

**Morgan County Commission**  
**Board Of Equalization**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 1, 2010**

Members Present: Thomas R. Swaim, Brenda J. Hutchinson, and Stacy A. Dugan

The meeting was opened by Debra Kesecker, County Clerk, at 9:30 a.m.

Administration

The Commission will interview individuals for the Animal Control Officer position on Friday, February 5, 2010 from 8:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Emerson Funk

Mr. and Mrs. Funk approached the Board of Equalization regarding their properties in Bath and Allen districts. Mr. Funk explained that he went before the Board of Equalization last year and the assessment was lowered to \$138,600.00 and he would like to know why and how the assessments increased so much from last year. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that last year, it was lowered and hard keyed in and the Board of Equalization explained to Mr. Funk that since it was hard keyed in, the assessment will increase in the following year. The Board of Equalization asked Mr. and Mrs. Funk if they had brought their homeowner's insurance policy. Mr. Funk stated that they had not brought the policy. Mr. Funk and the Assessor's staff reviewed the assessments of the properties and discovered there was confusion as to which properties had outbuildings. The Assessor's office reviewed each property and made the corrections. After the corrections, the Assessor's staff agreed to lower the assessment on the property in the Allen district to \$150,700.00, and the assessment on the property in the Bath district to \$118,600.00. The Commission secretary will follow up with a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Funk.

Cathy McCumbee

Ms. McCumbee approached the Board of Equalization regarding her property in Allen District. Ms. McCumbee presented an insurance policy and a certified appraisal. Ms. McCumbee explained that her property is very steep. The Assessor's staff and Board of Equalization reviewed the assessment with the insurance policy and appraisal and agreed to lower the assessment to \$154,000.00. The lowered assessment will be hard keyed in the computer.

Ercel Cain

Mr. Cain approached the Board of Equalization regarding his property in Rock Gap district. Mr. Cain explained that his property assessment increased \$10,000.00 since last year. Mr. Cain explained that his property runs across the road and brought his deed with him. The Assessor's staff explained that they will work on the assessment and make the corrections regarding the property running across the road and get back to Mr. Cain regarding the assessment. The Board of Equalization suggested reducing the assessment to \$25,500.00. The Commission secretary will follow up with a letter to Mr. Cain.

### Neva Thomas

Ms. Thomas was a walk in at the Board of Equalization meeting. Ms. Thomas approached the Board of Equalization and explained that she saw an article in the newspaper regarding questions and concerns about tax assessments. Ms. Thomas explained that she agrees with her assessment but she is concerned about the raising taxes. The Assessor's Staff and Board of Equalization discussed Ms. Thomas's assessment and agreed it is correct.

### Adjournment

On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the Board of Equalization adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. This motion carried.