



Hart County Board of Assessors
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Board Members:
David Thompson, Chairman
Steve Carswell, Vice chairman
Bill Myers
Jerry Hanneken
David Setchel

The Hart County Board of Assessors met Monday, July 1st, 2019 for a called meeting at the Hart County Appraisal Department. Those in attendance were Board of Assessor members David Thompson, Bill Myers, Steve Carswell, David Setchel and Jerry Hanneken. Wayne Patrick, Chief Appraiser, Shane Hix, Kelly Fay and Nikki Graham were present for the office staff.

Nikki Graham took minutes for the meeting.

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Mr. Wayne Patrick opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Thompson requested a motion to amend and approve the agenda to include a discussion on county commissioner concerns and to add an executive session. Motion was made by Mr. Carswell. Mr. Hanneken seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Wayne Patrick updated the board on the appeal status. There are currently 135 active appeals, 17 resolved appeals and 54 appeals with 30 day notices issued. The value in dispute is less than 1% the tax digest, which is acceptable by the State of Georgia. After a brief discussion among the board motion was made to accept the appeal list by Mr. Setchel. Mr. Carswell seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Patrick requested approval on the 2019 tax digest to be turned over to the Tax Commissioner for collections. Motion was made by Mr. Hanneken to approve the 2019 tax digest. Mr. Myers seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Fay presented a list of Conservation Use applications for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Setchel to approve the list of 9 applications for conservation use, Mr. Carswell seconded the motion, and motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Fay presented a 1 denial to the board for approval. Ms. Fay gave a brief description of why the parcel was being denied and after much discussion among the board motion was made by Mr. Carswell to approve the denial. Mr. Myers seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Thompson stated that he ran into Joey Dorsey at Home Depot. Commissioner Dorsey questioned him with a concern of why property was being undervalued. Mr. Thompson said that Mr. Dorsey stated "he did not believe that building permits were the sole

problem.” He asked Mr. Thompson for the board to provide 4 reasons of why the properties were being under assessed. Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Carswell and Mr. Setchel if they would research and provide an answer to present to the BOC to be discussed during the next meeting.

Mr. Steve Carswell exited the meeting @ 9:40.

Ms. Fay ask the board for approval to attend the Georgia Upstate Lake Board of Realtors meeting on July 18th. They have invited Ms. Fay to inform and share her knowledge on the Conservation Use Program. After discussion among the board motion was made by Mr. Myers. Mr. Setchel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

With there being no public comment, Mr. Thompson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter executive session at 9:51. Mr. Myers made such motion. Mr. Setchel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Executive Session minutes were taken by Mr. Hanneken and were signed.

Motion was made by Mr. Hanneken to close executive session and re-enter the regular meeting. Mr. Setchel seconded, and motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, Mr. Setchel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Myers seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

David Thompson, Chairman

Steve Carswell, Vice Chairman

Jerry Hanneken

Bill Myers

David Setchel

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