

2008
ALACHUA COUNTY
VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD
Wednesday May 7, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.
County Administration Building
County Attorney Conference Room
2nd Floor
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

PRESENT: School Board Member Wes Eubank, School Board Member Tina Pinkoson, County Commissioner Lee Pinkoson, County Commissioner Paula M. DeLaney

ABSENT: County Commissioner Rodney J. Long

ALSO PRESENT: Property Appraiser Ed Crapo, Property Appraiser Executive Director Pam Oliver, County Attorney Dave Wagner, Clerk of Court J.K. "Buddy" Irby, Assistant Clerk/Finance Director Todd Hutchison, Division Manager Linda Schoellhorn, Deputy Clerk Deanne Williams and Deputy Clerk Steve Donahey.

I. CALL TO ORDER – J.K. "Buddy" Irby, Clerk

Mr. Irby called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON HOUSE BILL 0909 - Dave Wagner, County Attorney

Mr. Wagner discussed his memo regarding Value Adjustment Board changes due to House Bill 0909.

It was the consensus of the Board that if the Governor signs the bill into law, a letter be sent to the Board of County Commissioners and the School Board telling them of the changes entailed by House Bill 0909:

The Florida Legislature changed the composition of the Value Adjustment Board from three County Commissioners and two School Board members to two County Commissioners, one School Board member, one citizen appointed by the County Commission and one citizen appointed by the School Board. The citizen appointed by the County Commission must own

homestead property within the county. The citizen appointed by the School Board must own a business-occupying commercial space within the school district. The bill is effective on September 1, 2008, and will affect the operation of this year's Value Adjustment Board. The new members must be appointed by September 1, 2008.

Mr. Wagner agreed to draft the letters for the Chair.

III. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR – J.K. "Buddy" Irby, Clerk (Chair must be a County Commissioner)

County Commissioner DeLaney moved to elect County Commissioner Lee Pinkoson as Chair to the Value Adjustment Board. The motion carried 3-1 with Lee Pinkoson voting "NAY."

School Board member Tina Pinkoson moved to elect School Board Member Wes Eubank as Vice Chair to the Value Adjustment Board. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

IV. Detailed Information for the Selection of Special Magistrates

A. Advertisements

1. March 19, 2008 Gainesville Sun
2. Emailed previous Magistrate Contacts

B. Application received for Attorney Special Magistrates

1. Jonathon Wershow, P.A.*

C. Application received for Appraiser Special Magistrate (Real Property)

1. Reginald Carter, SRA, ASA*

D. Application received for Appraiser Special Magistrate (Tangible Personal Property)

1. Steven C. Tatro, ASA

* 2007 Special Magistrates

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That the Value Adjustment Board selects one Attorney Special Magistrate to hear issues of exemptions and classifications.
- B. Select one Appraiser Special Magistrate, and an alternate, to hear issues regarding the valuation of real estate.
- C. Select one Appraiser Special Magistrate, and an alternate, to hear issues regarding the valuation of Tangible Personal Property.
- D. Discuss alternate for Attorney Special Magistrate if needed.
- E. Authorize the Clerk to negotiate contracts at the rates listed below, with the Special Magistrates and alternates, and direct the Chair to execute the agreement subject to approval by the County Attorney.
 1. Special Magistrate Attorney - \$800 per day for hearings, \$115 per hour for analyzing and preparing findings of fact, and travel expenses pursuant to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners travel policy.
 2. Special Magistrate Appraisers – Personal & Real Property - \$800 per day for hearings, \$100 per hour for analyzing and preparing, and travel expenses pursuant to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners travel policy.

V. SELECTION OF 2008 SPECIAL MAGISTRATES

County Commissioner DeLaney moved to select Jonathon Wershow to hear issues of exemptions and classifications, Reginald Carter to hear issues regarding valuation of real estate and Steven C. Tatro to hear issues regarding the valuation of tangible personal property. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

County Attorney Wagner recommended waiting to select an Alternate Attorney Special Magistrate if needed.

County Commissioner Paula Delaney moved to authorize the Clerk to negotiate contracts with the Special Magistrates and alternates if needed, and direct the Chair to execute the agreement subject to approval by the County Attorney. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

VI. 2008 Calendar

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.