



**Hall County Board of Tax Assessors  
Meeting Minutes  
Hall County Government Center Building  
July 1, 2020  
4:00 PM**

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- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- B. MINUTES FROM JUNE 17, 2020 MEETING**
- C. NOD'S & RELEASES**
- D. EXEMPT PROPERTY APPLICATION**
- E. REFUND REQUEST**
- F. CONSERVATION USE**
- G. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS**
- H. 2020 TAX DIGEST**
- I. CITY VIEW PROJECT**
- J. HCGC OPENINGS & FUTURE MEETINGS**
- K. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**
- L. ADJOURN**

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**Assessors Present:** Berlinda Lipscomb, Seth Seagraves, Eric Jackson and Jim Henderson. Randy Smith was absent. Berlinda Lipscomb and Seth Seagraves were virtual. Eric Jackson and Jim Henderson were physically at the meeting.

**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 Vice Chairman Lipscomb at 4:00 p.m. in the HR Training Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hall County Government Center Building, 2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504.

4 of 5 Board members present for the meeting.

\*\*\*THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY & AT HCGC WHICH IS PARTIALLY OPEN\*\*\*

**1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

Motion to accept and approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

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

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Seagraves and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

**3. Administrative**

a. NOD's & Releases:

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

Motion to approve the current list of NOD's & Releases for Real and Personal Property and Motor Vehicles and in the same motion to approve the current list of Appeal Waivers was made by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. 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: 4-0. Approved.

b. Exempt Property Application:

- The Board was presented with an exempt application on #08029 000006 in the name of Christ Lutheran Church.
- This property is .34 ac and will be combined with their existing church property.

Motion to approve the exempt application on #08029 000006 was made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

c. Refund Request – Personal Property:

- The Board was presented with a refund request on Personal Property account #319692 in the name of Mauro Franco.
- This boat was moved to Florida in 2016 and Hall County was not notified and the owners continued to pay the tax bill for several years.

Motion to approve sending Personal Property Refund Request on #319692 to the Board of Commissioners for approval was made by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. Approved.

d. Conservation Use:

- The Board was presented with a list of new/renewal covenants and mid-year change covenants.

Motion to approve the list of new/renewal covenants and mid-year changes was made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

- The Board was presented with a list of staff recommended covenant *denials*.

Motion to approve list of staff recommended covenant *denials* was made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Seagraves seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

e. Homestead Exemption Applications:

- The Board was presented with a list of homestead exemptions added due to deadline extension. Also on this list are exemptions removed due to homestead audit.

Motion to approve the list of added/removed homestead exemptions was made by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

**4. Real/Personal Property Appraisal**

a. 2020 Tax Digest:

- The Board was presented with a list of Misc/CUVA/Homestead notices to be mailed out on July 10, 2020.

Motion to approve the list of notices to be mailed out July 10, 2020 was made by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

- Mr. Smith showed the Board the number of appeals received this year for Real and Personal Property.
- The Board was shown a chart of the number of sales received daily this year compared to last year.
- The Board was presented with information on the statewide sales trends for the first half of 2020.

**5. Chief Appraisers Report:**

a. City View Project – July 15<sup>th</sup>:

- Mr. Watson informed the Board that the City of Gainesville would like to discuss the City View Project at the July 15<sup>th</sup> BOA meeting.

**6. Other Business**

a. HCGC Opening & Future Meetings:

- Mr. Watson informed the Board that we would start having the BOA meetings at the HCGC now that the building was open.

**7. Assessor Comments**

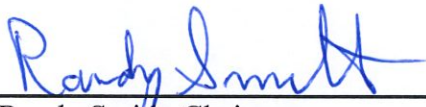
- None at this time.

**8. Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 5:13 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](mailto:jasmith4@hallcounty.org).**



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Randy Smith, Chairman



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Janene Smith, Recording Secretary