

Board of Tax Assessors Meeting

Minutes of the August 13, 2020 Meeting

Members Present: Larry Berry, MaryBeth Burnette, Dennis Conway, Daniel Clifford and Tommy Mann were present for the meeting.

Staff Present: Steve Swindell, Trey Stephens, Becky Parker and Jenny Thomas were all present for the meeting.

Attorney: Whit Frost of Roach, Caudill & Frost LLP was present for the meeting.

Call to Order: Larry Berry called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by MaryBeth Burnette to adopt the meeting agenda, seconded by Tommy Mann.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Daniel Clifford to approve the July 23, 2020 minutes, seconded by Dennis Conway and approved by all Members.

Public Comments: None.

New Business: Motion by Daniel Clifford to move Batch P4, Batch 1, Batch 1B, Batch 1H, Batch 3A, Batch3B, and Batch 5A to consent agenda and follow staff recommendations, seconded by MaryBeth Burnette and approved by all Members.

IV. New Business:

Consent Agenda:

Digest Changes:

Personal Property Department, Jennifer Hoskins, Project Manager

Batch P4, Appeals Agenda

Commercial Department, Gregg Boutilier, Senior Appraiser

Batch 1, Current Year Changes

Batch 1B, Certify to BOE

Batch 1H, Certify to Hearing Officer

Residential Department, Ricky Hitt, Senior Appraiser

Batch 3A, 2020 Appeal Changes

Batch 3B, Certify to BOE

Rural Department, Trey Stephens, Senior Appraiser

Batch 5A, Appeal Changes

I. Chief Appraiser Report:

Steve reviewed the 2020 Budget report.

The Tax Commissioner's office is meeting with the Georgia Department of Revenue on Tuesday, August 18th and hope to have the Digest balanced sometime today.

Steve attended all 3 Millage Rate meetings. The BOC had to suspend the Millage Rate vote meeting until after the cities meet on Monday, August 17th.

Steve spoke to Patti Baker about Board of Equalization hearings. Members are currently training on Zoom but no appeal hearings have actually been scheduled.

Steve updated the Board about a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court's order that could potentially affect Tax Assessors across the state.

What we are responsible for in Digest submissions will be completed by our office today.

The 2020 WinGap Conference scheduled for October has been canceled. Caveat will still a possibility at the end of November.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 27th at 9:00 AM.

II. Attorney's Report / Executive Session: None

III. Adjournment: Motion by MaryBeth Burnette to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Dennis Conway and approved by all Members.

Larry Berry, Chairman

Jenny Thomas, Secretary