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Board of Tax Assessors

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Monday, August 23, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Call to order by Chairman; invocation by Steve Lindley**
- II. Approve Agenda**
- III. Old Business**
 - 1. Minutes:** August 9, 2021
 - 2. Miscellaneous:**
- IV. New Business:**
 - a. Affidavit 2021-03**
 - b. Homestead Exemption:**
 - i. 2021 Approval Listing --- NONE
 - ii. 2021 Late Info Listing --- NONE
 - iii. 2021 Denial Listing --- NONE
 - iv. Miscellaneous ---
 - c. Conservation Use Valuation Assessment:**
 - i. 2021 Releases -- NONE
 - ii. 2021 Recommended Approvals --
 - iii. Miscellaneous --
 - d. Status Update from Chief Appraiser**
 - e. Miscellaneous:**

Next meeting: September 13, 2021 (Monday)

****Upcoming Holidays... None**



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Monday, August 23, 2021 9:00 A.M.

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Habersham County Board of Assessors was held on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the Board of Assessors located at 130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, in Habersham County, Georgia.

Present: Jim Kiger; Chairman; Barry Trotter, Vice-Chairman; Mariah Holbrooks, Member; Steve Lindley, Member; Denise York, Member; Joan Church, Chief Appraiser; Amy Garmon, Secretary

Absent: NONE

Chairman Kiger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Lindley delivered the invocation.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Barry Trotter to approve the August 23, 2021 agenda; seconded by Mariah Holbrooks; voted unanimously to approve motion.

Old Business:

Board Minutes: August 9, 2021

Motion made by Denise York to forego the reading and approve the minutes of August 9, 2021; seconded by Steve Lindley; voted unanimously to approve motion.

New Business:

Affidavit 2021 03

Motion by Steve Lindley to approve the 2021 03 Affidavit; seconded by Mariah Holbrooks; voted unanimously to approve motion.

Conservation Use:

Shore, Guy Reynolds Estate 025-189

Ms. Garmon informed the board of a Conservation Use Application filed by Ms. Guy Reynolds Shore for Tax Year 2021. Ms. Shore came in on August 10th and requested she receive the exemption for Tax Year 2021 even though the deadline had already passed. Office staff pulled the notes from when they spoke with Ms. Shore. She was going to come into the office before the April 1st deadline, but she failed to do so. Ms. Shore also failed to come in during the 45-day appeal deadline which also serves as the time to make application for Conservation Use. Motion made by Steve Lindley to deny the application for Guy Reynolds Shore Estate for Tax Year 2021; seconded by Mariah Holbrooks; voted unanimously to approve motion.

Witt, Charles Freeman Estate & Kathy 155-003

Ms. Garmon informed the Board of a Conservation Use Application filed by Ms. Kathy Witt for Tax Year 2021. Ms. Witt came in on August 10th and requested the exemption for Tax Year 2021. Ms. Witt indicated her husband had passed away and she simply forgot to come sign. When office staff asked when her husband died, she said it was 2019. She also failed to come in during the 45-day appeal deadline & by April 1st. Motion made by Steve Lindley to deny the application for Ms. Kathy Witt for Tax Year 2021; seconded by Denise York; voted unanimously to approve motion.

Status Report from Chief Appraiser

Ms. Church provided the Board with the status report of everything that has been happening since the last meeting. The following is a listing of items that was discussed:

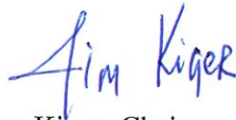
- Appeals that had submitted Appraisals: Ms. Church researched the sales of like property that will support our values. She also mailed each of the 4 taxpayers with Appraisals a letter explaining why or why not the value was changed.
- Tuesday Afternoon: Ms. Church took the afternoon off.
- Met with Rhonda Gladden at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Ms. Gladden is unhappy with her value.
- Met with Ms. Eun A Lee at 10 a.m. on Wednesday to discuss the homestead exemption for disabled taxpayers. Provided Ms. Lee the forms for her doctors to sign and hopefully she will follow through.
- Ms. Church also checked on Sonya who was later admitted to the hospital due to COVID.
- Ms. Church also answered questions about our local exemption for the Senior Policy Analyst with the Senate Research office.
- Mr. Joseph Greear filed an appeal. Mailed him a letter with sales reports attached, but he still wants to move forward with his appeal. He also has Conservation Use on his property.
- Time Sheets: Ms. Church submitted the time sheets to the HR Department as she does every 2 weeks.
- On Tuesday, August 17th, kept busy with taking cover from the Tornado warnings. They had all the staff in the basement each time the siren went off.
- Spoke with Matthew Cathey who had lots of questions about property he is planning to purchase that is currently under Conservation Use.

- Was contacted by Christine Stinchcombe from Cobb County with questions about Just Appraised. Scheduled a call with her on Thursday at 10 a.m. Bonnie Eller, Amy Garmon, & Ms. Church answered her questions and talked about our experience with Just Appraised.
- Ms. Church also indicated she has been handling normal phone calls & taxpayers that wish to speak with her.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mariah Holbrooks to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Steve Lindley; voted unanimously to approve motion. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kiger at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Kiger, Chairman

Attest:



Amy Garmon

Secretary to the Board of Assessors/Deputy Chief
Appraiser