



**Hall County Board of Tax Assessors
Meeting Minutes
Hall County Government Center Building
June 2, 2021
4:00 PM**

- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- B. MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2021 MEETING**
- C. NOD'S & RELEASES**
- D. EXEMPT APPLICATION**
- E. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS**
- F. 2020 APPEALS**
- G. 2021 TAX DIGEST**
- H. STAFFING**
- I. HCGC HVAC RENOVATIONS**
- J. HALL/JACKSON COUNTY LINE**
- K. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**
- L. ADJOURN**

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Assessors Present: Randy Smith, Berlinda Lipscomb, Eric Jackson, Jim Henderson and Jennifer Pettitt.

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 Smith at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting 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 accept and approve the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Lipscomb and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

2. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Add 7b – HCGC HVAC Renovations

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

3. Administrative

a. NOD's & Releases:

- The Board was presented with the current list of NOD's & Releases for Real and Personal Property.

Motion to table the list of NOD's & Releases for Real Property until the next meeting to allow the staff to make better notes was made by Mr. Henderson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

Motion to approve the list of NOD's & Releases for Personal Property was made by Ms. Pettitt and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The Board was presented with the current list of 30 & 45 day notices for Personal Property to be mailed.

Motion to approve the mailing of the Personal Property notices was made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

b. Exempt Applications:

- The staff presented the Board with an exempt application on #00130 004013 in the name of Good News at Noon, Inc.
- This is currently a vacant lot that will eventually have a building built on it.

Motion to deny the exempt application on #00130 004013 for 2021 was made by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Denied.

- The Board was presented with an exempt application on #01024 003002 in the name of Brenau University.
- This building is being used as office space for the college.

Motion to approve the exempt application on #01024 003002 for 2021 was made by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The Board was presented with a list of Personal Property accounts owned by Northeast Georgia Health Systems.
- The Real Property on these accounts have already been approved for exempt status.

Motion to approve the list of Personal Property accounts to be put exempt for 2021 was made by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Pettitt seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

c. Homestead Exemptions:

- The staff presented the Board with a Disabled Veterans Homestead Application issue.
- The owner claims she applied for exemption but it is not applied. No documentation was found in the office and taxpayer cannot find documentation she says she provided.
- The owner was able to provide information to qualify for 2022.

Motion to deny the VA exemption for 2021 unless documentation can be provided proving original application was made timely was made by Mr. Henderson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The staff presented the Board with a Total School Tax Exemption Application issue.
- The owner claims that he came into the office and was told he did not have to do anything that the exempt would be applied automatically. The staff would not have told him that because he did not have any other age related exemptions so we would not have had his date of birth on file.
- The owner has made an application for the Total School Tax Exemption for 2022.

Motion to deny the Total School Tax Exemption for 2021 was made by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Denied.

4. Real/Personal Property Appraisal

a. 2020 Tax Digest:

- The Board was given the dates of the upcoming Settlement Conferences.

b. 2021 Tax Digest:

- The staff presented the Board with the list of Real and Personal Property notices to be mailed June 4, 2021.

Motion to approve the list of Real and Personal Property notices to be mailed June 4, 2021 was made by Ms. Pettitt and Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The staff informed the Board the number of appeals received to date.
- The staff informed the Board that the Final Tax Digest was complete.

5. Other Business

a. Staffing:

- Mr. Watson informed the Board that the office had two people retire so those positions would be posted.

b. HCGC HVAC Replacement:

- Mr. Watson informed the Board that the HVAC replacement dates had been changed to a later date.

6. Chief Appraisers Report

a. Hall/Jackson County Line:

- Mr. Watson informed the Board that he would be meeting with the BOC to determine how to notify taxpayers affected by the shift in the county line.

7. Assessor Comments

- The Board decided to cancel the Board of Assessors meeting scheduled for June 16, 2021 due to a couple of the Assessors being on vacation that week. The next meeting will be the regular scheduled meeting on July 7, 2021.

8. Adjourn

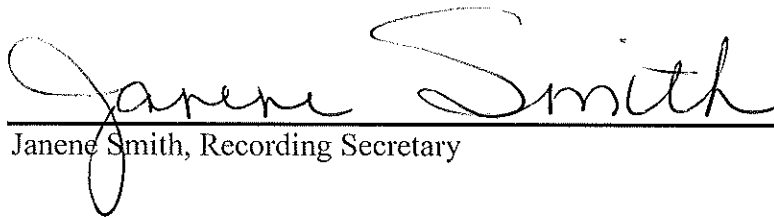
- The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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.**



Randy Smith, Chairman



Janene Smith, Recording Secretary