

# HABERSHAM COUNTY

# **Board of Tax Assessors**

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# Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

## AGENDA

- I. Call to order by Chairman; invocation by Bill Terry
- **II.** Public Comments:
- III. Approve Agenda
- IV. Old Business
  - 1. Minutes: September 24, 2024
  - 2. Miscellaneous:
    - Safety
    - Staff Vests
    - Field Appraiser Position

#### V. New Business:

- a. Homestead Exemption:
  - i. 2023 Approval Listing --- NONE
  - ii. 2023 Denial Listing NONE
  - iii. Miscellaneous SEE LISTING
- b. Affi 2024-5
- c. Conservation Use/Preferential Use:
  - i. 2024 CUVA Releases NONE
  - ii. 2024 CUVA Recommended Approvals NONE
  - iii. 2024 Under 10 acres NONE
  - iv. 2024 CUVA Family Farms/LLC NONE
  - v. 2024 CUVA Eligibility Concerns NONE
  - vi. Miscellaneous Alley, Harrison 097-058

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- d. Status Update from Chief Appraiser
- e. Miscellaneous:

Next meeting: October 23, 2024

**Upcoming Holidays .... None** 

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# Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:00 A.M.

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Habersham County Board of Assessors was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor located at 130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, in Habersham County, Georgia.

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

Absent: John King, Member

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

Bill Terry delivered the invocation.

# Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Denise York to approve the October 8, 2024 agenda; seconded by Jimmy Dean; voted unanimously to approve motion.

#### **Old Business:**

Board Minutes: September 24, 2024

Motion made by Jimmy Dean to forego the reading and approve the minutes of September 24, 2024; seconded by Denise York; voted unanimously to approve motion.

#### Miscellaneous:

Ms. Garmon showed the Board the Vest that had been received for the Field Appraisers to use.

Ms. Garmon informed the Board that the Field Appraiser position had been posted but no applications have been received at this time.

#### **New Business:**

#### Homestead Miscellaneous:

Ms. Garmon provided the Board with a listing of several homestead exemptions to be reviewed. These exemptions were various Income Related exemptions. Motion made by Sonya Turgeon to approve recommended approvals for Tax Year 2024; seconded by Jimmy Dean; voted unanimously to approve motion.

#### Affi 2024-5

Motion by Denise York to approve the 2024 5 Affidavit; seconded by Jimmy Dean; voted unanimously to approve motion.

CUVA Miscellaneous: Alley, Harrison 097-058

Ms. Garmon provided the Board with a Request to End Coveant without Penalty from Mr. Harrison Alley. Mr. Alley meets the requirements to end his covenant without penalty due to his age. Motion made by Denise York to approve motion for Tax Year 2024 for Mr. Harrison Alley; seconded by Jimmy Dean; voted unanimously to approve motion.

# Status Update 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:

 Ms. Church has been reviewing appeals. To date, there has been 192 2<sup>nd</sup> notices mailed, 102 appeals to forward to the Board of Equalization; 21 appeals have been Finalized; 87 appeals left to process. All the Hearing Officer and Arbitration Appeals have been completed. Terry McCormick & Kelly McCormick are here today working on the remaining appeals which are mainly commercial.

- September 26 the county had staff report at 10 a.m. and we were released at 3:00 p.m. and closed September 27 due to Hurricane Helene.
- Kerston's grandmother passed away on September 30 and she was out most of the week.
- October 1st: Ms. Church had a staff meeting to update the staff on the WinGap Conversion and to update on appeals.
- October 2: The County held the Employee Appreciation Cookout. We felt it was the best one they have done for us so far.
- Also, on October 2, Ms. Church spent time discussing House Bill 581 with Alicia Vaughn, County Manager.
- WinGap Update: Gregg Reese was here the day we closed at 3:00 p.m.installing the system on everyone's computers. He is from the Augusta area and it was hit pretty hard. Gregg suffered a loss of power and was running with a generator but he continued to install information and yesterday we were able to view some of the screens. Gregg hopes to have everything loaded by mid week.

# Miscellaneous: Training Update

Ms. Garmon provided the Board with an update to the Training Class at Unicoi in March. She can not register the members until after the first week in November.

Ms. York explained that the next meeting was changed to October 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Ms. Church and Ms. Garmon attending a training session on House Bill 581.

# Adjournment

Motion made by Denise York to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jimmy Dean; voted unanimously to approve motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Terry, Chairman

Attest:

Amy Garmon

Secretary to the Board of

Assessors/Deputy Chief Appraiser

# Miscellaneous Homestead Issues

|                       |      |        | 10/8/2024            |  |
|-----------------------|------|--------|----------------------|--|
| Name                  | Мар  | Parcel | Map Parcel Exemption | Reason   |
|                       |      |        |                      | submitted income for Tax Year 2024. Was an audit. Recommends     |
| Glore, Joyce Franklin | 116C | 74     | L2                   | Approval   |
|                       |      |        |                      | discovered he had signed in 2017 but homestead never approved or |
| Jones, Marion W       | 20   | 148    | L7F                  | keyed. Recommends approval for 2024.                             |
|                       |      |        |                      | submitted income for Tax Year 2024. Was an audit. Recommends     |
| Smith, Dwayne & Mary  | 109  | 89     | 7                    | Approval   |
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