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Hico Sponsors Appraisal Protest Training

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On Thursday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hico Activity Center, the City of Hico is sponsoring a workshop to help equip local citizens, who feel their property has been over-valued on the tax rolls, to file a protest with the appraisal district. As do the other local taxing entities, the City needs property tax revenues to fund the (non-utility) services it provides. The City Council, however, doesn't want anyone paying more taxes than they ought to. It's important that the valuations entered on the property tax rolls reflect true market values.

The workshop is being conducted by Randy McKechnie of RLM Consulting and Forest Sanderson of According to Value, Ltd. Both of these gentlemen hail from Arlington and are intimately acquainted with the ins and outs of protesting appraisal district valuations.

Last May, the Hico City Council conducted a special meeting to address concerns about property valuations within the city. Having been made aware of the situation by an article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sanderson and McKechnie were intrigued by the Council's stance and decided to make the 90 some-odd mile trek to attend the meeting. The two provided valuable guidance to the Council during that meeting and generously offered to return at a future date to train local citizens how to effectively protest inaccurate appraisal district valuations.

With the window of opportunity for filing protests with the appraisal district fast approaching, Hico City Administrator Michael Leamons recently made arrangements for the April 25th training session. Citizens are encouraged to obtain the training even if they are satisfied with their own appraisals so they can be available to assist fellow citizens who might be intimidated by the appraisal protest process.

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