

**CALHOUN COUNTY  
VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2010**

**PRESENT AND ACTING:**

**DON MILLER, CHAIRMAN  
HAROLD PICKRON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
TIM SMITH, SCHOOL BOARD  
DAN YODER, CITIZEN MEMBER  
RAYMOND RUSSELL, CITIZEN MEMBER**

**RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK  
THAYER MARTS, VAB ATTORNEY  
KATHY P. STEWART, DEPUTY CLERK**

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Attaway.

A motion was made by Raymond Russell, seconded by Dan Yoder and carried to appoint Commissioner Miller as Chairman for the Value Adjustment Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pickron, seconded by Raymond Russell and carried to appoint Mr. Thayer Marts as attorney for the Value Adjustment Board.

The members of the Board and the Board Clerk were introduced and provided contact information as follows:

Ruth Attaway – Clerk of Court	850-674-4545
Tim Smith – Calhoun County School Board, District # 3	850-674-3056
Dan Yoder – Homestead property owner	850-674-5051
Don Miller – Calhoun County Commissioner, District #3	850-643-7084
Raymond Russell – Business representative	850-674-5471
Harold Pickron – Calhoun County Commissioner, District #5	850-643-8297

Clerk Ruth Attaway presented to the Board for approval and execution Resolution 2010-01. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD SETTING THE FILING FEE TO BE PAID TO THE CLERK OF THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD (VAB).** The Resolution sets the filing fee at \$15. A motion was made by Tim Smith, seconded by Raymond Russell and carried to approve and execute Resolution 2010-01.

Ruth Attaway stated the following documents were available at the meeting and on the Clerk's website for the availability of the public and the Board members.

- Uniform Policies and Procedures Manual for Value Adjustment Boards

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- Two accompanying documents titled "Other Legal Resources Including Statutory Criteria" and "Reference Materials Including Guidelines"

Ruth Attaway explained the hearings are held in accordance with the Florida's Government in Sunshine/open government laws. The Government-In-The-Sunshine manual is available on the internet and a copy is available at this meeting.

Attorney Marts explained his role in the VAB process and gave an overview of the procedures for hearings before the Value Adjustment Board.

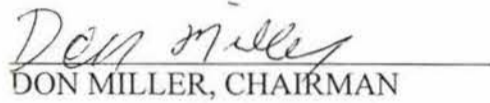
Terry Stone, Property Appraiser, gave a general overview of Florida's property tax system.

Ruth Attaway announced the tentative schedule for the Value Adjustment Board. Hearings will begin today, October 20, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. and the rescheduled hearing will be held November 3, 2010 at 11:00a.m.

There being no further business, the organizational meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
RUTH W. ATTAWAY, CLERK

  
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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Commissioner Miller.

Petition 2010-1, Labon & Linda Bontrager was called to be heard.

Labon Bontrager presented his arguments as to why his property should be classified as agricultural. He provided a packet with pictures of the property, related Florida Statutes and other information. He answered Board inquiries.

Terry Stone, Property Appraiser, provided pictures of the property and an explanation /overview of his assessment of the property.

Upon completion of discussion, Commissioner Pickron made a motion to uphold the Property Appraiser's stance and deny the petition. The motion was seconded by Tim Smith and carried to deny the petition.

Ruth Attaway presented the forms DR-488P "Initial Certification of the Value Adjustment Board" for both Real Property and Tangible Personal Property. A motion was made by Raymond Russell, seconded by Commissioner Pickron and carried for Chairman Miller to sign the forms on behalf of the Value Adjustment Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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