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## Board of Tax Assessors

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**Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**

### AGENDA

- I. Call to order by Chairman; invocation by Jimmy Dean
- II. Public Comments:
- III. Approve Agenda
- IV. Old Business
  1. Minutes: October 8, 2024
  2. Miscellaneous:
    - Safety
    - 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 2024-6
  - 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 –
  - d. Status Update from Chief Appraiser
  - e. Miscellaneous:

**Next meeting: November 12, 2024**

**Upcoming Holidays .... Veteran's Day (Nov 11<sup>th</sup>)**



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### **Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:00 A.M.**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Habersham County Board of Assessors was held on Wednesday, October 23, 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: Jimmy Dean, Vice-Chairman; John King, Member; Sonya Turgeon, Member; Denise York, Member; Joan Church, Chief Appraiser; Amy Garmon, Secretary

Absent: Bill Terry, Chairman

Jimmy Dean, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Jimmy Dean, Vice-Chairman delivered the invocation.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion made by Denise York to approve the October 23, 2024 agenda; seconded by Jimmy Dean; voted unanimously to approve motion.

#### **Old Business:**

#### **Board Minutes: October 8, 2024**

Motion made by Sonya Turgeon to forego the reading and approve the minutes of October 8, 2024; seconded by Jimmy Dean; voted unanimously to approve motion.

## **Miscellaneous:**

Ms. Garmon informed the Board that she had no update on the Safety Issue the Board had previously asked about. Sonya Turgeon recommended to draft a letter for the IT Department at the meeting in December if no action has been taken by the IT Department.

Ms. Garmon informed the Board that the Field Appraiser position had been posted and she provided the Board with a listing of applicants. The Board agrees Sonya Turgeon should attend the interviews since she was an appraiser with our office for several years. John King feels we should do the interviews quickly and Jimmy Dean wants them done in 2 weeks. Mr. Dean is requesting a recommendation by the next meeting.

## **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 Denise York; voted unanimously to approve motion.

### **Affi 2024-6**

Motion by Jimmy Dean to approve the 2024 6 Affidavit; seconded by Sonya Turgeon; 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 list of items that was discussed:

- Ms. Church has been reviewing appeals. To date, there has been 223 2<sup>nd</sup> notices mailed with 7 of those filing a second appeal, 109 appeals to forward to the Board of Equalization; 38 appeals have been Finalized; 39 appeals left to process.

- Ms. Church took off October 11 so she would have a 4 day weekend since the office was closed on October 14 for Columbus Day. Ms. Church also took off the afternoon of October 10 & 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Gregg Reese with WinGap came on October 17<sup>th</sup> and showed the staff various information.
- Terry McCormick came on October 21<sup>st</sup> and worked on various appeals with Ms. Church.
- Ms. Church & Ms. Garmon attended a training session on House Bill 581 on October 22.
- A staff meeting was held on October 22 following the training session that Ms. Church & Ms. Garmon attended. This was just to inform the staff of all the things they learned at the meeting.
- November 12 has been scheduled for the Court date for Ms. Elena Saville and her 2023 appeal. John King asked Ms. Garmon to notify him of the date and location with the time so that he may attend. Ms. Church informed the Board that the County Attorney is requesting mediation with Ms. Saville to attempt a settlement before going to trial.
- The Board held a lengthy discussion on WinGap concerning the status of the installation of the software. Ms. Garmon will inform the Board on Monday to let them know what information was provided to us by Gregg Reese when he comes on Friday.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Denise York to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Sonya Turgeon; voted unanimously to approve motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jimmy Dean, Vice-Chairman

Attest:



Amy Garmon

Secretary to the Board of  
Assessors/Deputy Chief Appraiser

Miscellaneous Homestead Issues

10/23/2024

Name	Map	Parcel	Exemption	Reason
Campbell, Peggy Ann	29	45	L2	submitted income Affidavit for 2024. Received Audit letter. She is legally Blind. Recommends Approval for 2024.
Chester, Samuel	40	105L	L2	submitted income for Tax Year 2024. Filed an extension. Recommends approval for 2024.
Densmore, Linda	97	69	L2	submitted income for Tax Year 2024. Filed an extension. Recommends approval for 2024.
Haydu, George A & Mary	142	104	L2	submitted income for Tax Year 2024. Filed an extension. Recommends approval for 2024.
McPherson, William Arch	63	69	L2	submitted income for Tax Year 2024. Filed an extension. Recommends approval for 2024.
Unbehant, Charlie Glenn	79	97	L2	submitted income Affidavit for 2024. Elderly in his 90's. Recommends Approval for 2024.

*Approved*

*M- Sonja*

*D- Denise*