

Questionable Valuation

Below is a small sample of Jefferson County parcels appraised at less then their last sale price. The sample suggests that there are many millions of dollars of value un-taxed county wide. The source of this data is the Jefferson County Electronic Courthouse. There may be legitimate but not obvious reasons for these. These may be due to poor methodology. Or the problem could be much more serious. Only an independent audit can determine the answer. Audits are necessary to keep even the most honest man from being tempted by the large amount of taxpayer's money at risk.

Sample Taxes Based on Sales 10-2005 through 9-2006

2007 Tax Value	Last Sale Price	Value un-Taxed	Date Sold
224900	700000	475100	5/1/2004
237800	649000	411200	12/1/2004
664400	975000	310600	12/1/2005
188300	362900	174600	4/1/2005
614900	725000	110100	10/1/1999
577000	685000	108000	4/1/2006
359100	465000	105900	6/1/2004
410900	490000	79100	6/1/2006
1631400	1710000	78600	9/1/2005
672400	750000	77600	8/1/2004

These were sent to Mr. Tim Russell commissioner of the ADOR on 5/17/2008. No response yet..