

Gordon County Board of Assessors

Members

Lamar J. Ray, Chairman
Frank Sullivan
Jerry Barton



Chief Appraiser

Dana Burch

MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2020 BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING:

The Gordon County Board of Assessors held a meeting on March 12, 2020 in the Conference room of the Gordon County Government Plaza. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Lamar Ray at 12:11 p.m.

Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda

In attendance was Frank Sullivan (Assessor), Jerry Barton (Assessor), Lamar Ray (Assessor), Ashley Bailey (Senior Field Appraiser), and Dana Burch (Chief Appraiser).

Chairman Ray requested a motion to approve the Agenda, motion was made by Jerry Barton, Seconded by Frank Sullivan, motion carries, unanimously.

Public/Guest Comments & Concerns

There were no public/guest in attendance

Minutes for February 13, 2020

Chairman Ray requested a motion to approve the minutes for February 13, 2020 Board of Assessors Meeting. Frank Sullivan made a motion to approve those minutes, Jerry Barton seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to be discussed at this time

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New Business:

Motor Vehicle Appeals:

Chairman Ray requested a motion to approve the motor vehicle values as presented, Jerry Barton made a motion to approve the motor vehicle values as presented, Frank Sullivan seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

Homestead Exemptions:

A total of 144 homestead exemptions were presented to the Board of Assessors; Upon review a motion was requested by Chairman Ray to approve the homestead exemptions, a motion was made by Frank Sullivan to approve the 144 homestead exemptions, motion was seconded by Jerry Barton, motion carries, unanimously.

13 Disabled Veteran Exemptions were presented to the board for approval; upon review a motion was made by Jerry Barton to approve the 13 Disabled Veteran Exemptions, motion was seconded by Frank Sullivan, motion carries, unanimously.

Personal Property:

5 Personal Property ACOs were presented to the board for approval; a motion was requested by Chairman Ray to approve the Personal Property ACO list, Frank Sullivan made the motion to approve the 5 ACOs, Jerry Barton seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

11 Personal Property Frreport accounts were sent before the board for approval, Frank Sullivan made a motion to approve the Freeport accounts, Jerry Barton seconded the motion, motion carries unanimously.

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Real Property:

Forty-Eight Covenant Applications were presented to the board, upon review Chairman Ray requested a motion to approve Forty-Seven applications while tabling the application for parcel 022-128A to obtain more information, Jerry Barton made such motion, Frank Sullivan seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

One Covenant application was presented to the board for denial, Chairman Ray requested a motion to deny the application for parcel 047-008, Frank Sullivan made the motion to deny, Jerry Barton seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

23 Real Property ACOs were sent before the board for approval, Jerry Barton made the motion to approve the ACOs as presented, Frank Sullivan seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

20 waivers were sent to the board for approval, Chairman Ray requested a motion to approve the waivers. Frank Sullivan made the motion to approve the waivers, Jerry Barton seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

Three requests for non-disclosure were presented to the board for approval, upon review and discussion, Chairman Ray requested a motion to approve or deny the non-disclosure request for parcel 056-034. Jerry Barton made a motion to deny the non-disclosure request, Frank Sullivan seconded the motion, motion carried, unanimously.

Chairman ray then requested a motion to approve the non-disclosure request for parcel 022-027. Frank Sullivan made the motion to approve the non-disclosure, Jerry Barton seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

A final motion for non-disclosure approval of parcel 066-130 was made by Jerry Barton, Frank Sullivan seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

Policies:

No policy updates or changes were presented to the board at this time.

Appraisals:

No Appraisals were presented to the board at this time.

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Schedules:

A Ratio Update was presented by Chief Appraiser Dana Buch, Chief Burch also updated the Board of Assessors on the attempt to meet the May 22nd target date for mailing of notices, However with the Tax Assessors office being down one vehicle and another vehicle leaking, that date may be moved to June 5, 2020. No motion needed.

Chief Appraiser Burch also informed the Board that the DOAA Ratio had been received and is currently being reviewed, anticipated completion date is March 23, 2020. No motion needed.

Settlement Conference:

A settlement conference was held in The Gordon County Plaza Conference Room on March 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Lamar Ray-BOA Chairman, Frank Sullivan-BOA Member, Jerry Barton-BOA Member, Dana Burch-Chief Appraiser, Ashely Bailey-Senior Field Appraiser, James Ledbetter-County Attorney, Stan King-K&G Consulting, and Stephen Keown-Tax Payer Representative. During this conference arguments were presented by both Stan King on behalf of the Tax Assessors Office and Stephen Keown on behalf of the taxpayer. After considering all information provided The Gordon County Board of Tax Assessors has decided to uphold the fair market value presented on behalf of the Tax Assessors Office.

A motion was requested by Chairman Ray to accept the results of the settlement conference and uphold the values set forth by the Gordon County Tax Assessors Office, Jerry Barton made this motion, Frank Sullivan seconded, motion carries, unanimously.

The Tax Assessors Office Staff will move forward with all necessary steps in forwarding this appeal on to The Gordon County Superior Court.

General Discussion:

Field Work Report:

An update was provided to the Board of Assessors on the previous months field work production, as well as in office Sketch Validation results. The board was also presented email communication sent to the Tax Assessors Office crediting the professional and outstanding customer service of staff member Joshua Kinman. No motion needed

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Executive Session:

The board retired into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. No motion needed.

A work from home contract for Sales Analysis Appraiser Brandy Sandford was presented to the board for review, after review Chairman Ray requested a motion to table the contract for 6 weeks to allow Ms. Sandford ample time to heal before proceeding, Jerry made the motion to table the contract, Frank Sullivan seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

Set Next Meeting Date:

Chairman Ray requested a motion to accept the date of April 16, 2020 as the next meeting date for the Gordon County Board of Assessors. Jerry Barton made the motion to approve the date, Frank Sullivan seconded the motion, motion carries, unanimously.

Adjourn:

Frank Sullivan made the motion with no further business to come before the board to adjourn the meeting, Jerry Barton seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ashley Bailey

All documentation provided in meeting available upon request.

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Approved On: _____, 2020

By:

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Frank Sullivan, Member of Board of Assessors

Jerry Barton, Member of Board of Assessors