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Subject: Coles county Illinois assessment issue

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Adrienne,

My name is Cory Sanders and I am a county board member in Coles County Illinois. In the past I know you have been in contact with Karen Biddle our Supervisor of assessments about our issue here in Coles County(see attached). To refresh your memory, our county over the past 16 years have failed to do a county wide reassessment on commercial properties...so this year our county hired an appraiser to do a revaluation using Devnet for 120k...and were told by the DOR that the county could spread this out over 4 years and do just a few townships every year. So for budgeting purposes that is what the county did. Furthermore we have published and rolled to the Board or Review. Well this has caused a storm of angry voters...not so much over receiving a reassessment but more the fact that the county started with one township which made it seem to voters they were picking and choosing who gets hit with an increase first rather than the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year. As I believe this reassessment needs to be done, however I do understand the anger over this chosen process.

My question to you...is there a statute that says the county can't delay those increases back until 2018 tax year? That would give us this year to expedite the process and get the entire county assessed so everyone gets a reassessment in 2018 which seems to me the fair and balanced way to do it...I know the statute does say a reassessment needs to be done every four years...since the previous county boards didn't abide by the statute for the last 16 we now face constituents that argue that the state statute hasn't been followed all these years...at least do the reassessment in a fair and balanced way across the board. So the questions I have for you are:

1. Can the county revert the township they did reassess and delay the new assessed valuations until all townships this year so all reassessments are hitting people in the same calendar year?
2. Is there any kind of penalty the county could receive if we do revert back to previous assessment for this year?
3. Is there a statute that says there is nothing we can do in this situation?

Any advice would be greatly appreciated...Thanks!

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