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Assessor awarded Three Star Certification

JONESBOROUGH -- High standards in the Washington County Assessor's Office certainly paid off as the office recently received the 2019 Three Star Certification from the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers.

"We strive to provide the highest level of service to Washington County residents, and are honored to be one of the few offices to receive this award," said Assessor of Property Scott Buckingham. "My staff is exceptional and we make it a priority to keep up-to-date on the dynamics of mass appraisals through continuing education opportunities. Most importantly, we strive to provide a fair assessment to every property owner in Washington County."

The Three Star Certification is an annual certification process. The comptroller's Division of Property Assessments independently reviews every Assessor of Property's office for technical compliance. Each office must successfully complete the monitoring process and complete the necessary continuing education requirements. Once the standards are met, the assessor of property submits application to the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers for verification.

The Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers is a professional organization composed of the elected officials serving as assessors of property in Tennessee. The association's purpose is to work on behalf of the people of Tennessee to ensure fairness and uniformity in statutes regarding the assessment of property as well as to promote excellence through best practices and professionalism amongst those charged with this task.

"The Property Assessor's Offices in Tennessee are among the most technical and complex offices in county government," Buckingham said. "Accuracy and proficiency are extremely important as this office's efforts have a direct impact upon the property values and the equity of the tax distribution amongst property owners and citizens of Washington County."

The certificate was presented on behalf of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officers by the executive director, Will Denami.