



Hall County Board of Tax Assessors
Meeting Minutes
Hall County Government Center Building
May 27, 2020
4:00 PM

- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- B. MINUTES FROM MAY 6, 2020 MEETING
- C. COVID-19 RESPONSE & INTERVENTION
- D. PILOT AGREEMENT – FOX MANUFACTURING
- E. 2020 HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS
- F. EXEMPT PROPERTY
- G. 2020 TAX DIGEST
- H. FY2021 BUDGET
- I. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD
- J. 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.

5 of 5 Board members present for the meeting. ***Meeting conducted as a virtual meeting***

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Seagraves seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

2. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None at this time

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

3. Administrative

a. COVID-19 Response & Intervention:

- The Board was informed how the office was adapting since the partial re-opening of the building on May 18.
- The various managers discussed with the Board how their employees were getting work accomplished during the virus shutdown.
- Sam Knight, who is the leader the COVID-19 team, discussed with the Board how the team is keeping the office a safe work environment for the employees.

b. Pilot Agreement – Fox Manufacturing:

- Mr. Tread Syfan and Mr. Evans presented the Board with a Pilot Agreement with Fox Manufacturing.

Motion to approve the Pilot Agreement with Fox Manufacturing was made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved. *Mr. Seagraves had connection issues during this time.*

c. 2020 Homestead Exemption Applications:

- The Board was presented with a list of new homestead applications taken since the deadline has been extended until June 15, 2020.

Motion to approve the list of new homestead applications was made by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved. *Mr. Seagraves was still having connection issues.*

d. Exempt Property:

- The Board was presented an exemption application on 4 parcels owned by the Gainesville/Hall County Development Authority.
- These four parcels were meant to be included in the listed approved at an earlier date.

Motion to approve the exempt application on parcels owned by the Gainesville/Hall County Development Authority was made by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

4. Real/Personal Property Appraisal

a. 2020 Tax Digest:

- The Board was presented with the list of corrected Real Property notices to be mailed May 29, 2020.

Motion to approve mailing Real Property notices May 29, 2020 was made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Seagraves seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The Board was given the statistics of how the number of incoming appeals compare this year to last year during the same time frame.
- The Board was given an update on the number of appeals in Personal Property thus far.

5. Chief Appraisers Report

a. FY2021 Budget:

- The Board was informed areas of the budget that Administration is reducing due to the pandemic.

6. Other Business

- Nothing at this time.

7. Assessor Comments

- Several Assessors commented that it was a very informative meeting.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 5:48 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