

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **2006 PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATION NOTICES**

The Jefferson County Appraiser's Office will be mailing out Personal Property Valuation Notices on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006. If you own personal property in Jefferson County, once you receive your notice of valuation, please review the notice for accuracy of property information and check to see if you were assessed a penalty for not reporting your property.

If the valuation notice states that there is a penalty assessed to your value, then please contact the Appraiser's Office to find out how you can minimize the penalty amount. Pursuant to Kansas law, if a property owner does not report their personal property on or before March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, late-filing and/or non-filing penalties will apply up to 50%.

Types of personal property that should be reported to the Appraiser's Office annually are items such as commercial/industrial machinery and equipment, all watercraft, ATV's, golf carts, manufactured/mobile homes, general use trailers, etc.

If the valuation notice does not correctly represent what was owned and taxable as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 or if you wish to appeal the value, you will need to contact the Appraiser's Office at (785) 863-2080 or 1-877-278-4118. The appeal deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

If this deadline is missed, the next opportunity to appeal will be when the first half taxes are paid on or before December 20<sup>th</sup>. A taxpayer cannot appeal the notice of value and pay the taxes under protest for the same property for the same tax year.

Upon a timely appeal of your personal property value, an informal meeting will be held with the property owner and the county. The meeting may be held over the phone or in person. During the meeting, the appraiser has the duty to initiate production of evidence to substantiate the value that was placed on the property. In return, the taxpayer must submit information to support the value he or she believes should be on the property. Documentation must be provided to get the property removed from the tax roll such as bill-of-sale, bankruptcy papers, repossession papers, filing from other county, etc.