

## **Assessor finds another \$144,000**

For schools, county

**By Jim Short**

Thanks to the efforts of Visual Lease Services, the Woods County Assessor's Office has discovered another \$15.5 million in oil and gas property not on the tax rolls, County Assessor Monica Schmidt announced Tuesday.

"That means we now have approximately \$144,000 in tax money available to schools throughout the county and the County General Fund," Schmidt said. "It has all been collected. We have it in our possession."

The County Assessor contracted the VLS about nine years ago to assist in discovery and identifying oil and gas property that is omitted and currently assessed on the tax rolls. Last August, Schmidt announced a settlement with one company that meant \$1.3 million for county schools with the majority ear marked for Alva and NWTC.