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PRESS RELEASE

AT&T Mobility voluntarily withdraws lawsuits for 2013 & 2014.

Jefferson County, January 23, 2015: Jefferson County Property Appraiser, Angela Gray has successfully settled the lawsuits filed in 2013 and 2014 by AT&T Mobility LLC.

"It has taken about a year to settle the original dispute and I was pleased that AT&T was willing to put the 2014 lawsuit to rest at the same time." states Gray. In 2013 the disagreement between the Property Appraiser's value and AT&T Mobility's value calculated to an additional \$35,000 in tax revenue for the entire county. After negotiations and finally gaining access to the actual equipment shelters at the 10 locations being disputed, an adjustment was given to AT&T that credited the plaintiff approximately \$7,000.

In 2014, the complaint filed by AT&T was essentially the same, and considering depreciation of the AT&T assets, the tax revenue amount being disputed was around \$30,000. The Property Appraiser's Office stood firm on the 2014 value and successfully negotiated settling this suit without reducing any values.

A one-time cost of approximately \$25,000 resulted collectively in a gain of \$58,000 in tax revenue for the two years that were in dispute. The county benefits from an additional \$30,000 of tax revenue that reoccurs every year, less depreciation. Gray states, "Our office has worked diligently to defend what we believed to be an accurate assessment. I am proud that we could preserve this new revenue. Remember that as long as you have a good steward in the Property Appraiser's Office who will defend tax rolls that are fair and equitable to all tax payers, everyone in Jefferson County will benefit."