

March 2, 2010

The Pinellas County Value Adjustment Board (VAB) met in the Clerk's Large Conference Room, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 8:17 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Susan Latvala, County Commissioner, Chairman  
Calvin D. Harris, County Commissioner (late arrival)  
Robin Wikle, School Board Member  
Robert P. Symanski, Citizen Appointee (Board of County Commissioners)  
Earnest Williams, Citizen Appointee (School Board)

Also Present:

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

A G E N D A

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of October 6, 2009
3. Final Action of All Recommendations of Special Magistrates
4. Final Certification of 2009 Tax Rolls
5. Miscellaneous
  - a. VAB Statistics
  - b. Update on Pending Litigation
6. Adjournment

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Latvala called the meeting to order at 8:17 A.M. Shortly after the beginning of the meeting and upon the Chairman's observation that no members of the public were in attendance, Ms. Haumann noted that in anticipation of the public's interest, the meeting had been moved from the Commissioner's conference room on the fifth floor to the larger Clerk's conference room; and that

signs have been placed in the Courthouse, and the notice of the meeting included the location; whereupon, the meeting was temporarily halted to assure that citizens were not waiting on the fifth floor.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2009 - APPROVED

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Symanski and carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2009 were approved.

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At this time, 8:19 A.M., Commissioner Harris entered the meeting.

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3. FINAL ACTION OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF SPECIAL MAGISTRATES

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Symanski and carried, that the recommendations of all the Special Magistrates be approved.

4. FINAL CERTIFICATION OF 2008 TAX ROLLS

Commissioner Harris moved, seconded by School Board Member Wikle and carried, that the final certification of the 2009 tax rolls be approved.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

a. VAB Statistics

Chairman Latvala indicated that statistics regarding petitions filed in the last three years are included in the agenda packet. Ms. Haumann pointed out that almost 600 petitions were filed on line this year; whereupon, noting that the number of Incomplete petitions had dropped and the number of petitions filed had increased, School Board Member Wikle suggested that analysis of the statistics indicate that the new software program has improved the accuracy of the VAB process and appears to be user-friendly; and Clerk Burke suggested that the ease of filing on line contributed to the increase in petitions filed.

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- b. Update on Pending Litigation  
Mr. Watts reported that the lawsuits filed against the Value Adjustment Board had been dismissed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Latvala adjourned the meeting at 8:22 A.M.

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Chairman