

Gilmer County Board of Assessors  
Meeting Minutes  
JULY 15, 2020  
Gilmer County Courthouse  
1 Broad Street, Suite 104, Ellijay, Georgia

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

Staff attending: Theresa Gooch, Chief Appraiser, Donna Walker, Secretary, Deena Wright, Appraiser

David Clark: County Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER: Gary Engel called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2020: Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by John Williamson, to accept the minutes as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Ms. Gooch amended the agenda to add items 6b and 8. Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Tom Porter, to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Superior Court Appeal – 3082J 016 – To be discussed in Executive Session.
  - b. HB 1383 Update – No update.
  - c. 3009 003 & 3023 016 – Make a Difference Ministries – Mr. Logan stated that he and Mr. Davis visited the property and there are trails and campsites in place. Mr. Porter stated the issue is still whether there was use on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The taxpayer representative stated there was use during 2019 and in 2020 but not specifically on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Wright stated when she field checked the property in May it did not appear that anything new had been done on the property from what she and the other field appraiser could observe. Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve the exemption. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Expenditure Budget Report – June – Not available.
6. CONSERVATION USE:
  - a. New/Renew/Continuation/Release/Change of Use – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve the list with the exception of 3040 033F and 3040 033G. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson. Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve 3040 033F and 3040 033G. Vote: Yes- Logan/Porter/Williamson. Abstain – Engel.
  - b. 3103 015D – Release w/ No Penalty – Release due to medical condition. Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to approve the release. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
7. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS: None.

8. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gary Engel to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
9. 2020 NOA QTP – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Tom Porter to approve the notices as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
10. 2020 NOA – New Parcels – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gary Engel to approve the notices as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
11. AUGUST BOA MEETING DATE – CHANGE – Ms. Gooch requested a date change to either the 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gary Engel to move the meeting to August 13<sup>th</sup>. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
12. 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/Williamson.
13. 2020 EXEMPT PROPERTY DIGEST – Ms. Gooch stated the digest would be revised to include the approval of 3009 003 and 3023 016 from item 4c. Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Tom Porter to approve the digest with the revisions. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
14. 2020 DIGEST APPROVAL – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gary Engel to approve the digest as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson. Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Tom Porter to approve the Consolidation Report as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
15. MANUFACTURED HOME CHANGES: E&R's – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gary Engel to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
16. PERSONAL PROPERTY CHANGES:
  - a. E&R's – Upon motion of Gary Engel, second by Bill Logan to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
  - b. Vehicle Appeals – Upon motion of Bill Logan, second by Gary Engel to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.
17. CHIEF APPRAISER'S COMMENTS: Ms. Gooch stated the appeals should be wrapped up by August 1<sup>st</sup> with either a 30 day notice or forwarded to the Board of Equalization. The new Jeep is on order.
18. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Engel thanked the staff for a phenomenal job.
19. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
20. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to suspend the regular meeting and go into Executive Session at 3:37 P.M. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.

Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan to resume the regular meeting at 3:45 P.M. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson. Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Bill Logan

to accept the settlement of \$307,000 with regards to 3082J 016. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.

21 ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Gary Engel, second by Bill Logan, to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 P.M. Vote: Yes- Engel/Logan/Porter/Williamson.

Minutes accepted on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020

Bill Logan

Donna Walker  
Donna Walker, Secretary

*Bill Logan, Vice-Chairman*

