



Hall County Board of Tax Assessors
Meeting Minutes
Hall County Government Center Building
October 20, 2021
4:00 PM

- A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- B. MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 6, 2021 MEETING
- C. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS
- D. CONSERVATION USE
- E. MANAGERS REPORT
- F. 2021 TAX DIGEST
- G. CORRECTIVE NOTICES
- H. WINGAP CONFERENCE
- I. GAAO FALL SEMINAR
- J. NOVEMBER MEETINGS
- K. STAFFING
- L. BOC RETREAT
- M. ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS
- N. VACCINE INCENTIVE
- O. COUNTY ATTORNEY(S)
- P. HALL COUNTY FARM BUREAU-OCTOBER 26, 2021
- R. EGGS & ISSUES-DECEMBER 9, 2021
- S. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD
- T. ADJOURN

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

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 Banquet Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Hall County Government Center Building, 2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504.

4 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: 4-0. Approved.

2. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Added 8 e, f

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Ms. Pettitt and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

3. Administrative

a. Homestead Exemptions:

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

Motion to approve the current list of new homesteads was made by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

b. Conservation Use:

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

Motion to approve the list of early out covenants was made by Mr. Jackson and Ms. Lipscomb seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

- The staff presented the Board with a list of potential breaches due to the death of the owner.

Motion to approved sending intent to breach letter with no penalty was made by Ms. Pettitt and Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0. Approved.

c. Manager's Report:

- The staff updated the board on what each section of the office was currently working on.

4. Real/Personal Property Appraisal

a. 2021 Tax Digest:

- The staff presented the Board with a list of misc. assessment notices to be mailed.

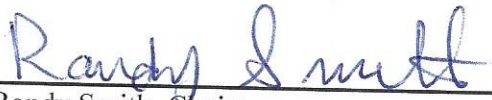
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- The staff informed the Board that the next round of BOE hearings would take place November 1-2, 2021.
- The staff informed the Board that the next round of Hearing Officer appeals would take place October 19, 21, 27, 2021.
- The staff updated the Board on the current appeal loss numbers.

5. **Other Business**
 - a. WinGap Conference:
 - Mr. Smith gave the Board a report on the WinGap Conference that he attended recently.
 - b. GAAO Fall Seminar:
 - Mr. Watson gave the Board a report on the GAAO Fall Seminar that he and Mr. Smith attended recently.
 - c. November Meetings:
 - The Board elected to cancel the November 17th meeting due to several staff & Assessors being away at a continuing education conference.
 - d. Staffing:
 - The staff informed the Board on the status of the open positions within the office.
6. **Chief Appraisers Report**
 - a. BOC Retreat:
 - Mr. Watson shared with the Board some of the discussions held from the Board of Commissioners Retreat held recently.
 - b. On-Line Application Process:
 - Mr. Watson informed the Board of the status of getting some of the office applications available on-line.
 - c. Vaccine Incentive:
 - The staff informed the Board that the county had extended the vaccine incentive for all Hall County Employees until December 31, 2021.
 - d. County Attorney(s):
 - Mr. Watson informed the Board of the new attorneys that will be used handling appeals moving forward.
 - e. Hall County Farm Bureau:
 - Mr. Watson informed the Board that he would be doing a presentation October 26, 2021 for the Farm Bureau on Conservation Use.
 - f. Eggs & Issues:
 - Mr. Watson informed the Board that he had made the reservations for those attending Eggs & Issues that will be held December 9, 2021.
7. **Assessor Comments:**
 - None at this time.
8. **Adjourn**
 - The meeting adjourned at 4:50 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