



Hall County Board of Tax Assessors
Meeting Minutes
Hall County Government Center Building
July 7, 2021
4:00 PM

- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- B. MINUTES FROM JUNE 2, 2021 MEETING
- C. NOD'S & RELEASES
- D. CONSERVATION USE
- E. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS
- F. EXEMPT APPLICATION
- G. REFUND REQUEST
- H. 2020 APPEALS
- I. 2021 TAX DIGEST
- J. STAFFING
- K. JULY 21ST MEETING
- L. FY2022 BUDGET
- M. THE NATIONAL TAD – UPDATE
- N. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD
- O. 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. Pettitt and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

2. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Add – Pilot Wrigley/Fox

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

3. Administrative

a. NOD's & Releases:

- The Board was presented with the current list Releases for Real Property for May.

Motion to approve the list of Releases for Real Property for May was made by Mr. Henderson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The Board was presented with the list of NOD's & Releases for Real and Personal Property and the MV appeals for June.
- The staff made the Board aware of the NOD's & Releases for Wrigley and Fox Industries in case they had specific questions on those.

Motion to approve the list of NOD's & Releases for Real and Personal Property for June and in the same motion approve the MV appeals was made by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Pettitt 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. Henderson and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

b. Conservation Use:

- The staff presented the Board with a list of new covenants recommended for approval.

Motion to approve the list of new covenants was made by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The staff presented the Board with a list of covenants meeting early out requirements.

Motion to approve sending intent to breach letter with no penalty was made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Henderson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The staff presented the Board with a list of staff recommended covenant breaches.

Motion to approve the list of covenants to be sent intent to breach letters was made by Ms. Pettitt and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

c. Homestead Exemptions:

- The staff presented the Board with the current list of new Homestead Exemptions for 2022.

Motion to approve the list of new Homestead Exemption Applications was made by Ms. Pettitt and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

d. Exempt Application:

- The staff presented the Board with an exempt application on #01032 002021 in the name of Gainesville Jaycees.
- This building is used for vocational services to individuals with disabilities.

Motion to approve the exempt application on #01032 002021 was made by Mr. Henderson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

e. Refund Request:

- The Board was presented with a refund request on #01032 002021 in the name of Gainesville Jaycees.
- The Jaycees have owned this property for several years and have received notices and tax bills every year. They are just now applying for exempt status stating that the office should have known they wanted/qualified to be exempt.

Motion to deny the refund request on #01032 002021 was made by Ms. Lipscomb and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-1. Denied. Ms. Pettitt voted against the denial.

4. Real/Personal Property Appraisal

a. 2020 Tax Digest:

- The staff presented the Board with the outcome of the latest round of Settlement Conferences.

b. 2021 Tax Digest:

- The staff presented the Board with the list of Real and Personal Property notices to be mailed July 9, 2021.

Motion to approve the list of Real and Personal Property notices to be mailed July 9, 2021 was made by Ms. Pettitt and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

- The staff discussed with the Board how the flow of appeals came into the office this year compared to last year.
- The staff informed the Board that the Chairman had roll back forms to sign for the digest.

5. Other Business

a. Staffing:

- Mr. Watson informed the Board which positions were posted for the vacant positions in the office.

b. July 21st Meeting:

- The Board discussed canceling the next Board meeting on July 21st due to some of the staff being away at a conference.

Motion to approve canceling the meeting on July 21st was made by Mr. Henderson and Ms. Pettitt seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

6. Chief Appraisers Report

a. FY2022 Budget:

- Mr. Watson shared with the Board the approved budget for FY2022.

b. The National TAD – Update:

- The Board was shown the preliminary numbers that the office is going to be giving the City of Gainesville for The National TAD in downtown Gainesville.

7. Assessor Comments

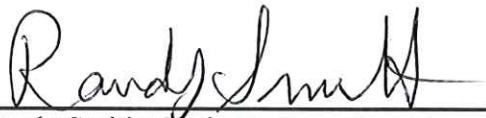
- None at this time.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 5:20 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.

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Randy Smith, Chairman



Janene Smith, Recording Secretary