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HABERSHAM COUNTY Board of Tax Assessors

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Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Call to order by Chairman; invocation by Jimmy Dean
- II. Public Comments:
- III. Approve Agenda
- IV. Old Business
 - 1. Minutes: February 11, 2025
 - 2. Miscellaneous:
- V. New Business:
 - a. Homestead Exemption:
 - i. 2023 Approval Listing --- NONE
 - ii. 2023 Denial Listing – NONE
 - iii. Miscellaneous –
 - b. Conservation Use Valuation Assessment:
 - i. 2024 Releases – NONE
 - ii. 2025 Recommended Approvals – NONE
 - iii. 2025 Under 10 acres – NONE
 - iv. 2025 Family Farms/LLC – NONE
 - v. 2025 Eligibility Concerns – NONE
 - vi. Miscellaneous --
 - c. Tax Exempt Status: Romer, Jessica 039-036A
 - d. Status Update from Chief Appraiser
 - e. Miscellaneous:

Next meeting: March 11, 2025

Upcoming Holidays NONE



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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Habersham County Board of Assessors was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor located at 130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, in Habersham County, Georgia.

Present: Bill Terry, Chairman; Jimmy Dean, Vice-Chairman; John King, Member; Sonya Turgeon, Member; Denise York, Member; Joan Church, Chief Appraiser; Amy Garmon, Secretary

Absent: NONE

Bill Terry, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Jimmy Dean delivered the invocation.

Public Comments:

Marie Evans

Marie Evans attended the meeting but did not speak.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Sonya Turgeon to approve the February 25, 2025 agenda; seconded by Denise York; voted unanimously to approve motion.

Old Business:

Board Minutes: February 11, 2025

Motion made by Sonya Turgeon to forego the reading and approve the minutes of February 11, 2025; seconded by Jimmy Dean; voted unanimously to approve motion.

Miscellaneous: McCormick

Kelly McCormick provided an update to the Board. Kelly informed the Board that he has plans for two more people to come sometime this week to get their logins so they can start data entry. Kelly reported that he has been looking at commercials and think there will be an increase in ratio for commercial and industrial properties. The biggest issue Kelly is seeing is depreciation. The Clarkesville area is close to a 39% ratio and the COD is below a 10 which indicates the schedules are working. Kelly thinks there will be some changes in land values. The Land values in commercial properties will go up but not so much for residential properties. Kelly indicated it was too early to give more definite numbers. Chairman Terry asked Ms. Church when we normally give preliminary numbers to the Commissioners and Ms. Church said it is typically in May. Kelly believes that this year we can give preliminary numbers in April.

New Business:

Tax Exempt Status: Romer, Jessica

039-036A

Ms. Garmon informed the Board of a Tax-Exempt Application she had received from Ms. Jessica Romer. Ms. Garmon forwarded the application to the County Attorney for his opinion and he came back with a recommendation to deny the application. According to the county records, the property is in the name of Ms. Jessica Romer instead of a 501(c)(3) corporation and therefore does not qualify. Motion made by Sonya Turgeon to deny the Tax-Exempt Application for Ms. Jessica Romer based on the County Attorney opinion for Tax Year 2025; seconded by Denise York; voted unanimously to approve motion.

Status Update from Chief Appraiser

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

- WinGap provided Training as a group on February 12 & 13th. Then Gregg Reese came back the following week and provided more individual training on February 19 & 20th.
- The week of February 17-21st, we had several employees out sick so we were short staffed.
- Ms. Church & Ms. Garmon worked through WinGap issues.
- Ms. Church informed the Board of the Trial Date for the Saville case. This will be held on March 25, 2025.
- March 4 is the BOE rescheduled date to hear 6 appeals.
- Ms. Church did take time off for a haircut & to meet with her church group for lunch.

Chairman Terry asked how many vacant positions we currently have? Ms. Church thinks we have 2 positions. However, Jimmy Dean indicated he had met with Ann Cain, HR Director and was told we have 3 positions. Mr. Dean has asked Ann Cain to attend the next BOA meeting on March 11th and answer any questions the BOA has. Mr. Dean thinks there are several things that need to be discussed. He also feels that new employees need to be made aware to attend training at any time they come to work in our office. Chairman Terry asked for Ms. Garmon to add Executive Session to the March 11 agenda.

Miscellaneous:

Ms. Church read a thank you note from Headwaters Realty owner, Dale Holmes, to the Board. The note was to thank Ms. Church for speaking at their meeting for the Realty company.

Ms. Garmon informed the Board she had provided each of the members with the 2025/2026 budget that she will submit upstairs to Finance this afternoon.

Adjournment

Motion made by Denise York to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Sonya Turgeon; voted unanimously to approve motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Terry, Chairman

Attest:



Amy Garmon

Secretary to the Board of
Assessors/Deputy Chief Appraiser