

ALACHUA COUNTY
VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 31, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.
County Administration Building
Grace Knight Conference Room
2nd Floor
12 Southeast First Street
Gainesville, Florida

**PRESENT: Wes Eubank, School Board Member
Paula M. DeLaney, County Commissioner
Cynthia Chestnut, County Commissioner
Cynthia Robinson, Citizen appointed by the County
Commission
Coy Bost, Citizen appointed by the School Board**

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

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

Mr. Irby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**II. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR – J.K. “Buddy” Irby,
Clerk (Chair must be a County Commissioner)**

School Board member Wes Eubank moved to elect Paula DeLaney as Chair to the 2009 Value Adjustment Board. The motion carried 4-0 with Chestnut out of the room.

School Board member Wes Eubank moved to elect Coy Bost, Citizen member elected by the School Board, to be Vice Chair to the 2009 Value Adjustment Board. The motion carried 4-0 with Chestnut out of the room.

III. APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

Mr. Irby presented the item.

School Board member Wes Eubank moved to appoint Jean Sperbeck for the 2009 Attorney for the Value Adjustment Board. The motion carried 4-0 with Chestnut out of the room.

IV. SUNSHINE RULES OVERVIEW

VAB Attorney Sperbeck presented the item.

V. UNIFORM PROCESS AND PROCEDURES (Draft Rules – Florida Administrative Code Rule Chapters 12D-9 and 12D-10) – LOCAL PROCEDURES (DRAFT)

VAB Attorney Sperbeck presented the item.

School Board member Eubank moved to adopt draft rules – Florida Administrative Code Rule Chapters 12D-9 and 12D-10 with the exception of the info on reinstatement that will revert back to the 12-22-08 draft rules and also to adopt the local procedures as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

VI. STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF PROCEDURES AND FORMS ON THE CLERK'S WEBSITE

Linda Schoellhorn presented the above item.

VII. GENERAL INFORMATION ON FLORIDA'S PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM

Mr. Crapo discussed the above item.

VIII. SELECTION OF 2009 SPECIAL MAGISTRATES

County Commissioner Chestnut moved to select Jonathon Wershow as the Attorney Special Magistrate and James E. Bedsole as the alternate Special Magistrate. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

School Board member Eubank moved to select Jonathon Wershow as the Attorney Special Magistrate. The motion carried 5-0.

School Board member Eubank moved to select Peter C.K. Enwall as the alternate Attorney Special Magistrate and James Bedsole as the alternate in the event that a contract cannot be negotiated with Enwall.

County Commissioner Chestnut moved to select Katherine G. Gibson as the as the Appraiser Special Magistrate for real property and Reginald Carter as the alternate. The motion carried 5-0.

School Board member Eubank moved to select Steven C. Tatro as the Appraiser Special Magistrate for tangible property and Tammy Blackburn as the alternate. The motion carried 5-0.

IX. DRAFT CONTRACT FOR MAGISTRATES

VAB Attorney Sperbeck presented the above item.

School Board member Eubank moved to approve the contract with the changes to 4a. Conduct hearings - \$125 per hour for attorneys and \$115 per hour for appraisers up to a maximum of \$800 per day and 4b. Analyze petitions, prepare orders, and conduct telephone conferences - \$115 per hour for attorneys and \$100 per hour for appraisers. The motion carried 5-0.

X. SELECTION OF DESIGNEE TO MAKE GOOD CAUSE DECISIONS

County Commissioner Chestnut moved to designate the VAB Attorney Jean Sperbeck to make good cause decisions and approve or deny reschedule requests. The motion carried 5-0.

XI. 2009 Calendar – Reserve October 1 & November 10 on calendars

County Commissioner Chestnut moved to accept the 2009 VAB calendar. The motion carried 5-0.

XII. Certification by Chair that all DOR requirements for the VAB Organizational meeting have been met (form DR-488 – page 3)

School Board member Eubank moved to authorize the Chair to sign the form DOR-488 (draft form) which is certification by the Chair that all DOR requirements for the VAB Organizational meeting were met. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjourned: 11:30 a.m.