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Auditor to Increase Identification of Taxable Personal Property in Beaufort County (Fair Share Program)

Starting last September the Beaufort County Auditor's Office started a review of taxable personal property to ensure records are up to date and complete. Our focus has been in three areas: communications, streamlining the process, and listing all taxable property. The Auditor's website, while a work in progress, outlines the classes of taxable property with reporting requirements. The office is available to answer any additional questions a taxpayer may have. Changes made to streamlining the motor vehicle process has improved reporting and allows more time for taxpayers to pay their renewal tax bill. Improvements with the listing of taxable property has resulted in over \$27 million dollars in taxable property being added to the tax rolls, resulting in new tax accounts being created that have paid over \$345,000.00 in personal property taxes this year.

As communications and streamlining continue in the Auditor's Office the accurate reporting of taxable property will help ensure everyone pays their fair share. Types of property being reviewed for assessment by the Auditor's Office include motor vehicles, boats and motors registered with DNR, document vessels registered with the US Coast Guard, aircraft, business property, residential rentals and others. As the county's population increases and the natural growth in the property tax base occurs the fair share program will be instrumental in keeping taxes as low as possible for everyone.