MINUTES

Butts County Board of Tax Assessors – Regular Session 625 W. 3rd Street, Jackson, GA 30233, Meeting Room A, Admin Bldg. September 18, 2024 – 10:00AM

A. CALL TO ORDER

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

The Butts County Board of Assessors regular scheduled meeting was held on September 18, 2024, at 10:00AM in Meeting Room A of the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leah Preston-Frickey, with Vice Chairperson Ellen Brewer and Board Members Michael Bateman, and Terry Nolan attending. Others present include Chief Appraiser, Jerry Johnson, Deputy Chief Appraiser, Betsy Bernier and Board Secretary, Leigh Ann Jeffcoat.

Member Jimmie Hobgood entered meeting at 10:18AM.

B. CITIZENS COMMENT

Speakers must sign up prior to the meeting and provide their names, addresses and the topic they wish to discuss. Speakers must direct their remarks to the Board and not to individual Member or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Members or County employees are not a matter of public concern and personal attacks will not be tolerated. The Chairperson has the right to limit your comments in the interest of directing the County's business in an efficient and respectable manner.

Speakers will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on their chosen topics as they relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of Tax Assessors. No questions will be asked by any of the members during citizen comments. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times during the meeting. No speaker will be permitted to speak more than three (3) minutes or more than once, unless the Board votes to suspend this rule.

None present.

C. AGENDA

1. Consider the adoption of the September 18, 2024, agenda.

Motion by Member Bateman to approve the September 18, 2024, agenda as submitted, motion was seconded by Member Nolan and carried unanimously, 4-0.

D. MINUTES

1. Consider the approval of the minutes from the August 21, 2024, regular meeting.

Motion by Member Nolan to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024, regular meeting, motion was seconded by Member Bateman and carried unanimously, 4-0.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

 Consider the approval of 2024 homestead applications for Disabled Veteran (S5). MICHAEL CARR 00400-021-Q03

Motion made by Vice Chairperson Brewer to approve the consent agenda as submitted, motion was seconded by Member Bateman and carried unanimously, 4-0.

F. NEW BUSINESS

 Consider the approval of a request for a refund of taxes paid. BRENDA MILAM 00050-006-000

Discussion on the changes in property data per an appeal field visit. Staff recommendation is to deny.

Motion made by Member Bateman to deny the request for refund and was seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and was carried unanimously, 5-0.

2. Consider the approval to reschedule October meeting date.

General discussion of the Board member's availability.

Motion made by Member Bateman to reschedule the October meeting to October 17, 2024, motion was seconded by Member Nolan and was carried unanimously, 5-0.

G. CHIEF APPRAISER REPORT

1. Appeal Update

Discussion of the number and status of appeals for 2024.

2. 2023 DOAA Sales Ratio Study

General discussion and review of the 2023 DOAA Sales Ratio Study with no action to be taken by the Board.

General discussion of the monthly office activity.

H. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

I. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, motion by Member Nolan to adjourn at 11:02AM, motion was seconded by Member Hobgood and was carried unanimously, 5-0.