

# Narrative

## General Information

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Sales Window (e.g. 1/1/18 to 12/31/18): 1/1/2018 to 12/31/18

If more than one year of sales were used, was a time adjustment applied? If no, please explain why not. If yes, please explain the method used to calculate the adjustment.

### Groupings

In the space below, please provide a list of township and/or major class groupings (if any). Additionally, please provide information detailing how the townships and/or major classes are similar in market.

Howard, Vernon and Madison townships were grouped together: These townships are all rural/residential areas that adjoin each other and have similar location appeal. These areas have similar desirability and economic factors. Only slight differences in sales prices are occurring within these areas.

Jefferson and Monroe townships were grouped together: These townships are all rural/residential areas that adjoin each other and have similar location appeal. These areas have similar desirability and economic factors. Only slight differences in sales prices are occurring within these areas.

Commercial Improved:

We grouped Commercial and Industrial properties together (this includes the Commercial Vacant and Industrial Vacant). The construction types and sizes for the Commercial and Industrial properties are very similar, so these two categories were grouped together when we were developing trending factors. They are grouped that way on the ratio study as well.

Residential Vacant:

The residential vacant sales that are occurring are mostly in residential/agricultural areas and have similar sales activity. These areas have similar desirability and economic factors. Only slight differences in sales prices are occurring within these areas.

**\*\*Please note that groupings made for the sole purpose of combining due to a lack of sales with no similarities will not be accepted by the Department\*\***

**AV Increases/Decreases**

If applicable, please list any townships within the major property classes that either increased or decreased by more than 10% in total AV from the previous year. Additionally, please provide a reason why this occurred.

<b>Property Type</b>	<b>Townships Impacted</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Commercial Improved	Pierce	88-14-24-000-042.000-014 (New Construction) 88-14-24-000-001.001-014 (New Construction)
Commercial Vacant	Pierce Washington	3 Vacant Parcels that are now improved. 3 Vacant Parcels that are now improved.
Industrial Improved		
Industrial Vacant		
Residential Improved		
Residential Vacant	Monroe	Updated Land Rate, New Parcel Splits

**Cyclical Reassessment**

Please explain in the space below which townships were reviewed as part of the current phase of the cyclical reassessment.

**Pierce, Polk and Jackson Townships were reviewed during phase 1 of the cyclical reassessment.**

Was the land order completed for the current cyclical reassessment phase? If not, please explain when the land order is planned to be completed.

**The land order will be completed during phase 4 of the cyclical reassessment.**

## Comments

In this space, please provide any additional information you would like to provide the Department in order to help facilitate the approval of the ratio study. Such items could be standard operating procedures for certain assessment practices (e.g. effective age changes), a timeline of changes made by the assessor's office, or any other information deemed pertinent.

There were not any commercial or industrial unimproved valid land sales since most land available for sale in Jennings County is in row crop.

Almost all neighborhoods that had a representative number of sales fell within acceptable range and if they did not, we applied a factor to get them to meet IAAO standards. Any areas that didn't have a fair representation of sales were combined with an adjoining area of similar economic factors. Please contact me if you have any questions.