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> Board Members: Kayla Segars, Chairman Jane Ziglar, Vice Chairman Elaine Evans Morris Cleveland Amanda Brown

The Hart County Board of Assessors met on Tuesday, January 8th, 2024 for a regular called meeting. Those in attendance were Board of Assessor members Amanda Brown, Kayla Segars and Jane Ziglar. Ms. Elaine Evans attended via telephone. Chief Appraiser Shane Hix, Brad Goss and Nikki O'Barr were present for the office staff. County attorney, Kim Wilkerson was also in attendance.

Ms. O'Barr took minutes for the meeting.

Mr. Goss said the prayer.

Ms. Brown welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Ms. Brown made a motion to elect Kayla Segars as chairman for the 2024 year. Ms. Ziglar seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Ms. Segars abstaining.

Ms. Segars requested a motion to elect a vice chairman for the 2024 year. Ms. Evans made a motion to appoint Ms. Ziglar as vice chair. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion passed 3-0 with Ms. Ziglar abstaining.

Ms. Segars made a motion to elect Ms. Nikki O'Barr as secretary for the 2024 year. Ms. Ziglar seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Evans exited the meeting, via telephone, @ 9:04.

Ms. Segars requested a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Brown made the motion. Ms. Ziglar seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

The minutes from the December meeting were tabled to be approved at the next meeting due to not enough votes to carry for approval.

Mr. Hix presented five auto appeals. All were reviewed.

Ms. Segars requested a motion to approve the auto appeals. Ms. Brown made the first motion. Ms. Ziglar made the second. The motion passed 3-0. The appeals sheet is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Hix presented the 2024 mobile home digest for approval.

Ms. Segars requested a motion to approve the mobile home digest. Ms. Ziglar made the first motion. Ms. Brown made the second. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Hix presented a tax exemption request on parcel, C64B 004. After much discussion Ms. Segars made a motion to approve the tax exempt request. Ms. Ziglar seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Hix presented the board with a method of appraising the VRBO contents and how to apply a value to those contents. After much discussion Ms. Segars made a motion to approve the methodology for appraising the contents within the VRBO parcels. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Hix gave the monthly Chief Appraiser's report. Mr. Hix's report is attached to the minutes.

In the Assesors reports there was a discussion on adopting a policy on public participation in the meetings. County attorney, Kim Wilkerson, stated to possibly adopt the BOC's policy on public participation. Ms. Wilkerson stated she would cleanup the BOC's policy and present something to the BOA for adopting at the next meeting.

Ms. Segars reported that a property owners homestead was removed in 2009 to no fault of their own or no fault to the office staff. Ms. Segars has spoken at length to County Administrator, Terrell Partain, and County Attorney, Kim Wilkerson, and nothing can be done as it has been 15 years since the homestead was removed and the property owner is responsible every year to report any issues he/she may find wrong with their assessment. Ms. Wilkerson stated any other issues on this matter will be referred to her.

County attorney, Kim Wilkerson, provided a website for the board on Open meetings and open records for them to read and study on.

There was no old business.

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There was a public comment from Mr. Bill Fogerty. Mr. Fogerty wanted to know if there was a paper trail to show how cost is figured when it comes to permits and new structures being added. Chief Appraiser, Shane Hix, commented everything is done through mobile assessor and is noted in system, but property owners can come in at any time and discuss any changes made to property.

Ms. Segars requested a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session. Ms. Brown made the motion. Ms. Ziglar made the second. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

Kayla Segars, Chairman

Jane Ziglar, Vice Chairman

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Elaine Evans

Amanda Brown

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

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