Gilmer County Board of Assessors

Meeting Minutes

MARCH 16, 2023

Gilmer County Courthouse

1 Broad Street, Suite 104, Ellijay, Georgia

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

Staff attending: Theresa Gooch, Chief Appraiser, Lacy Ryan, Deputy Chief Appraiser, Donna Walker, Secretary

David Clark, County Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER: Bill Logan called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M. and appointed Tom Porter as moderator for his last meeting on the Board of Assessors.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023: Upon motion of Gerald Davis, seconded by Gary Engel, to accept the minutes as presented Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Gerald Davis, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
3. OLD BUSINESS:
4. Superior Court Appeals – See spreadsheet – Ms. Gooch updated that 3082J 016 waived their appeal.
5. Exempt Property Questionnaire – 3050 069 – This item was tabled at the February meeting. Ms. Gooch visited the property and recommends approval of the exemption with the exception of 672 SF being designated as commercial office space. Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gary Engel to approve the exemption except for the 672 SF as discussed. Vote: Yes- Logan/Engel/Porter/Williamson. Abstain- Davis.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
7. Expenditure Budget Report January - Ms. Gooch stated we should be at 8%. The office is at 5% and the board is at 3%.
8. Exempt Property Questionnaire – 3067 015I – Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gary Engel to approve the exemption as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
9. Media Equipment Quote – Ms. Gooch presented the options. The Board requested Ms. Gooch obtain another quote for a laptop vs desktop and to get more details on what is included with the computer purchase. Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gary Engel to table the item to next month. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
10. CONSERVATION USE:
11. New/Renew/Continuation/Release/Change of Use. – Upon motion of Gerald Davis, seconded by Gary Engel to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
12. CUVA Potential Breaches – Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Bill Logan to send the cease-and-desist letter for 3067 025F and approve the remainder for cure of potential breach. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
13. CUVA Voluntary Releases – Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Bill Logan to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
14. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS: Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gerald Davis to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
15. 2023 BEFORE RATIOS – Ms. Gooch stated based on preliminary information, there will be another base cost increase for 2023. Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gerald Davis to approve the ratios as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
16. REAL PROPERTY CHANGES: E&R’s – Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gary Engel, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
17. MANUFACTURED HOME CHANGES: Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gary Engel, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
18. PERSONAL PROPERTY CHANGES:
19. E&R’s – Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gary Engel, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
20. Vehicle Appeals – Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gary Engel, to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.
21. CHIEF APPRAISER’S COMMENTS: Ms. Gooch stated the new Jeep is in. The field appraisers should have field work completed mid-April and notices are on track to go out mid-May. Lastly, she thanked Mr. Porter for his 12 years of service to the Board of Assessors.
22. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS: Upon motion of Bill Logan, seconded by Gary Engel to ratify all motions and votes during this meeting with Mr. Porter acting as moderator. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson. Mr. Logan presented Mr. Porter with a plaque for his years of service on the Board of Assessors.
23. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
24. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.
25. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Tom Porter, seconded by Bill Logan to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 P.M. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Porter/Williamson.

Minutes accepted on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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 Bill Logan, Chairman Donna Walker, Secretary