

June 10, 2008

The Pinellas County Value Adjustment Board (VAB) met in the County Commission Assembly Room, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 8:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Calvin D. Harris, County Commissioner, Chairman
Susan Latvala, County Commissioner
John Morroni, County Commissioner
Carol J. Cook, School Board Member
Peggy L. O’Shea, School Board Member

Also Present:

Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk, Finance
Frederick L. Dean, Director, Finance
Ron Anderson, Deputy for Appraisals
Erin Moore, Deputy for Assessment Administration
Stephen G. Watts, Esquire, VAB Counsel
Linda R. Reed, Manager, Board Records
Cynthia N. Haumann, Assistant Manager, Board Records
Helen Groves, Board Reporter

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of April 16, 2008.
3. 2008 Contract for VAB Counsel.
4. Discussion – House Bill 909
 - a. Makeup of VAB effective September 1, 2008.
 - b. Contract for citizen VAB members and payment for service.
 - c. Contracts for Special Magistrates.
5. Discussion – Senate Bill 1588
 - a. Handling of “portability” petitions.
6. Status of Claim.
7. Scheduling of July Organizational Meeting.
8. Adjournment.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2008 - APPROVED

Upon motion by School Board Member O'Shea, seconded by School Board Member Cook and carried, the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2008 were approved.

2008 CONTRACT FOR VAB COUNSEL - APPROVED

School Board Member Cook confirmed that the only change to the contract was regarding payment for litigation; whereupon she moved, seconded by School Board Member O'Shea and carried, that the 2008 contract for the VAB Counsel be approved.

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At this time, 8:10 A.M., Commissioner Latvala entered the meeting.

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HOUSE BILL 909

Makeup of VAB Effective September 1, 2008

Following discussion regarding the makeup of the VAB until the new law goes into effect and the process of selecting citizens to serve on the VAB, it was the consensus of the members that the Board of County Commissioners and the School Board would each follow their usual process regarding the selection of members.

Contract for Citizen VAB Members and Payment for Service

It was the consensus of the members that the citizens selected for membership on the VAB would not receive monetary compensation.

Contracts for Special Magistrates

Following an update by Ms. Reed with input by Clerk Burke, Commissioner Morroni moved, seconded by Commissioner Latvala, that no changes be made to the pay and compensation for the Special Magistrates; whereupon, Chairman Harris clarified that the motion encompasses that there will not be any changes to the Special Magistrate process. Upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL 1588

Handling of "Portability" Petitions

Ms. Moore indicated that to date there have been approximately 1,400 portability petitions approved and 800 denied and discussed the various reasons the petitions were denied;

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whereupon, Ms. Haumann outlined the plan for processing the portability petitions, and no objections were noted.

STATUS OF CLAIM

Attorney Watts provided an update regarding the CVS litigation.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Following discussion, Commissioner Latvala moved, seconded by School Board Member Cook and carried, that the organizational meeting be held on July 22 at 2:00 P.M. in the Board of County Commissioners' conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

Following motion by Commissioner Latvala, Chairman Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:21 A.M.

Chairman