

## **Culberson County Appraisal District 2020 Annual Report**

### **Introduction**

The Culberson County Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. The Texas Constitution, Texas Property Tax Code and the Rules of the Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division govern the operations of the appraisal district.

### **Mission**

The mission of the Culberson County Appraisal District is to discover, list and appraise property as accurately, ethically and impartially as possible in order to estimate the market value of all property within the boundaries of Culberson County for ad valorem tax purposes. The district must make sure that each taxpayer is given the same consideration, information and assistance as the next. This is achieved by administering the laws of the Texas property tax system and by operating under the standards of

- The Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division (PTAD);
- The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO); and
- The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

### **Governance**

The Culberson County Appraisal District is governed by a (6) member board of directors selected by the county's participating taxing jurisdictions. The Board's primary responsibilities are to:

- Establish an appraisal districts office;
- Adopt an operating budget;
- Contract for necessary services;
- Hire a chief appraiser;
- Appoint an Appraisal Review Board;
- Provide advice and consent to the chief appraiser concerning the appointment of an Agricultural Advisory Board;
- Make general policies on the appraisal district operations; and
- Biannually develop a written plan for the periodic appraisal of all property within the appraisal district's boundaries.

To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, a person must have resided within the boundaries of Culberson County for at least two years prior to being selected. Directors can serve without term limitations.

The Chief Appraiser is the chief administrator of the appraisal district and appointed by the board of directors. The chief appraiser must be licensed as a Registered Professional Appraiser (RPA) through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

Members of the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) are appointed by the board of directors and serve two year staggered terms. ARB members are limited to three consecutive two year terms. The ARB settles

value disputes between taxpayers and the chief appraiser. In 2020, Culberson County Appraisal District mailed 5,261 notices of appraised value and the ARB heard four formal appeals.

The Agricultural Advisory Board is appointed by the board of directors at the recommendation of the chief appraiser and serves to advise the chief appraiser in determining typical practices and standards for agricultural activities in Culberson County.

**Taxing Jurisdictions**

The Culberson County Appraisal District is responsible for discovering and appraising all properties, real estate and personal property, for each taxing jurisdiction located in Culberson County. Culberson County comprises 3,812 square miles and consists of the following taxing entities:

- Culberson County
- Culberson-Allamore ISD
- Town of Van Horn
- Culberson County Groundwater District
- Culberson County Hospital District

**Property Categories**

The Culberson County Appraisal Districts contains approximately 21,189 parcels consisting of residential, commercial, personal, industrial, utilities and mineral (oil and gas) properties.

Below is a summary of the 2020 appraisals by category:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number of Parcels</b>	<b>Market Value</b>
<b>A Single Family Residential</b>	867	39,549,920
<b>B Multi-family</b>	3	274,570
<b>C Vacant Lots</b>	3,515	7,726,550
<b>D Rural Real</b>	6,261	14,766,940
<b>E Farm/Ranch Improvements</b>	2,145	18,832,770
<b>F1 Commercial Real</b>	180	26,782,250
<b>F2 Industrial Real</b>	20	300,880,710
<b>J Utilities</b>	476	736,710,650
<b>L1 Commercial Personal</b>	143	8,340,960
<b>M Mobile Homes</b>	160	2,506,540
<b>O Residential Inventor</b>	0	0
<b>X Totally Exempt</b>	786	101,097,210
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,556</b>	<b>1,257,469,070</b>

## 2020 Appraisal Operation Summary

In 2020, the Culberson County Appraisal District appraised new property and reappraised existing property in accordance with its written 2021-2022 Reappraisal Plan. Results of the 2019 Comptroller's Property Value Study have been certified to the Commissioner of Education in August 2020. Culberson-Allamore ISD was assigned local appraised values, an indication that the Culberson County Appraisal District is generally appraising property at current market value. The results for the property categories studied are shown below. The next Property Value Study will occur in 2020.

Category	Culberson CAD	Culberson-Allamore ISD
Single Family Residential	37,901,380	38,721,880
Rural Real	18,606,020	18,693,460
Commercial Real	20,805,730	26,501,280
Utilities	107,110	531,479,770
Commercial Personal	7,684,820	10,406,650
Overall	85,105,060	625,803.040

## Exemption Data

Property owners may qualify for a variety of exemptions as provided by the Texas Property Tax Code.

### Residential Homestead

The following chart represents the total exemption amounts granted to homeowners who qualify for this exemption on homes with a maximum of 2 acres.

Jurisdiction	General Homestead	Over 65	Over 55 Surviving Spouse	Disability	100% Disabled Veteran
Culberson County	\$5,000	\$3,000	N/A	N/A	100%
Culberson-Allamore ISD	\$25,000	\$10,000	N/A	\$10,000	100%
Town of Van Horn	N/A	\$3,000	N/A	N/A	100%
Culberson County Groundwater Dist	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%
Culberson County Hospital District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%

For school tax purposes, the over 65, disability, surviving spouse and 100% disabled veteran residential homestead exemptions create a tax ceiling prohibiting increased taxes on the homestead of existing improvements. The tax ceilings are adjusted if new improvements are added to the existing homestead.

Homeowners qualifying for the residential homestead exemption receive a **homestead cap** that limits the increase of **taxable value** on the homestead to ten percent per year.

**Disabled Veterans**

In addition to the residential homestead exemption allowable to disabled veterans with 100% service connected disability, disabled veterans are allowed a general exemption on any property they own based upon the percentage of disability rating determined by the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Current exemptions based on these ratings are:

Percentage Disability	Exemption Amount
10-30%	\$ 5,000
30-50%	\$ 7,500
50-70%	\$10,000
70-100%	\$12,000

**2020 Certified Market Values**

Jurisdiction	Number of Parcels	2020 Market Value	2020 Taxable Value
Culberson County	21,189	3,251,553,540	3,131,502,460
Culberson-Allamore ISD	21,110	3,251,204,170	3,125,566,170
Town of Van Horn	1,721	86,366,320	79,237,050
Culberson County Groundwater District	8,262	567,716,530	553,280,470
Culberson County HD	21,110	3,251,204,170	3,137,150,570

**2020 Tax Rates**

Jurisdiction	Tax Rate per \$100 of Taxable Value
Culberson County	.161306
Culberson-Allamore ISD	1.27470
Town of Van Horn	.482987
Culberson County Groundwater District	.034355
Culberson County Hospital District	.119229