



Hart County Board of Assessors
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Board Members:
James McMullan, Chairman
Anne Thompson
Garner Peck
Lowell Macher
Jim Dennis

The Hart County Board of Assessors met Thursday, January 20th, ~~2010~~²⁰¹¹ for a Regular meeting at the Hart County Administration Building. Those in attendance were Board of Assessor members: James McMullan, Chairman, Anne Thompson (absent), Garner Peck, Lowell Macher (absent), & Jim Dennis. Those also in attendance were Rebecca Duncan, Chief Appraiser, Bruce Grant, associate chief appraiser, Gary Kappeler, Secretary, and members of the public.

Gary Kappeler took minutes for this meeting.

Mr. McMullan, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

Mr. Peck opened with prayer.

Motion was made by Mr. Peck to approve agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion was passed by 3-0 consent. (Mr. Macher and Mrs. Thompson were not present)

Motion was made by Mr. Peck to approve minutes for January 6th, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. McMullan. Motion was passed by 2-0 consent with Mr. Dennis abstaining from voting. (Mr. Macher and Mrs. Thompson were not present)

Revaluation Update

Mr. Bonet and Mr. English were present on behalf of B&L Hartwell to discuss the issue of their appeal not being accepted. The tax assessor's office had on file their old address from a PT61 that was filed, no request had been made previously to change that address and because this address was no longer correct B&L Hartwell did not receive their 2009 assessment notice. The notice was returned to the office and posted on the courthouse for 30 days as the law permits and nothing was heard of from B&L Hartwell so the appeal deadline had passed but they were requesting it be extended for them because they were unaware of the change in value.

Motion made by Mr. Peck to deny B&L Hartwell's late appeal for the 2009 digest year on parcel C68A-086-018. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion was passed by 3-0 consent. (Mr. Macher and Mrs. Thompson were not present)

The board discussed the BOC's request to receive BOE tracking notices.

The board also discussed the BOC's request to receive field cards for all present and 2010 BOA members' properties.

Mrs. Duncan informed the board that January 26th was the last day for the current batch of BOE hearings.

Mr. Dennis suggested to the rest of the board that the spreadsheet that is handed to the BOC every month, contain a summary on the front to make it easier to understand and to remove any confusion they might have regarding the numbers being presented to them.

Public Communication

The board discussed the senate bill 346 and all of the changes it would be making to the appraisal process and encouraged members of the public to familiarize themselves with it.

Motion made by Mr. Peck to give Gary Kappeler II a commendation for his efforts in the office. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion was passed by 3-0 consent. (Mr. Macher and Mrs. Thompson were not present)

The board discussed the need in going before the BOC to request to hire two new appraisers for the tax assessor's office to replace the two that resigned.

Mrs. Duncan announced that Mrs. Dove had stepped forward and offered to be the new secretary for the BOA. The board said they would vote on it at the next meeting.

The chairman of the BOA gave the rest of the board a handout containing several url's to review GA legislature.


The board opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Peck made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:45A.M. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed by 3-0 consent. (Mr. Macher and Mrs. Thompson were not present)

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Board of Assessors will be Thursday February 3rd, at 9:00 A.M.


James McMullan, Chairman

Absent
Anne Thompson


Garner Peck

Absent
Lowell Macher


Jim Dennis

* Documents are attached to the original minutes in the Tax Assessors Office.