

Assessor's Office Update

April 16, 2024

What is happening in the Assessor's Office?

- Closing of the Rolls: I am overseeing, leading, and assisting staff to meet our all of our statutory requirements for closing of the Assessment rolls by May 22nd.
- **PUMA Implementation**: I am very involved as we actively work on our PUMA implementation and our personal property statewide system.
- SLVLESA Board: I have been actively serving on the SLVLESA Board.
- MCAT Board: I have been serving on the MCAT Board.
- **SOAR Project**: I am the Chair of the Salt Lake County SOAR project.
- TAB Chair: I have served as Chair, Vice Chair and now again as Chair for TAB (Technology Advisory Board).
- Fleet Board: I was recently appointed and look forward to serving on the Fleet Board for Salt Lake County.
- Serving the Citizens of Salt Lake County: Our office works very hard every day to be wise stewards of our County funding and to serve the wonderful citizens of Salt Lake County.

2023 Personal Property Audit Program:



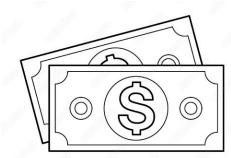
886 Audits



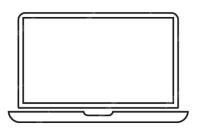
\$2.1 Million Escaped Taxes Collected



\$1.6 Million Return on Investment



Discovered Over \$178
Million in Escaped
Taxable Value



Cost of Audit Program: \$472,000

Return on Investment: 4.4 to 1

What we have been asked to do in 2024:

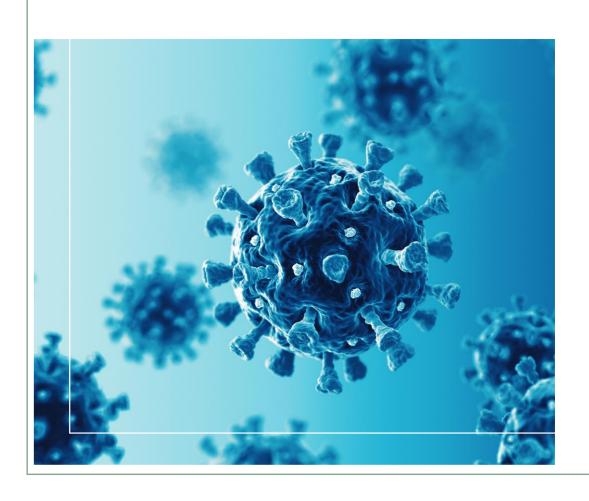
• 50% Permanent Cut-Travel Budget = -\$10,000

■ -1.00 FTE - Permanent-Salary & Bene= -\$145,792.99

2% Cut to Operations Budget = -\$47,718

■ 3% Cut to Personnel Budget = -\$392,629

Additionally, COVID Cuts in the amount of -\$332,869 still remain in our Operations Contra Account:



- 2020, due to the COVID pandemic, our office worked to identify \$356,369 in cuts that were placed into our Operations Contra account.
- 2021: \$7,193 was restored to our budget.
- 2022: \$16,307 was restored to our budget.
- -\$332,869 remains in the contra account <u>in</u> <u>addition</u> to the 2% cuts for 2024, bringing the total contra account to -**\$380,587**. This figure amounts to <u>more than 16%</u> of our current \$2,348,200 Operations budget.

Motor Vehicle Collections Costs

Contracted with Utah State Tax Commission

Total cost in 2023: \$1,564,160.26

approximately **65%** of our 2023 Operations budget.

Collections rate per transaction increased from \$1.65 each to \$1.73 each in 2024. The number of transactions continues to rise as our County grows.



We anticipate this expense alone will take at least **66.6%** of our current 2024 Operations Budget.

In 2023, we permanently gave up 1.00 FTE

Position #00000607

Commercial Sales Analyst

The amount permanently deducted from our budget was combined Salary & Benefits -\$145,792.99



In addition to limiting Overtime during our busiest season, this is what we have been doing to meet Personnel contra of -\$392,629 as of March 30, 2024

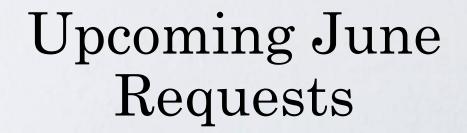
Currently 6 vacant positions

\$169,746.77

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QA Coord.

		Position	2024 Approx. Biweekly Sal & Ben	# of Pay Periods Vacant	Estimated Savings while unfilled
00	Pos. # 0000654	Res. Manager	\$5,327.81	5	\$26,639.05
	Pos. # 0000648	Res. Manager	\$3,529.50	5	\$17,647.50
00	Pos. # 0000594	Commercial Appraiser II	\$5,159.27	7	\$36,114.89
	Pos. # 0000679	Cert. Res. Appraiser	\$4,566.60	5	\$22,833.00
	Pos. # 0000676	Residential Appraiser	\$3,333.58	7	\$23,335.06
	Pos. # 0000651	Real Property Specialist	\$3,785.65	7	\$26,499.55
	Pos. # 0000662	Residential QA Coord.	\$4,058.50	2	\$8,117.00
	Pos. #	Residential	\$4,280.36	2	\$8,560.72



- We are actively doing our part.
- We are feeling the pain.
- The current situation is not sustainable.
- We will be requesting the following:



Restoration of the COVID Contra amount of \$332,869.

Restoration of half of the 2024 contra cuts:

Operations: \$23,859 Personnel: \$196,314.50

We will work with HR to reclassify an FTE to the Commercial Sales Analyst position.

Thank you for all that you do for our office and for the citizens of Salt Lake County.

