

Morgan County Commission
Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes
Senior Center, Paw Paw, WV
Friday, February 17, 2012
10:00 am

Members present: Bradley Close, Brenda Hutchinson and Stacy Dugan.

Others present: Ginger Johnson, Vonda Miller and Ronnie McIntire.

The County Commission traveled to Paw Paw, WV for a Board of Equalization meeting.

Lori Stansbury

Lori Stansbury approached the Commission to discuss the assessment of her property.

Property location: Cacapon District
Tax Map 39, Parcel 1 & 1.41
River Bend S/D Sec C Lot 5 8.25 AC & Lt. 3 4.41 AC

The Assessors Office has the property's appraised value at \$63,700. Ms. Stansbury stated that the property is in the flood plain and only used for camping. Ms. Stansbury stated that she feels the assessment is too high. Vonda Miller, Assessor's office personnel, explained that she has spoken to Alma Gorse, County Planner, who confirmed 80% was in the flood plain and a small portion in the floodway. Alma also said that it could be built on, and there is an appeal process where the soil can be tested. The Assessor's office made some adjustments to the properties to lower the assessment and suggested Ms. Stansbury consolidates the parcels together to receive one bill. The County Commission reviewed the assessment and agreed there is nothing they can do to lower the assessment. The County Commission thanked Ms. Stansbury for her time.

James & Joanne Walters

Mr. and Mrs. James Walters approached the Commission to discuss the assessment of their property.

Property location: Cacapon District
Tax Map 19, Parcel 3.43
On Potomac TR 17B 12.89 AC

The Assessor's office has the property's appraised value at \$127,600. Mr. and Mrs. Walters explained that they feel the assessment is too high. Vonda Miller, Assessor's office personnel, explained that the interior of the house was just recently completed which changes the assessment to a class 2. Ms. Miller also explained that Ms. Walters had supplied an appraisal with a cost value of \$129,844. The County Commission reviewed the assessment and the homeowner's insurance policy for the property. The County Commission explained that there is nothing they can do to

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lower the assessment. The County Commission thanked Mr. and Mrs. Walters for their time.

William Hayes, Sr.

William Hayes, Sr. approached the Commission to discuss the assessment of his business property located in Paw Paw, WV.

Property location: Paw Paw District

Tax Map 2 Parcel 8

Winchester Street, Lt. 1754 AC

Vonda Miller, Assessor's office personnel, explained that the commercial building consists of a Beauty shop, a Napa Auto Parts with service garage and an apartment upstairs. Mr. Hayes stated that he feels the assessment is too high. Ms. Miller explained that she has lowered the appraised value to \$239,700. Mr. Hayes still stated that he thought it was too high and asked the Commission to lower it. The Commission reviewed the assessment. The County Commission explained that there was nothing they can do to lower the assessment. The County Commission thanked Mr. Hayes for his time.

Jay Lawyer

The County Commission reviewed the comparable properties that Mr. Lawyer had asked them to review. The County Commission agrees with the assessment for Mr. Lawyer's property. The County Commission stated that they cannot lower the assessment.

Donald Brady

Donald Brady, a citizen, approached the Commission and Assessor and asked them to review the assessment for his property. Vonda Miller, Assessor's office personnel, explained that she does not have his paperwork but agreed to call him when she gets back to the office to work on his assessment.

Adjournment

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, contingent upon the Assessor's office working on Mr. Brady's assessment, the Board of Equalization meetings for the month of February, 2012 were adjourned at 11:15 a.m. This motion carried.

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