

Gilmer County Board of Assessors
Meeting Minutes
MARCH 19, 2020
Gilmer County Courthouse
1 Broad Street, Suite 104, Ellijay, Georgia

Members attending: Gary Engel, Bill Logan, Tom Porter, Gerald Davis, John Williamson.

Staff attending: Theresa Gooch, Chief Appraiser, Lacy Ryan, Deputy Chief Appraiser/ Secretary Pro Tem

1. CALL TO ORDER: Gary Engel called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2020: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan, to accept the minutes as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Ms. Gooch stated item 6. c. the word "lane" should be "land." Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis, to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Superior Court Appeal – 3082J 016 – no update.
 - b. HB 1383 Update – Ms. Gooch stated there is no update. She suggested making no changes for 2020.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Exempt Property Application 1018-4-001 & 1018-4-001D (Combo) – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gary Engel to deny the application as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
 - b. Expenditure Report February 2020- should be at 17%. The office is at 6% and the board is at 5%.
 - c. Professional Services – Ms. Gooch presented what McCormick Solutions has to offer. She would like to have them come into the office for a day and work with our data to show what they can provide. Dawson County is using their service. They charge \$500 to come to the office for a day. Upon motion of John Williamson, second by Bill Logan to have McCormick come in for the day after going to Dawson County to see what they are doing with the information. Vote: Yes – Logan/Williamson. No – Engel/Porter/Davis.
 - d. Pictometry – Aerial Flight/ChangeFinder Update – Should have our data in April/May.
 - e. DOAA 2019 Preliminary Study – Using 579 samples. Of these, 563 are residential. 157 of the 563 are in the sales ratio of 36-44, this leaves 406 for the office to review. The reviews need to be completed by March 25 and we should know by May if we passed the 2019 study.
6. CONSERVATION USE:
 - a. New/Renew/Continuation/Release/Change of Use – Upon motion of Gerald Davis, second by Tom Porter, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
 - b. CUVA Land Values - Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis, to approve the values as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.

- c. FLPA Land Values - Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis to approve the values as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
- 7. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
- 8. REAL PROPERTY CHANGES: E&R's – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
- 9. MANUFACTURED HOME CHANGES: E&R's – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Tom Porter, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
- 10. PERSONAL PROPERTY CHANGES:
 - a. E&R's – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gary Engel to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
 - b. Vehicle Appeals – Upon motion of Gary Engel, second by Bill Logan, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
- 11. CHIEF APPRAISER'S COMMENTS: Ms. Gooch stated Bill Logan was reappointed for another 6 year term. She also commented on what the staff is doing regarding the coronavirus. Sanitizing frequently, staff is staying the office and only going to vacant property for reviews. Ms. Gooch would like to know about closing the office to the public. Staff would remain in the office to answer phone and email. Ms. Gooch would like to know if the BOA would like to follow what the BOC has done and close the office to the public. We would implement ways for the public to drop off information. Discussion took place on how to handle. No deadlines would be extended as the Board of Assessors does not have the authority to do so. Upon motion of Gerald Davis, second by John Williamson effective March 23, 2020 to close the office to ' public until April 6, 2020. Vote: Yes – Porter/Davis/Williamson. No – Engel/Logan.
- 12. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Engel stated a drug company has developed a serum both here and abroad for the coronavirus. He asked that decisions are not made based on panic.
- 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 P.M. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.

Minutes accepted on the 23rd day of April, 2020



 Gary R Engel, Chairman



 Lacy Ryan, Secretary Pro-Tem