

Wendy Burgess is your Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector and has served since being elected in November 2018 and again in November 2020. Tarrant County is the 15th largest county by population in the US and currently has an approximate population exceeding 2.2 million people with over 1.9 million tax accounts. She is rolling off the TAD board on December 31st.

Burgess owned and operated a successful auto repair business for over 16 years. Later, she ventured into running her own IT company. She proudly served 6 years on Mansfield City Council, served her Rotary Club for 16 years, is a 2 time Paul Harris Fellow, and was Chairman of the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce after serving on the board for 7 years.

Wendy brings business experience and an understanding of the complexities of leading a current staff of over 215 employees and 8 countywide offices with an annual budget of \$18 million to benefit the people of Tarrant County. This office collects a total of \$6.5 billion annually in total revenue. The Tax Office collects for 86 taxing entities in Tarrant County and the State Comptroller predominately through property taxes, state motor vehicle sales tax, and vehicle registration. Complex accounting and reporting are critical in her operations as it is the most audited office in the county and has a stellar audit reputation. In 2023, her office was the first large county to achieve Gold recognition in the TxDMV Performance Review Process. This year-long audit focused on best practices, innovation, operational efficiencies, customer experience, and fraud prevention. Her office has become known for its #ServiceWithaSmile provided to customers in 8 branch locations throughout Tarrant County.

Tax Assessor-Collector Burgess understands the unique symbiotic relationship between the entities and taxpayers. She is eager to listen to industry experts and navigate difficult discussions related to the legal actions this board may consider. Big decisions should be made after thoughtful analysis recognizing the myriad of potential factors impacting all stakeholders.

Burgess is the longest-serving member on the TAD board and is the only subject matter expert currently proposed to serve the entities with the 4 highest designations available to Assessor-Collectors and is a Certified Property Tax Instructor. The entities know Ms. Burgess because they work with her on the collection side, where she runs a highly efficient

operation that collects \$5 billion in property tax on their behalf. The entities will recall when, after being in office for only 5 months, Ms. Burgess solved a decades-long cash flow problem for them related to recalculations, refunds, agreed judgments, and litigation that started at \$15 million and has now reached an astounding \$90 million a year. This is money that, by law, must be refunded by the Tax Office on behalf of the entity within 60 days of certification by the Chief Appraiser. In many cases, the entities have received and spent this money years ago, which is why this solution was hailed as a saving grace by so many entities over the past 5 1/2 years. This is one example of why entities need Wendy Burgess on the TAD Board.