tangible Personal               |
| M2 | Tangible Personal               |
| N1 | Intangible Personal             |
| X  | Exempt                          |

## 2020 Certified Value Information

The 2020 certified appraisal roll for Jim Hogg County indicates a total of 8,531 parcels. The breakdown of some of these parcels is as follows:

| 1. | Residential             | 2,037 |
|----|-------------------------|-------|
| 2. | Multifamily residence   | 27    |
| 3. | Mobile Homes            | 70    |
| 4. | Real Acreage Ranchland  | 1,828 |
| 5. | Ranch Improvements      | 263   |
| 6. | Vacant lots & acres     | 497   |
| 7. | Commercial & Industrial | 216   |
| 8. | Mineral                 | 1,591 |

| 9. Utilities          | 149  |
|-----------------------|------|
| 10. Personal Property | 279  |
| 11. Exempt properties | 1574 |

Information on the 2020 certified appraisal roll, new taxable value, new exemptions, total exemption loss and average homestead value:

| Total Market Value:         | \$1,013,159,252 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Real before exemptions      | 346,144,536     |
| Personal Property           | 11,040,602      |
| Mineral/Industrial Property | 208,116,900     |
| Exemptions & Cap Loss       | 7,027,350       |
| Protest                     | 366,220         |

This chart shows the total Market Value Distribution by Property Category

| New Taxable Value               | \$3,282,680 |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--|
| New Exemptions                  | \$ 0        |  |
| Value loss due to new Ag/Timber | \$ 0        |  |
| Average Homestead Value         | \$ 59,837   |  |

## **Protest and Notice Summary**

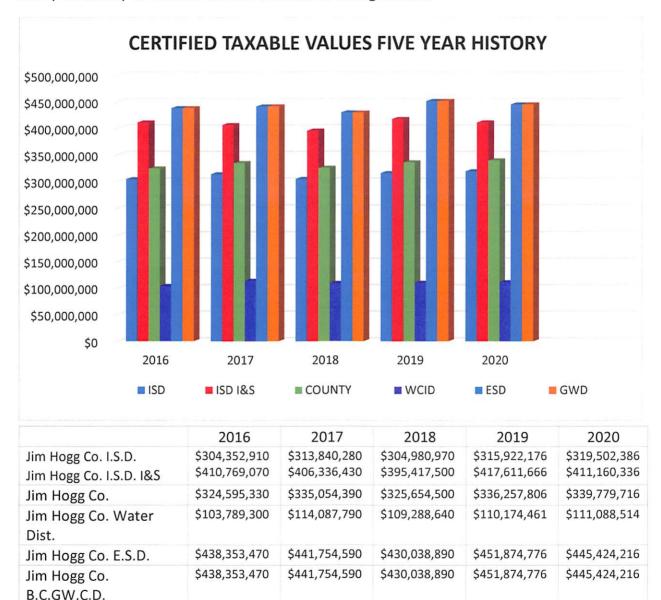
| Total Real Property protest filed | 25 |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Total Mineral protests filed      | 40 |
| Total Protests filed              | 65 |
| Number of No shows                | 2  |
| Settlements & Waivers             | 35 |

| Affidavits         | 0  |
|--------------------|----|
| Withdrawals        | 21 |
| Board Order Change | 7  |

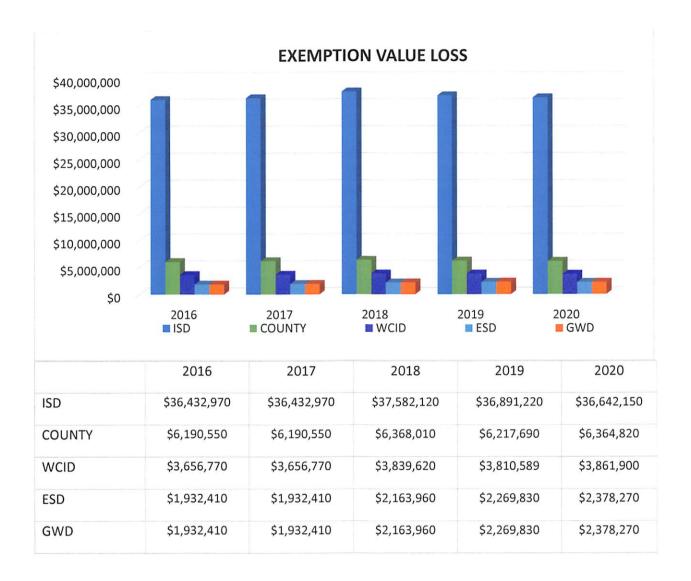
#### Historical Data

The following is historical information on total certified taxable value, new value, exemption value loss and average homestead value.

Five-year history of certified taxable value for all taxing entities.



This graph illustrates a five-year history of value loss due to homestead, disability, veterans and total exempt property



New Construction Effort: August 1, 2019-January 1, 2021

Jim Hogg County does not have in place an ordinance to issue building permits; therefore, the identification of new construction was performed by utilizing the following resources:

- Field appraiser drive-outs
- Property Owners
- I contact utility companies for permits issued



This graph illustrates a five-year history of new value which includes residential, personal property and minerals.

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