

The Effingham County Tax Assessors Meeting

The Board of Tax Assessors of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Lowell Morgan, Chairman, Mr. Larry (Brad) Green, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Quent Mikeal, and Ms. Gussie Nease met in regular session at 4:30 P.M. on Monday March 4, 2019 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Historic Courthouse.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Chief Appraiser Groover, Mrs. Jennifer Keyes, and Mrs. Rebecca Wright.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

INVOCATION

Ms. Gussie Nease gave the invocation.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Lowell Morgan, Vice-Chairman Larry (Brad) Green, Mr. Quent Mikeal and Ms. Gussie Nease

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice-Chairman Green made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Gussie Nease seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPEARANCES

MINUTES

Ms. Gussie Nease made a motion to approve the minutes for February 4, 2019 Regular Session Meeting Minutes, the February 20, 2019 Special Called Meeting Minutes and the February 20, 2019 Workshop Minutes as presented. Mr. Quent Mikeal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Errors & Releases and NOD: The board members reviewed the E&R log. Vice-Chairman Green made a motion to approve the Error and Release & NOD List as presented. Mr. Quent Mikeal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

CUVA – RENEW: The board members reviewed the tabled CUVA – RENEW application for Stephen M Thompson Parcel #03230-006, after a brief discussion the Board voted to approve the application based on the staff recommendation of having the CUVA acreage and the Rental Business acreage separated in the system without having Mr. Thompson file a parcel split. Ms. Gussie made a motion to approve the previously tabled CUVA - RENEW Application for Stephen M Thompson. Vice-Chairman Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS – APPROVALS: The Board was presented a list of Homestead Exemption Applications for approval. After a brief review, Vice-Chairman Green made a motion to approve the homestead exemption applications as presented. Mr. Quent Mikeal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS – REVOTE: The Board was presented a Homestead Application for revote; the staff found that the application was completed for an S4 Exemption however the income portion of the application was not completed. The staff recommended the Board to approve an SC Exemption which would give the patron one of the Senior (65 and over) Exemptions while the staff worked to get the income portion of the application completed from the patron at which time the original Exemption code would revert back and take effect. After a brief review, Ms. Gussie Nease made a motion to approve the homestead exemption applications as presented for Stephen M Thompson on Parcel #03630-006. Vice-Chairman Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS – DENY: The Board was presented a Homestead Exemption Application for Denial based on the staff's findings that the mobile home was not registered under the same name as the property owner and Homestead applicant. Vice-Chairman Green made a motion to approve the staff recommendation to deny the application for Daniel & Hope Brabham Parcel # 02970-029; with the recommendation for the staff to mail the patron a letter notifying them of the steps that needed to be taken in order for Homestead Exemption to be approved. Ms. Gussie Nease seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CUVA – NEW: The board was presented a list of CUVA – New applications. After review, Ms. Gussie Nease made a motion to approve the CUVA – New applications as presented. Mr. Quent Mikeal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CUVA – RENEW: The board was presented a list of CUVA –Renew applications. After review, Vice-Chairman Green made a motion to approve the CUVA –Renew applications as presented. Mr. Quent Mikeal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CUVA – CONT: The board was presented a list of CUVA – Cont. applications. After review, Ms. Gussie Nease made a motion to approve the CUVA – Cont. applications as presented. Vice-Chairman Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CUVA –UNDER 10 ACRES Approve: The board was presented a list of CUVA –UNDER 10 ACRE Approve applications. After a brief discussion, Ms. Gussie Nease made a motion to approve all of the applications as presented. Vice-Chairman Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CUVA –UNDER 10 ACRES Deny: The board was presented a list of CUVA – UNDER 10 ACRE Deny applications. After a brief discussion, Ms. Gussie Nease made a motion to table the applications for Julian E Pace JR Parcel #'s 03630-029 and 03630-030 for staff to gather more information and approve the denial of application to PEFKOS LAND & TIMBER LLC for Parcel # 0364A-036 based on the lots usage and zoning as Residential property. Mr. Quent Mikeal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FLPA: The board was presented a FLPA continuation. After review and a brief discussion, Ms. Gussie Nease made a motion to approve the FLPA continuation as presented. Mr. Quent Mikeal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2019 SALES STUDIES: The board was presented the revisions from the February 20, 2019 Sales Study Workshop. After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Green made a motion to approve the changes made for the Sales Study Workshop as presented with the exception of the sales within the City Limits of Springfield which the Board will review again at the next scheduled workshop. Ms. Gussie Nease seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW HIRE JOB POSTING: The board was presented a potential job posting put together by Chief Appraiser Groover and HR Director, Mrs. Vicki Dunn. The Board decided to table running this potential job posting until more information was gathered from outside sources such as Ogeechee Tech regarding the Agribusiness program.

STAFF REPORTS

No Staff Report was presented.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS:

The board set a tentative date for March 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM for the next Sales Study Workshop to be completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM. Mr. Quent Mikeal seconded the motion. The motion carried.