

County property details available on line

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Dawson County property owners can now access details about their homes, businesses and farms through Internet technology .

The county assessor's office has implemented GIS Workshop (GISW) for public use at www.dawson.gisworkshop.com.

County assessor John Moore said the process is fairly self-explanatory.

Moore described the service as a work in progress.

"As we check through the records we sometimes discover that the newest survey is not yet showing on the map," he explained. "Hopefully, there are not a huge number of these. We will fix them as we come to them."

Moore explained how the website works:

After a viewer accesses the GISW website, a large map of Dawson County appears.

In the upper left corner of the map, is a "get started" tab which rolls down and gives two choices for searching—one choice is finding a property and the other is map navigation.

Common tools appear across the top of the map area such as panning, enlarging and other devices.

By clicking on the name that is being sought, the assessor said information from the appraisal records come up.

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“It’s also possible to look at a layer of aerial photography from 2012 satellite exposures,” Moore said.

While building the website, GISW matched assessment records with GIS measurements and established property boundaries accordingly, he explained, noting that the program also utilizes certified irrigated acres from the Central Platte Natural Resources District.

He noted that the site may not have photos of every house in the county yet but the project is ongoing.

Photos are updated routinely when the property is examined by an appraiser who is working for the county, Moore said, adding that laws require a property to be inspected on site at least once every six years.

Aerial photographs of rural sites will be taken and included on the site after foliage has dropped from the trees and harvest has mostly been completed.

Moore said the site includes basic facts about property such as house style and square feet. Acre counts on farm ground are more than likely to be correct because the figures have been there for many years.

Moore said current ownership may take a couple of months to catch up with by register of deed filings but they appear to be accurate for the majority of the records.

For more information about the GISW service, call Moore’s office at 308-324-3471.

He requests that property owners be patient with his staff as members work through a learning curve with the program and may not know specifics yet.

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