

MINUTES OF THE ALACHUA COUNTY VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

County Administration Building
Grace Knight Conference Room
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida
Thursday, October 1, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Coy Bost, Vice Chair/ Citizen appointed by the School Board
Wes Eubank, School Board Member
Cynthia Robinson, Citizen appointed by the County
Commission
Rodney Long, Alternate County Commissioner

ABSENT: Paula M. DeLaney, Chair/County Commissioner
Cynthia Chestnut, County Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT: Property Appraiser Ed Crapo, VAB Attorney Jean Sperbeck,
Clerk to the VAB J.K. Irby, Deputy Clerk Linda Schoellhorn,
and Deputy Clerk Deanne Williams

Vice Chair Bost called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Agenda

School Board Member Eubank moved to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

II. DOR Rules– VAB Attorney

- DOR requires use of 08/18/2009 draft
- Board to act on recommended decisions without further hearing
- Designate Clerk to make good cause determinations for rescheduling requests

Attorney Sperbeck presented the above items. Mr. Eubank moved to adopt the current State DOR rules and the local rules. The motion carried 4-0.

School Board Member Eubank moved to designate the Clerk to make good cause determinations for rescheduling requests. The motion carried 4-0.

III. Ratifications – VAB Clerk

- Special Magistrate appointments for commercial/ residential property valuations
- Fee Schedule
- Approve necessary equipment/ procedures for conducting hearings by telephone

School Board Member moved to append the rules to include the procedure for conducting a hearing by electronic media. The motion carried 4-0.

School Board Member Eubank moved to approve Katherine Gibson as the primary Appraiser Special Magistrate for Residential, Reginald Carter as the primary Appraiser Special Magistrate for Commercial and back up for Tangible Personal Property.

IV. Consideration of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on Petitions Heard by the Attorney Special Magistrate on August 19, 2009.

The following appeals were heard by Jonathon F. Wershow, Esquire:

- Appeals of Late Filing Applications for Agricultural Exemptions

Petition #

Recommends Denial

A-09-07

Excel Enterprise LLC

A-09-23

Roberts Land & Timber Inv Corp

School Board Member Eubank moved to adopt the Special Magistrate's recommendation for A-09-07 & A-09-23. The motion carried 4-0.

- Appeals of Late Filing Applications for Agricultural Exemptions

Recommends Granting Partially

A-09-16

George Feussner

School Board Member Eubank moved to adopt the Special Magistrate's recommendation for A-09-16. The motion carried 4-0.

- Appeals of the Denial for Agricultural Exemptions

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Recommends Denial</u>
AD-09-05	John E Power
AD-09-06	Full Circle Farms of Melrose LLC c/o Bruce & Gwen Waite
AD-09-07	Amy Simms, Trustee
AD-09-08	Amy Simms, Trustee
AD-09-09	RMTC Properties LLC

- Appeals of Late Filing Application for Additional Homestead Exemption 65 & Older for extenuating circumstances

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Recommends Denial</u>
AH-09-10	Gracie Rager
AH-09-21	Earl & Lucille Gabriel

- Appeals of the Denial of Homestead Exemption by the Property Appraiser

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Recommends Denial</u>
HD-09-01	Edilma Dowling
HD-09-04	Karenia Christian

Commissioner Long moved to adopt the Special Magistrate's recommendation for A-09-07, A-09-23, AD-09-05, AD-09-06, AD-09-07, AD-09-08, AD-09-09, AH-09-10, AH-09-21, HD-09-01, and HD-09-04. The motion carried 4-0.

- Appeals of Late Filing Applications for Homestead Exemption

<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Recommends Denial</u>
H-09-86	Shelley Jean Henley
H-09-91	Hazel Carter McMillan
H-09-185	Ronnie D Noble Jr

Commissioner Long moved to adopt the Special Magistrate's recommendation on H-09-86, H-09-91 and H-09-185. The motion carried 4-0.

- V. Authorize the Chair to sign the 1st Certification of the Value Adjustment Board (Form DR-488) and the Decision of VAB (Form DR-485V) for each petition.

Commissioner Long moved to authorize the Chair to sign the 1st Certification of the Value Adjustment Board (Form DR-488) and the Decision of the VAB (Form DR-485V) for each petition. The motion carried 4-0.

- VI. Next Value Adjustment Board meeting will be November 12, 2009 in Room 209 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:19 a.m.