



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 6th, ²⁰¹¹~~2010~~ for a Regular meeting at the library. Those in attendance were Board of Assessor members: James McMullan, Chairman, Anne Thompson, Garner Peck, Lowell Macher (absent), & Jim Dennis (absent). 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 9:07 A.M.

Mrs. Thompson opened with prayer.

Motion was made by Mr. Peck to approve agenda with the amendment to add the election of chairman of the BOA. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. Motion was passed by 3-0 consent. (Mr. Macher and Mr. Dennis were not present)

Motion was made by Mrs. Thompson to appoint Mr. McMullan to continue being the BOA chairman. Motion was seconded by Mr. Peck. Motion was passed by 2-0 consent with Mr. McMullan abstaining from voting. (Mr. Macher and Mr. Dennis were not present)

Motion was made by Mr. Peck to approve minutes for December 16th, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. Motion was passed by 3-0 consent. (Mr. Macher and Mr. Dennis were not present)

B&L Hartwell were scheduled on the agenda to come to this meeting but were unable to make it.

Revaluation Update

Mrs. Duncan presented the board with 118, 21-day notices and 104 appeals to be forwarded to the BOE.

Motion was made by Mr. Peck to accept 118, 21-day notices based on the chief appraiser's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. Motion was passed by 3-0 consent. (Mr. Macher and Mr. Dennis were not present)

Motion was made by Mr. Peck to forward 104 appeals to the BOE based on chief appraiser's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. Motion was passed by 3-0 consent. (Mr. Macher and Mr. Dennis were not present)

Mrs. Duncan gave the board a handout of the last 125 appeals that went to the BOE and the decisions that were made on them.

Mrs. Duncan handed the board a spreadsheet that contained a breakdown of the following: 21-day notices, BOE decisions, the number of appeals remaining, and the dollar amount of resolved appeals.

The BOA discussed the misrepresentation to the public regarding the reported discrepancies as far as the handled number of appeals that was reported by two of the county commissioners.

Mrs. Duncan informed the board that there is a Senate Bill 346 workshop in Macon being held by the DOR that is free. The DOR is allowing up to 3 people per county to attend, Mrs. Duncan informed the board that herself, Bruce, the associate chief appraiser, and Mr. McMullan, the BOA chairman would be attending.

Mrs. Duncan informed the board that the newly appointed board member, Mr. Dennis, would be attending the January 10th 2011 course 1 being taught by the DOR. And Mr. Macher, the other newly appointed board member would attend the class on February 28th 2011.

The board discussed the policies of the DOR in regards to BOA members not voting until sworn in and certified.

The board discussed the new responsibilities and duties of the clerk of court in relation to the BOE scheduling process.

Public Communication

Mrs. Thompson stated her appreciation to fellow board members, past and present, and the enjoyment she has had in serving on the BOA for 8+ years.

Mr. Peck stated his pleasure in serving on the board and working with the tax assessor's office.

Mr. McMullan, the chairman of the board, presented former member of the BOA Mr. Cowart with a plaque of recognition for his efforts and commended him and Mrs. Starks for all of their hard work.

The board opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Cowart made a statement of his pleasure in serving the board and working with the tax assessor's office.

Mr. Peck made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:25A.M. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. Motion passed by 3-0 consent. (Mr. Macher and Mr. Dennis were not present)

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Board of Assessors will be Thursday January 20th, at 9:00 A.M.

James McMullan, Chairman

Anne Thompson

Garner Peck

Absent
Lowell Macher

Absent
Jim Dennis

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