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The GIS department administers the Land Management Information System for the county.

This is a massive series of data bases that holds -

all parcel data

all Tax assessment data

all business license data

Much Department of Transportation data

Much Environmental Department data (sewers, septic, etc

Election data (who is registered by street address)

Schools, fire station, hospital, church, tower, electrical

transmission, pipeline locations

and much more

GIS manages this database at a VERY HIGH level of accuracy

Without this accurate data, there would not be revenue from property or business taxes.

The data changes CONSTANTLY -

property is assessed yearly or when it changes hands

people change names, phone #, address, marriage status, deed

information, mortgage information

property - real land - changes constantly - as parcels are surveyed

and GPS, boundaries are discovered and legal description must be updated.

It is a mistake to assume GIS "just" makes maps. This department consists of highly specialized computer professionals with skills sets that are not mutually interchangeable. While it is real nice to have information presented in graphical formats, the value to the county is in the highly accurate databases.


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