Gilmer County Board of Assessors

Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 20, 2022

Gilmer County Courthouse

1 Broad Street, Suite 104, Ellijay, Georgia

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

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

Barry Lee, County Attorney Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER: Bill Logan called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2022: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis, to accept the minutes as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gary Engel, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.
3. OLD BUSINESS:
4. 2067-106B – Superior Court Appeal – to be discussed in Executive Session.
5. 2021 DOAA Study – Ms. Gooch reviewed the revised DOAA values. The ratio increased from 35.88 to 37.74. This will allow the county to collect approximately 50% of Public Utilities. Ms. Gooch stated the board can further the appeal to arbitration but did not feel this would accomplish anything for this year. She stated the letter from the board has been sent to our legislative representatives. The board requested Ms. Gooch ask the Board of Commissioners to also send something in support of our position. Ms. Gooch stated the GAAO is also reaching out to legislation to request changes be made to resolve the conflict in the laws that we use versus what the DOAA uses.

A motion was made by Mr. Porter to take the appeal to arbitration, there was no second therefore, the motion died.

1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. Expenditure Budget Report – September – Ms. Gooch stated we should be at 75%. The office is at 75% and the board is at 56%.
3. CONSERVATION USE:
4. New/Renew/Continuation/Release/Change of Use – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gary Engel to approve the lists as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.
5. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.
6. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: See item 13c.
7. SUPERIOR COURT APPEALS HIGGLER/TRAMMEL: To be discussed in Executive Session.
8. PUBLIC UTILITY VALUES: Not available. Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gary Engel to table item until November meeting. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.
9. REAL PROPERTY CHANGES: E&R’s – Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gary Engel, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.
10. MANUFACTURED HOME CHANGES: None.
11. PERSONAL PROPERTY CHANGES:
12. E&R’s – Upon motion of Gary Engel, second by Gerald Davis, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.
13. Vehicle Appeals – Upon motion of Gary Engel, second by Gerald Davis to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.
14. Certification to BOE Accounts 28125 28126 – Upon motion of Tom Porter, seconded by Gary Engel to approve as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.
15. CHIEF APPRAISER’S COMMENTS: None.
16. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS: None.
17. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
18. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gary Engel to suspend the regular meeting at 3:25 and go into Executive Session. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.

Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gerald Davis to reconvene the regular meeting at 3:43 with the following action being taken:

Upon motion of Tom Porter, second by Gary Engel to approve Ms. Gooch to conduct a settlement conference with Higgler/Trammel as discussed in Executive Session. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.

1. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Gerald Davis, second by Gary Engel to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 P.M. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Porter/Engel/Williamson.

Minutes accepted on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Bill Logan, Chairman Donna Walker, Secretary