

Gilmer County Board of Assessors  
Meeting Minutes  
MAY 21, 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, Donna Walker, Secretary


1. CALL TO ORDER: Gary Engel called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2020: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis, to accept the minutes as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Upon motion of Gerald Davis, second by Bill Logan, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Superior Court Appeal – 3082J 016 – No update.
  - b. HB 1383 Update – No update.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Expenditure Report April 2020/Expense Report- should be at 33%. The office is at 30% and the Board is at 16%. Ms. Gooch stated 2 expenses from 2019 were charged against the 2020 budget. One for \$1300, office supplies and \$245 repairs/maintenance. The only way it will be corrected is with a 2020 budget amendment.
6. CONSERVATION USE:
  - a. 3004A 009 – Release per Age – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gerald Davis to approve the release as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - b. 3065 130 – Release per Death - Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gerald Davis to approve the release as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - c. 3111 002B - Release per Death - Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gerald Davis to approve the release as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - d. 3111 032 - Release per Death - Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gerald Davis to approve the release as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - e. 3125 045D - Release per Death - Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gerald Davis to approve the release as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - f. 3136 021 - Release per Death - Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gerald Davis to approve the release as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - g. 3149 001A - Release per Death - Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gerald Davis to approve the release as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - h. 3154 011 - Release per Death - Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gerald Davis to approve the release as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.

- i. New/Renew/Continuation/Release/Change of Use – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - j. Denials - Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Tom Porter to deny the following: 3079 026, 3127 023, 3125 067A, 3082 020B, 3082 029C, 3048 048 and 3146 01 . Vote: No- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.  
Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gerald Davis to deny 3039 027. Vote: No- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
7. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS:
- a. Approvals - Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - b. Denials – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Tom Porter to deny to list as presented. Vote: No- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
8. EXEMPT PROPERTY APPLICATIONS
- a. 3019 009 – Southern Conservation Trust Inc. – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Tom Porter to deny the exemption. Vote: No- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - b. 3069 046D – Community Recovery Partnership Inc. – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by John Williamson to approve the exemption. Vote: Yes- Engel/Porter/Williamson. Vote: No – Logan/Davis.
9. REAL PROPERTY 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. APPROVAL OF 2020 SCHEDULES, TABLES & RATIOS BEFORE/AFTER – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by John Williamson to approve the schedules and tables as present Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson. Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis, to approve the ratios before/after as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
11. APPROVAL OF 2020 REAL PROPERTY, FLPA AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT NOTICES – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve the 33,321 real property assessment notices. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson. Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve the FLPA notices as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson. Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve 1,718 personal property notices. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson. Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis to approve 3 personal property notices to be mailed from the office vs. SouthData. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
- a. Real Property Suppressed – CUVA notices – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
  - b. Personal Property Suppressed – Freeport notices – Upon motion of Gerald Davis, second by Tom Porter, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
12. MANUFACTURED HOME CHANGES: E&R's – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson

13. PERSONAL PROPERTY CHANGES:  
a. E&R's – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.  
b. Vehicle Appeals – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.
14. CHIEF APPRAISER'S COMMENTS: Ms. Gooch stated it has been a learning curve dealing with COVID-19. There will be no in home visits for appeals. The appraisers will wear masks in the field and social distance when talking with taxpayers.
15. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Engel asked if the BOC or DOR has given any direction on how to proceed with COVID-19. Ms. Gooch stated they have not. Mr. Porter commented that once again he is amazed at the accomplishments of the office.
16. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
17. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.
18. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by John Williamson, to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 P.M. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Davis/Williamson.

Minutes accepted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020

  
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Gary Engel, Chairman

  
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Donna Walker, Secretary

