

Lumpkin County Board of Assessors

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES LUMPKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

January 14, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Assessors present: Robert Pullen, Daniel Bosanko, and Mickey Clark. Deborah Armstrong was absent. Also present: Danny Ziemer, Katie Sanders, and Erika Vargas from the Assessor's office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pullen at 9:07 a.m. in the conference room of the Lumpkin County Administration Building, 99 Courthouse Hill, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

The first order of business was election of officers for 2025. Mr. Clark made a motion to continue with the same officers as 2024. Mr. Bosanko seconded. Board voted to approve 3-0. Mr. Pullen remains as Chairman, Mr. Bosanko as Vice-Chairman, and Katie Sanders as Secretary.

Minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting: Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bosanko with a second by Mr. Clark. Voted 3-0 in favor.

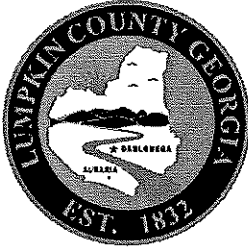
Old Business: None

New Business:

ACO Report: After the Board reviewed the report Mr. Clark made a motion to approve and Mr. Bosanko seconded. Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Homestead Exemptions: Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bosanko with a second by Mr. Clark. Voted 3-0 in favor.

Veterans Exemption: *Kristy Armstrong – Paul Kopp – Martin Laxson – George Masters:* After review of documentation Mr. Clark made a motion to approve all applications and Mr. Bosanko seconded. Voted 3-0 in favor.



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Disability Exemption: *Stacie Harbin:* On motion by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Bosanko the Board voted to table pending further information from the applicant. Voted 3-0 in favor to table. *Pamela K Wilson:* Motion to approve was made by Mr. Bosanko with a second by Mr. Clark. Voted 3-0 in favor.

CUVA Breach: *Neil & Rhonda McWhorter (034-203 – 30.00ac):* Ms. Vargas presented the owner's request to terminate the conservation covenant in order to place the property on the market. On motion by Mr. Bosanko and seconded by Mr. Clark the Board voted to approve 3-0.

Mr. Ziemer informed the Board that the Manufactured Housing Digest was submitted to the Tax Commissioner on time with no issues.

Mr. Ziemer updated the Board on HB581. The Lumpkin County Board of Education are advertising the required public hearings to opt out of the "freeze". There have been a couple of meetings within the state to discuss the implementation of the new rules set by the bill. WinGap has updated the appraisal software but Mr. Ziemer expects there will be more updates forthcoming. HB581 removes the estimated tax on the assessment notices, but adds an estimated rollback rate instead. This will require pre-certifying numbers to the Tax Commissioner in order to get the preliminary rollback rate prior to the mailing of the notices. HB581 did not make any changes to the existing deadlines for submitting the actual digest.

Mr. Ziemer told the Board that Mr. Clark had attended Course I January 6th through January 10th in Tifton. As winter storm Cora came through at the end of that week, he knew it was a stressful time for Mr. Clark. The Department of Revenue allowed the students to take their exam Thursday after class to avoid driving through snow and ice on Friday.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Clark and a second was made by Mr. Bosanko. Voted to adjourn at 9:41 a.m. 3-0.

Robert Pullen, Chairman

Daniel Bosanko, Vice-Chairman

Deborah Armstrong, Member

Mickey Clark, Member