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## Website 2017 Images Updated NEW Features Reveal Changes

“New aerial images of Oklahoma County for 2017 are on the Oklahoma County Assessor’s internationally recognized website at a substantial savings to taxpayers with greater clarity and features,” according to Larry Stein, chief deputy for Oklahoma County Assessor Leonard Sullivan.

“The webpage is always being updated with new features and this latest change is really neat because you can see any changes from 2015 (the last images purchased) and the new 2017 images with 3 inch pixels that are substantially clearer and reveal even better detail than ever before,” Stein said.

“While these images are the best ever, because the assessor’s office purchased these images with other communities in and around Oklahoma County, the cost was a substantial savings to taxpayers. The original images in 2000, cost more than \$200,000. By creating a purchasing group, the Oklahoma County portion was around \$14,000,” Stein said.

“These savings are in addition to the other savings the assessor’s office has implemented over the years. The Oklahoma Tax Commission estimated the assessor’s office would need an additional 52 employees in a state report a few years ago. By implementing computers and leading-edge technology the assessor’s office has saved taxpayers approximately \$4 million in reduced salary and benefit costs,” Stein said.

“Over time the assessor’s office has eliminated taxpayer funded vehicles and through cross-training reduced the staff by 10 full time employees that has saved taxpayers approximately \$700,000 in reduced salary and benefits costs. It doesn’t stop there, the assessor’s office negotiated a mail contract that saved more than \$81,422 in reduced mailing costs for the more than 432,329 pieces of mail sent out last year,” Stein said.

“This latest mapping feature has been announced on our webpage and will become another feature we can provide to help those groups who learn more about our site in what we call our ‘Web-Ucation’ classes. The classes are provided free of charge and the assessor’s office is in the process of obtaining certification from the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission and the Oklahoma Bar Association to determine if legal and real estate professionals can earn Continuing Education Credit for attending the classes,” Stein said.

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(Editors-If you would like a demonstration of these new web features we can walk your reporters through the site or we would be available to show them the new features in person at our office or at your studios.)