

MINUTES
January 6, 2022

Felicia Williams (Chairman) called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Others in attendance were James Puckett (Assessor), Gretchen Quarterman (Assessor), Lisa Bryant (Chief Appraiser), Sherry Dooley (Assessment Coordinator), and LaKassa Baker (Secretary).

Ms. Quarterman gave the invocation.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Ms. Quarterman made a motion to appoint Ms. Williams as Chairman to the board again this year and Mr. Puckett seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

Ms. Williams made a motion to appoint Ms. Quarterman as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Puckett seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

Ms. Quarterman made a motion to keep Ms. Baker as secretary of the board and Mr. Puckett seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

Minutes from the meetings held December 2nd and December 13th were sent to the board to review prior to the meeting. Ms. Quarterman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Mr. Puckett seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

Al Deen (Deen's LLC) gave the board an update on everything happening in the Personal Property Department and informed the board that the Personal Property Returns are scheduled to go in the mail soon.

Mr. Deen also presented ACO's for **Yancey Bros Co. (Acct. # 11407)** for 2020 & 2021 for year end inventory for dealer equipment not sold by the end of the year. Ms. Quarterman made a motion to approve the Aco's and Mr. Puckett seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

Geannie McMullen (GIS Coordinator) presented several Conservation Breach with no penalties per death or Right of Way. After review, Mr. Puckett made a motion to approve the Breach no penalties on the parcels presented and Ms. Quarterman seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

Ms. Bryant informed the board that **PB HOV Properties LLC (Map & Parcel 0074-090A)** was previously scheduled to meet with the Board of Equalization and they did not appear for the hearing and the BOE decided in our favor; and, the appeal has since resolved. Once the taxpayer received the final tax bill, it was determined that they never received notice of the Board of Equalization hearing, so it is being rescheduled and the appeal will be heard again.

Ms. Bryant discussed the Retroactive Veteran Homestead Exemption with the board. She asked if they would like to go with the Department of Revenue's opinion that the veteran should not receive the retroactive exemption if they did not already have a regular homestead exemption on the property prior to qualifying for the veteran exemption or if they would like to allow the retroactive exemption regardless of the taxpayer already having a regular homestead exemption, if they qualify for the veteran exemption for back years with the VA. After discussion, the board decided that if the veteran did not previously have

homestead exemption on the property, they would still allow the retroactive status, but the veteran will need to sign an affidavit stating that they owned and lived in the home and did not have a homestead exemption on any other property to qualify for the exemption retroactively.

Mr. Puckett discussed with the board about doing some PR work on the radio to update the public on things in the office such as the time for Taxpayer Returns, filing for homestead exemption deadlines, or appeal deadlines. After discussion, the board agreed that they would each take turns doing a small segment on the radio to inform the public.

Ms. Bryant presented an Exempt property survey for **Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Commission Inc. (Map & Parcels 0118C-164, 0118C-166 & 0118C-175A)**. Chris Hancock (Real Property Appraiser Supervisor) reviewed these adjoining parcels and his recommendation is to exempt these properties. The Arts Commission is a non-profit organization and these parcels will be used for the art center. After discussion, Mr. Puckett made a motion to approve the Exempt status on the property and Ms. Quarterman seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

The E & R and NOD List for December was presented to the board for approval. Mr. Puckett made a motion to approve the list as submitted and Ms. Quarterman seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

The PT311W (Appeal Withdrawal Forms) List for December was presented to the board for approval. Ms. Quarterman made a motion to approve the list as submitted and Mr. Puckett seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

Ms. Dooley presented the Outstanding Appeals Report for the board to review.

Mr. Puckett asked for a report of the revaluation history of all Real property and would like to develop a plan for a county wide revaluation. This will be discussed more at the next meeting to give Ms. Dooley and Ms. Bryant a chance to get the information that Mr. Puckett is requesting.

Ms. Bryant asked the board to change the date of the February meeting because there is another meeting that she needs to attend on February 3rd, which is the same day of the of the regular board meeting. The board agreed to hold the February meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd instead.

At this time, Ms. Williams called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Ms. Quarterman made a motion to go into Executive Session and Mr. Puckett seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

Executive Session began at 10:20 A.M.

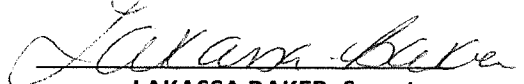
Ms. Quarterman made a motion to end executive session and to reconvene the regular meeting and Mr. Puckett seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:14 A.M.

Having no further business to discuss, Ms. Williams called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Puckett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Quarterman seconded the motion. Motion carried. All agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Minutes submitted as recorded by:


LAKASSA BAKER, Secretary