Gilmer County Board of Assessors

Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Gilmer County Courthouse

1 Broad Street, Suite 104, Ellijay, Georgia

Members attending: Bill Logan, Gerald Davis, Gary Engel, Lisa Bradley

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

David Clark: County Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER: Bill Logan called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2023: Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Gerald Davis, to accept the minutes as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Gerald Davis, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley. Later in the meeting, Lisa Bradley, seconded by Gary Engel, amended the agenda adding Item 9. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
3. OLD BUSINESS:
4. Superior Court Appeal – 2067 106B – Mediation date has been set for late January 2024.
5. DOAA – Ms. Gooch reviewed the results of the arbitration hearing. We are now in compliance with everything for 2022. Public utilities can be collected at 40%.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
7. Expenditure Budget Report – September & October. The office is at 72% and 77% respectively, the board is at 66% and 70% respectively. Ms. Gooch requested approval to move approximately $20,000 from salaries back to the Maintenance and Operations fund of the county and the county would make up the difference and purchase a new vehicle for the office in 2023. Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Gerald Davis to release the funds back to the Board of Commissioners. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
8. Appeals to Superior Court
9. 3118D 019 – to be discussed in Executive Session.
10. NADA MOBILE HOMES – Ms. Gooch stated nationwide MH values decreased approximately 4.5%, approximately 2% lower in Georgia. Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Lisa Bradley to approve the values as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
11. ABOS MARINE VALUES – Ms. Gooch stated most marine values are showing a decrease for 2024. Upon motion of Gerald Davis, seconded by Gary Engel to approve the values as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
12. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS – Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Gerald Davis to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
13. CERTIFY TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Gerald Davis to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
14. REAL PROPERTY CHANGES: E&R’s – Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Gerald Davis to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
15. MANUFACTURED HOME CHANGES: Upon motion of Gerald Davis, seconded by Gary Engel to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
16. PERSONAL PROPERTY CHANGES:
17. E&R’s – Upon motion of Gerald Davis, seconded by Gary Engel to approve the list as presented. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.
18. Vehicle Appeals – None.
19. 2019-2021 Audit Findings – None.
20. CHIEF APPRAISER’S COMMENTS: Ms. Gooch stated Board of Equalization hearings should be complete in December. The field appraisers are working on 2024 and the office staff is busy preparing for 2024.
21. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS: Mr. Logan stated the staff is doing a great job.
22. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
23. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Upon motion of Gerald Davis, seconded by Lisa Bradley to suspend the regular meeting at 3:26 P.M and go into Executive Session. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.

Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Gerald Davis to resume the regular meeting at 3:51 P.M. with the following actions being taken:

Upon motion of Gerald Davis, seconded by Gary Engel to proceed with the Superior Court appeal conference for parcel 3118D 019 as discussed. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.

1. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Gary Engel, seconded by Gerald Davis to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 P.M. Vote: Yes- Logan/Davis/Engel/Bradley.

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

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Bill Logan, Chairman Donna Walker, Secretary