



**Hall County Board of Tax Assessors
Meeting Minutes
Hall County Government Center Building
January 22, 2020
4:00 PM**

- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- B. MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2020 MEETING**
- C. CONSERVATION USE**
- D. REFUND REQUEST**
- E. POLICY & PROCEDURES**
- F. 2019 TAX DIGEST**
- G. 2020 TAX DIGEST**
- H. FY2021 BUDGET**
- I. LEGISLATIVE SESSION**
- J. GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS ACADEMY**
- K. IAAO CONFERENCE**
- L. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**
- M. ADJOURN**

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Assessors Present: Randy Smith, Berlinda Lipscomb, Seth Seagraves, Eric Jackson and Jim Henderson.

Others Present: Chief Appraiser Steve Watson, Deputy Chief Appraiser John Smith and Administrative Services Manager Janene Smith with Janene Smith serving as Secretary to the Board of Tax Assessors.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Randy Smith at 4:00 p.m. in the HR Training Room, 2nd Floor, Hall County Government Center Building, 2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504.

5 of 5 Board members present for the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Lipscomb and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved. Mr. Seagraves did not vote.

2. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Remove Exempt Property, add Scholars Acad.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

3. Administrative

a. Conservation Use:

- The Board was presented with a list of covenants that the staff is recommending approval.

Motion to approve the list of staff recommended approvals was made by Mr. Seagraves and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The Board was presented with a list of withdraws due to the death of the owner.

Motion to send an intent to breach letter with no penalty due to death of owner was made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The Board was presented with a list of covenants choosing not to renew.

Motion to approve the list of covenants not renewing was made by Mr. Seagraves and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The staff discussed a possible breach with the Board and ways that it could be fixed.

b. Refund Request:

- The Board was presented with a refund request on #09071 002056 on the name of Odom.
- The owner was charge with a building that had burned.

Motion to approve the refund request on #09071 002056 was made by Mr. Seagraves and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

c. Policy & Procedures:

- The Board outlined a process to get started working on reviewing these.

4. Real/Personal Property Appraisal

a. 2019 Tax Digest:

- The Board was presented with the results of the latest Settlement Conferences.

b. 2020 Tax Digest:

- The staff discussed with the Board some of the changes they are planning on making for 2020.

5. Chief Appraisers Report

a. FY2021 Budget:

- The Board was informed that the staff had received the FY2021 budget packet to start working on.

b. Legislative Session:

- The Board was informed that the new legislative session had begun.

c. Government Scholars Academy:

- Mr. Watson informed the Board that he would be participating in the Government Scholars Academy again this year.

6. Other Business

a. IAAO Conference – Sept. 2-4, 2020:

- Mr. Watson informed the Board that he was planning on attending this conference in the fall.

7. Assessor Comments

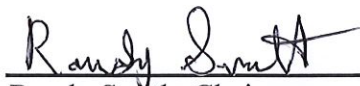
- None at this time.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

In order to speak at a board meeting or to get an item on the board's agenda, contact Steve Watson, Chief Appraiser at 770-531-6733.

*****Handouts and documents presented to the Board of Assessors for consideration and that are not included herein are available upon request for review or copied at a nominal cost per copy. For further information, please contact Administrative Services Manager Janene Smith at 770-531-6739 or jasmith4@hallcounty.org.**


Randy Smith, Chairman


Janene Smith, Recording Secretary
