

Hart County Board of Assessors P.O. Box 810 194 Cade Street Hartwell, GA 30643 (706) 376-3997

> Board Members: Amanda Brown, Chairman Kayla Segar, Vice Chairman Elaine Evans Morris Cleveland

The Hart County Board of Assessors met on Monday, July 17, 2023 for a regular called meeting. Those in attendance were Board of Assessor members Amanda Brown, Kayla Segars, Elaine Evans, Morris Cleveland and Jane Zinglar. Chief Appraiser Shane Hix, Brad Goss and Nichole Norman were present for the office staff.

Ms. Norman took minutes for the meeting.

Mr. Goss said the prayer.

Ms. Brown welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Ms. Brown requested a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Evans made such motion. Mr. Cleveland seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Brown requested a motion to approve the June 26, 2023 minutes. Mr. Cleveland made the motion. Ms. Segars made the second. The motion passed 4-0.

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

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

Mr. Hix presented five conservation approvals.

Ms. Brown requested a motion to approve the conservation. Ms. Evans mad the first motion. Ms. Segars made the second. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hix presented three veteran homestead applications.

Ms. Brown requested a motion to approve the veteran homesteads. Mr. Cleveland made the first motion. Ms. Segars made the second. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hix gave the monthly Chief Appraiser's report. He discussed upcoming expectations from the appraisal staff. He presented two Tax Release Applications. One of which has been

charged for a 2 story house for years, but only has a one story home. The second was charged for 2.11 acres extra.

Mr. Hix presented the board with 53 30 day notices for approval.

Ms. Brown requested a motion to approve the 30 day notices. Ms. Evans made the first motion. Mr. Cleveland made the second. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hix presented the board with 42 appeals going to BOE for approval.

Ms. Brown requested a motion to approve 42 appeals to go to BOE. Ms. Segars made the first motion. Ms. Evans made the second. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hix also discussed the budget for the upcoming 2024 Fiscal Year. Among the list of requests that will be considered include issues with the Assessors building. The constant smell of sewage that occurs and overpowers the building at erroneous times. Nobody can determine where the smell arrives from or why it continuously happens. The City of Hartwell states that it is an issue with our building. The maintenance person for the County buildings states that it is an issue with the City. The City has pumped the street station several times, and the County has had our building side pumped. To no avail the smell continues to cause problems.

The lack of gutters on the building has caused an issue with moister to build between the bricks and the outside and inside walls. The sheetrock is breaking off from the bottom of the wall in the rear bathroom, and it is building moister causing concern for mold. The vinyl border trim is peeling from the wall in the rear bathroom and down into offices. The tile flooring is coming up in the rear bathroom which can cause a risk of falling or persons becoming injured. The front bathroom is having issues with draining from the sink and toilet due to old pipes that have corroded.

Cell phones for the office field staff, and extra supplies for chairs and other furnishing was also discussed.

Ms. Brown requested a motion to approve the 2024 budget. Ms. Segars made the first motion. Ms. Evans made the second. The motion passed 3-1.

There was no old business

There was no new business.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Brown requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cleveland made the motion. Ms. Evans made the second. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

Amanda Brown, Chairman

Kayla Segars, Vice Chairman

Elaine Evans

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Morris Cleveland

Jane Zinglar

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