

Board of Tax Assessors Meeting

Minutes of the January 25, 2024 Meeting

Members Present: Dennis Conway, MaryBeth Burnette, Raymond Gunnin, Tommy Mann and Mark Young were present for the meeting.

Staff Present: Steve Swindell, Trey Stephens, Gregg Boutilier, Sandy Forrester, Ricky Hitt, Lee Johnson, Becky Parker, Rhonda Peterson and Jenny Thomas were present for the meeting.

Attorney: Darrell Caudill of Roach, Caudill & Frost LLP was present for the meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Dennis Conway called the meeting to order.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by MaryBeth Burnette to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Young and approved by all Members.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Motion MaryBeth Burnette to approve the January 11, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Raymond Gunnin and approved by all Members.
- 4. Public Comments:** None
- 5. Consent Agenda:** Motion by Raymond Gunnin to move Batch P1, Batch4, Batch U1, Batch 3, MH1 and Batch 5A to consent agenda and follow staff recommendations, seconded by Mark Young and approved by all Members.

Digest Changes:

Personal Property Department, Jennifer Hoskins, Project Manager
Batch P1, Standard Agenda

Mapping Department, Sandy Forrester, Senior Mapper
Batch 4, Annexation / Zoning Changes

Commercial Department, Gregg Boutilier, Senior Appraiser
Batch U1, Utilities Digest Changes

Residential Department, Lee Johnson, Senior Appraiser
Batch 3, Adjustments

Rural Department, Ricky Hitt, Senior Appraiser
MH1, Digest Changes
Batch 5A, Appeal Changes

- 6. Motion by MaryBeth Burnette to approve the TMA Audit Findings BIG BLUE MARBLE ACADEMY LLC ACCT#143220, MORRISON PRODUCTS INC ACCT#26373 and table NOR-RAL INC ACCT# 35566, seconded by Raymond Gunnin and approved by each Board Member.**

7. Chief Appraiser Report:

Steve reviewed the Budget Report.

Steve attended the annual Chamber luncheon last week.

Steve testified regarding Senate Bill 349 on behalf of GAAO this past Monday.

Steve and other colleagues worked on language for a bill proposing that the Dept of Audits must adopt the ratios each county Board of Assessors adopted as their final digest.

Cherokee County has proposed a Homestead bill granting a full school tax exemption to those who have lived in the county for at least 5 years and are 62 or older. This should be on a local ballot by the end of the year.

The next BOA meeting will be Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

8. Attorney's Report / Executive Session: Darrell gave an update of current court cases.

9. Adjournment: Motion by MaryBeth Burnette to adjourn, seconded by Mark Young and approved by all Members.

Dennis Conway, Chairman

Jenny Thomas, Secretary