

County property tax assessments pass state test

LA PORTE COUNTY — La Porte County property tax assessments passed the test of the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance; officials were told last week.

The department oversees the state's property tax system and found that the county's assessments are "current and up to date," La Porte County Assessor Carol McDaniel told The La Porte County Herald-Argus Friday.

McDaniel said it was a joint effort between her staff, their consultant Nexus Group, and township assessors.

"The method we used was the method the state was looking for," McDaniel said.

Assessment problems in Marion County prompted the government finance department to re-examine assessments in other parts of the state, including La Porte County, even though it was given a passing grade by the department earlier this year.

The problems in Marion County stemmed from outdated commercial and industrial assessments.

"That puts the burden on residential people to pick up the (slack)," McDaniel said.

The re-examination has led the

department to order reassessments for four counties, while another 13 counties have to hold public hearings to address preliminary orders to reassess property, according to a press release from McDaniel's office.

La Porte County was one of 14 counties re-approved.

"Officials in these counties conducted assessments in accordance with state guidelines and demonstrated due diligence in conducting the original assessments," government finance department Commissioner Cheryl Musgrave said in the press release.