



**Hall County Board of Tax Assessors
Meeting Minutes
Hall County Government Center Building
September 18, 2019
4:00 PM**

- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- B. MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING**
- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- D. CONSERVATION USE**
- E. EXEMPT PROPERTY**
- F. HOMESTEAD AUDIT**
- G. REFUND REQUEST**
- H. 2019 TAX DIGEST**
- I. POLICY & PROCEDURES**
- J. GAAO ONE DAY SEMINAR**
- K. NEXT BOA MEETING**
- L. EMAIL**
- M. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**
- N. ADJOURN**

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Assessors Present: Berlinda Lipscomb, Ann Hood, Seth Seagraves, Randy Smith and Eric Jackson.

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

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Ms. Lipscomb 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 Mr. Smith and Ms. Hood seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

2. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Add 6A: Conservation Use

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

3. Executive Session

- The Board went into Executive Session at 4:02 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters.
- The Board reconvened at 4:59 p.m.

Motion to rescind sending appeals on #01082 004005 & #01082 004006 to Superior Court was made by Mr. Seagraves and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

Motion to accept the values from the Board of Equalization on #01082 004005 & 01082 004006 was made by Mr. Seagraves and Ms. Hood seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

4. Administrative

a. Conservation Use:

- Mr. Barry Babb spoke to the Board concerning the denial of his covenant on #11-109-000-003.
- The owner states that he believes he has adequate livestock & documentation to reverse the decision.

Motion to do another field visit of the property to verify eligibility was made by Mr. Seagraves and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

b. Exempt Property:

- The Board discussed the remaining 2019 appeals from Northeast Georgia Health Systems.

Motion to keep #01035 003005, #01035 003007 & #01035 003009 taxable was made by Mr. Seagraves and Ms. Hood seconded the motion and in the same motion #01064 001022 & #01064 001023 will be tax exempt. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

Motion to keep #01036 003031 taxable with a reduction on the land value was made by Mr. Smith and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

c. Homestead Audit:

- The Board was presented with a list of homesteads to be removed. Owner has applied for exemptions in another county.

Motion to approve the list of homesteads to be removed was made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Seagraves seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

d. Refund Request:

- The Board was presented with a refund request on #8-139-3-56 in the name of Lucia.
- The owner had been charged with the incorrect square footage.

Motion to approve the refund request on #8-139-3-56 was made by Mr. Seagraves and Ms. Hood seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

5. Real/Personal Property Appraisal

a. 2019 Tax Digest:

- The Board was informed of appeals scheduled to go to the next round of BOE hearings.
- Mr. Watson informed the Board that the staff was still working on the marina appeals.

6. Chief Appraisers Report

a. 2019 Tax Bills:

- The staff discussed with the Board how the tax bills being mailed greatly increases the amount of taxpayers calling or coming into the office.

b. Policy & Procedures:

- The Board tabled discussing this today until a later date.

Motion to table discussing Policy & Procedures until later date was made by Mr. Seagraves and Ms. Hood seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Approved.

7. Other Business

a. GAAO One Day Seminar:

- The staff discussed the seminar that some of them attended last week.

b. Next BOA Meeting:

- The Board was reminded that they decided change the October 2 meeting to October 9 due to several staff members being away at a conference.

c. Email:

- Mr. Watson inquired to make sure all the Board members were getting their county emails set up for use.

8. Assessor Comments


- None at this time

9. Adjourn


- The meeting adjourned at 6:08 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.**



Berlinda Lipscomb, Chairperson



Janene Smith, Recording Secretary