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## **Crawford County Auditor**

## News Release

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## **AUDITOR'S OFFICE CAN HELP IF YOUR PROPERTY IS DAMAGED**

Bucyrus – Due to the recent storms and tornadoes in Crawford County, Auditor Robyn Sheets is announcing that her office is available to help property owners whose property may have been damaged as a result of the storms.

"Ohio law gives County Auditors the authority to reduce real estate values for properties that have been damaged or destroyed by a storm, fire, or other disaster," said Auditor Sheets.

For a building that was either damaged or destroyed, it may be eligible for a tax reduction. Affected property owners can file an application with the Auditor's Office for valuation deduction (DTE Form 26) or an application for tax refund for destroyed manufactured homes (DTE Form 49).

Applications can be found online at <a href="https://ccauditor.crawford-co.org/real-estate/">https://ccauditor.crawford-co.org/real-estate/</a>, by calling 419-562-7941 to request a form by mail, or by emailing <a href="mailto:auditor@crawford-co.org">auditor@crawford-co.org</a> to request a form by email. Property owners may also visit the Crawford County Auditor's Office at 112 E. Mansfield St., Bucyrus, Ohio between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Once a completed application is received by the Auditor's Office, a property appraiser will visit the property to gather information and observe the property in order to determine an adjustment to the property's estimated market value based on the severity of damage.

In closing, Auditor Sheets reminds property owners that, "We are here as a resource, we are here to help property owners, and we are here to assure the fair and equitable valuation of properties in Crawford County."

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