

**Board of Equalization Meeting  
February 6, 2013**

**Members present:**

Bradley Close, President  
Stacy Dugan  
Robert Ford

**Also Present:** Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Ronald McIntire, Assessor; Vonda Miller, Assessor's Chief Deputy, Jody McClintock, County Administrator

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

Rick Hoffman approached the Commission to discuss the assessment that had been placed on his vacant lot.

Property location: Cacapon District  
Tax Map 13A Parcel 9  
Cacapon Retreat  
.76 acres

Mr. Hoffman stated that he purchased the property in 2010 for \$15,500. Mr. Hoffman stated that he received a letter of increase for this property assessed at \$19,680. Mr. Hoffman asked why the value was increased. The Commission discussed the assessment with the Assessor and staff and agreed to lower the assessment to the purchase price. On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the Commission lowered the assessment to \$11,500. Commissioner Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and the motion was passed.

Rick Hoffman also approached the Commission to discuss the assessment on a second property he owns.

Property location: Rock Gap District  
Tax Map 3 Parcel 67  
Highview S/D Section A Lot 1  
2.04 acres

Mr. Hoffman stated that he has spoken to the Assessor's Office about a letter of increase he received stated the appraised value was \$73,500. After reviewing the property, the Assessor's Office made an adjustment lowering the appraised value to \$66,500. Mr. Hoffman stated that he had spoken to a realtor and still believes the appraised value is too high. Mr. Hoffman presented homeowners fire insurance to the Commission showing the property is insured for \$40,000. The Commission discussed the assessment with the Assessor and Staff. The Commission agreed with the appraised value of \$66,500 and did not lower it.