

**Board of Equalization Meeting
February 15, 2013**

Members present:

Bradley Close, President
Stacy Dugan
Robert Ford

Also Present: Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Ronald McIntire, Assessor and Vonda Miller, Assessor's Chief Deputy

The meeting was opened by Cathy Payne, Chief Deputy County Clerk, at 9:20 a.m.

Jay Lawyer

Jay Lawyer approached the Commission to discuss the assessment of his property.

Property location: Allen District
Tax Map 13 Parcel 62
43.40 acres

Mr. Lawyer explained that he came before the Board of Equalization last year and he was told to get an appraisal completed by Commissioner Close. Mr. Lawyer presented the appraisal. Mr. Lawyer presented his homeowners insurance policy and stated that he has a high amount of coverage because of the money borrowed for the house. The Commission reviewed the documents with the Assessor and staff. On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission agreed to lower the appraised value on the property to \$731,100. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

David & Teresa Yost

David & Teresa Yost approached the Commission to discuss the assessment of their vacant property. Mr. Yost explained that he purchased the property in 2011 for \$35,000 and now the appraised value is \$44,500. Mr. Yost stated that the land is swampy and he does not understand how the value could have increased that much. Vonda Miller, Assessor's Chief Deputy explained that the increase was due to a classification change. After reviewing the documents and on a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the Commission approved lowering the appraised value back to the purchase price of \$35,000. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

David & Teresa Yost also discussed the assessment of a second property with the Board of Equalization.

Property Location: Rock Gap District
Tax Map 11 Parcel 1.4
Rock Gap Springs S/D
Lot 5 20.010 acres

The Board of Equalization reviewed the documents and agreed the assessment of \$233,500 was correct and fair. The Board of Equalization did not lower the assessment.

Brett Shinn- Telephone Conference

Brett Shin participated in a telephone conference call with the Board of Equalization regarding his assessment.

Property Location: Cacapon District

Map 1 Parcel 7

40.5 acres

Potomac River Frontage

Mr. Shinn asked why the assessment of the vacant property doubled in amount from 2012-2013. Vonda Miller, Assessor's Chief Deputy, explained that there was a correction in the WV state system, the Assessor's Office had the property stated as all wooded with no 1 acre building lot. The Board of Equalization reviewed the documents and agreed the appraised value of \$75,600 was correct and fair. The Board of Equalization did not lower the assessment.

John Barker

John Barker approached the Board of Equalization to discuss the assessment on his property.

Property Location: Bath District

Map 7 Parcel 24

The Board of Equalization discussed the assessment with Mr. Barker. After reviewing the assessment the Board of Equalization agreed with the appraised value of \$355,600 was correct and fair. The Board of Equalization did not lower the assessment.