



Hart County Board of Assessors
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Board Members:
Steve Carswell, Chairman
David Thompson
Bill Myers
Amanda Brown
David Setchel

The Hart County Board of Assessors met virtually on Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 for a scheduled meeting. Those in attendance were Board of Assessor members Steve Carswell, David Thompson, David Setchel and Bill Myers. Shane Hix, Kelly Seymour and Nikki Graham were present for the office staff.

Ms. Amanda Brown was absent from the meeting.

Chief Appraiser, Wayne Patrick, was absent from the meeting.

Nikki Graham took minutes for the meeting.

Mr. Carswell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. but due to technical difficulties the meeting actually started @9:15 which had to be done by the use of a county employee's cell phone.

Mr. Brad Goss opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Carswell requested a motion to amend and approve the agenda. He requested to add CUV under Reports by Appraisal Staff and Covid19 update to Chief Appraiser's Report. Motion was made by Mr. Thompson. Mr. Setchel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Carswell requested a motion to accept the minutes of the November 17th, 2020 meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Thompson. Mr. Carswell seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Shane Hix presented 2 automobile appeals to the board for consideration. After discussion among the board a motion was made by Mr. Carswell to accept the staff's recommendation. Mr. Setchel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Kelly Seymour presented a CUV buddy breach without penalty on parcel C93 052 002 to the board for approval. Ms. Seymour explained to the board what a buddy breach was and after much discussion among the board motion was made by Mr. Setchel. Mr. Thompson seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Shane Hix presented the personal property returns for boats and businesses to be mailed out for approval. After discussion Mr. Myers made a motion to approve. Mr. Setchel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Carswell requested the board go ahead and approve the marine equipment no longer own letter that has been discussed in previous meetings for approval as well. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve. Mr. Setchel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hix presented the 2021 prebill mobile home digest to the board for approval so it can be turned over to the Tax Commissioner's office by Jan 1st for billing. Mr. Thompson made motion to approve. Mr. Setchel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Carswell made a motion to the board for approval to deny the Exempt status for First Baptist Church that was tabled from November. Mr. Carswell stated that it was not eligible for exemption because of law code 48-5-41 and the way the property was being used. Mr. Thompson seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Thompson suggested that all tax exempt properties need to be reviewed. Mr. Hix added a revaluation of all exempt properties needed to be done to be sure all the information is correct. Mr. Thompson suggested Shane gather a list of all exempt properties and the review would be discussed after the list was generated.

Mr. Hix gave an update on the Juniper Court Appeal. He stated that the informational hearing was sent to be scheduled on December 14th or the 21st depending on which day they decide to meet.

Under the Chief appraiser reports Mr. Hix informed the board on an appeal that came in for parcels I56O 053 010, I56O 053 011 and I56O 053 014. He stated that the owner wanted the absorption rate for having multi parcels, but Mr. Hix stated that 2 out of the 3 parcels have improvements on them in which does not qualify for the absorption rate. Mr. Hix stated that information hearing is scheduled for December 15th or the 22nd depending on which day they decide to meet.

Mr. Hix provided Mr. Carswell with a Covid19 update in the office. Mr. Hix stated 3 people total have tested positive and 1 is out now waiting to be tested.

In the new business Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Carswell for his years of service to the BOA. Mr. Carswell in return commented on how he enjoyed working with the board and the staff of the Assessor's office.

With there being no old business or public comment, Mr. Carswell requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Thompson made such motion. Mr. Setchel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Steve Carswell, Chairman

David Thompson, Vice Chairman

Amanda Brown

Bill Myers

David Setchel

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