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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 Tuesday, March 19th, 2019 for a scheduled meeting at the Hart County Appraisal Department. Those in attendance were Board of Assessor members David Thompson, Bill Myers, Steve Carswell and Jerry Hanneken. Wayne Patrick, Chief Appraiser, Shane Hix, and Nikki Graham were present for the office staff.

Mr. David Setchel was absent from the meeting due to attending class.

Nikki Graham took minutes for the meeting.

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Mr. Wayne Patrick opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Thompson requested a motion to accept the minutes of the February 19th, 2018 meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Carswell. Mr. Myers seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Thompson requested a motion to approve and amend the agenda to include an exempt tax application approval and to approve timber values. Motion was made by Mr. Carswell. Mr. Hanneken seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Shane Hix presented 6 automobile appeals to the board for consideration. After discussion among the board motion was made by Mr. Carswell to accept the staff's recommendation. Mr. Myers seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hix presented a list of Conservation Use applications for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Carswell to approve the list of 41 applications for conservation use, Mr. Hanneken seconded the motion, and motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hix presented to the board a CUV checklist that needs to be approved to be used when approving applications for CUV. He stated to the board that the checklist has been used before, but now to show proof of citizenship the staff will be requiring birth certificates. After attending the Advanced Specialized Assessment class last week, Mr. Hix stated that he believes this will be a tremendous help on the approval process as far as proof of citizenship. Mr. Hanneken raised the question of what about those that may be receiving CUV now that may not be legal citizens. Mr. Hix explained that he spoke with DOR rep, Kenny Colson, on said matter and he advised Mr. Hix to start requiring it during the

renewal process instead of in the middle of the covenant since they were allowed in previously without proof of citizenship. Mr. Hanneken suggested that Mr. Patrick, Mr. Thompson and Missy speak with county attorney, Walter Gordon, on said matter. After much discussion Mr. Hanneken requested a title be put on the form and approval date be put on document. Motion was made by Mr. Hanneken to approve the checklist with added changes. Mr. Myers seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hix presented to the board an Exempt Property Application on parcel C20 008. He discussed why the parcel would be exempt from taxes. After discussion among the board motion was made by Mr. Carswell. Mr. Myers seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hix presented to the board the state's values on timber for approval. After discussion among the board motion was made by Mr. Hanneken. Mr. Carswell seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Patrick presented his monthly report, which included that there have been 55 property returns made to date and 210 homestead applications. He reported that out of approx. 700 building permits that 500 of them have been reviewed. He reported that 350 personal property returns have been file and any that are filed after the April 1st deadline will receive a 10% penalty.

Mr. Patrick reported to the board a Tax Release Application that was filed due to an error on parcel C54 035. After research the application is being forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for approval for a refund for years 2017-2018.

Mr. Patrick's monthly report is attached to the minutes.

In the Assessor's reports Mr. Hanneken reported that he sent out an email on February 20th to Frankie Gray and Walter Gordon pertaining to the proposed PPM changes on settlement conferences. As to date he hasn't received an response and will follow up at a later date on said matter.

In the old business Mr. Thompson made mention that there is a potential meeting with the BOC on March 26th after the regular scheduled meeting to discuss building permits in further detail.

With there being no new business or public comment, Mr. Thompson requested a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 10:51 a.m. Mr. Myers made such motion. Mr. Hanneken seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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