

# TAXPAYER TIPS

**OBJECTIVE:** The primary objective of the Assessor's Office, as well as the Equalization Board, is to arrive at a "fair market value" of your property.

**"The burden is on the petitioner to show that such assessment was unfair as compared with the assessment of other lands of the same kind and similarly situated."** Doniphon Lumber Co. v. Cleburne County, 138 Ark. 449(1919)

## BE PREPARED FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

1. Get property card from the Assessor's Office or online. (You will need your parcel number. If more than one parcel, list them all.)
2. Check measurements and features listed on Assessor's card.
3. Submit photos of your home.
4. If possible, list any problems or discrepancies.
5. Bring with you any recent appraisals or valuation statements.
6. Compare your property value with other properties recently sold in your area. For appraisal purposes, square foot quantities are based on outside dimensions rounded to whole feet.
7. Bring with you estimates or expenditures made on recent construction or modifications to your property.