

February 3, 2009

The Pinellas County Value Adjustment Board (VAB) met in the Board Conference Room, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 8:20 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Calvin D. Harris, Chairman, County Commissioner
Susan Latvala, County Commissioner
Robin Wikle, School Board Member
Robert P. Symanski, Citizen Appointee (BCC)

Absent

Earnest Williams, Citizen Appointee (School Board)

Also Present:

Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk, Finance
Frederick Dean, Director, Finance
Cynthia N. Haumann, Manager, Board Records
Stephen G. Watts, Esquire, VAB Counsel
Other Interested Individuals
Helen Groves, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of October 7, 2008
3. Introduction of New Members
4. Stephen G. Watts, VAB Counsel
 - a. Remanded Petitions
5. Final Action of All Recommendations of Special Magistrates
6. Second Certification of 2008 Tax Rolls
7. Miscellaneous
 - a. VAB Statistics
 - b. Appointment of Alternate Members
 - c. Update on Pending Litigation
8. Selection of Chairman for 2009
9. Adjournment

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commissioner Harris called the meeting to order at 8:20 A.M.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2008 - APPROVED

Upon motion by Commissioner Latvala, seconded by Mr. Symanski and carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2008 were approved.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chairman Harris welcomed School Board Member Wikle.

4. REMANDED PETITIONS

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Watts, with input by Property Appraiser Pam Dubov on Item No. 4b, the Board took the following actions:

- a. Approved the remand values.
Motion Commissioner Latvala
Second School Board Member Wikle
Vote 4-0

- b. Denied the recommendations of the Special Magistrates and adopted the adjusted value as determined by an agreement between the Property Appraiser and the tax payer re Petitions Nos. 1199, 1200, 1211, and 1506.
Motion Commissioner Latvala
Second Mr. Symanski
Vote 4-0

- c. Approved the adjusted values.
Motion Commissioner Latvala
Second School Board Member Wikle
Vote 4-0

5. FINAL ACTION OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF SPECIAL MAGISTRATES

Commissioner Latvala moved, seconded by Mr. Symanski and carried, that the recommendations of all the Special Magistrates be approved, with the exception of the agreements upon which separate action was taken under Item No. 4b.

6. SECOND CERTIFICATION OF 2008 TAX ROLLS

Commissioner Latvala moved, seconded by Mr. Symanski and carried, that the second certification of the 2008 tax rolls be approved.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Vab Statistics for Three Year Period

Chairman Harris indicated that statistics regarding the number of petitions filed in the last three years are included in the agenda package.

b. Appointment of Alternate Members

Commissioner Neil Brickfield was named as the alternate member for the Board of County Commissioners and Ms. Wikle indicated that she would provide Ms. Haumann with the name of the alternate School Board Member.

c. Update on Pending Litigation

Mr. Watts provided an update on the CVS Drugstores litigation, noting that its primary focus is the Department of Revenue procedures regulating the VAB process; and Mses. Haumann and Dubov indicated that they would keep the Board informed of any administrative rules adopted.

8. COMMISSIONER LATVALA ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD FOR 2009

School Board Member Wikle moved, seconded by Mr. Symanski and carried, that Commissioner Latvala serve as the Value Adjustment Board Chairman for 2009.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Latvala, Commissioner Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:34 A.M.

Chairman