

December 12, 2006

The Pinellas County Value Adjustment Board (VAB) met in the County Commission Conference Room, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, at 2:00 P.M. on this date with the following members present:

Calvin D. Harris, Chairman  
Robert B. Stewart, 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  
Jim Smith, Property Appraiser  
Claretha N. Harris, Chief Deputy Clerk, Finance  
Frederick L. Dean, Director, Finance  
Pamela M. Dubov, Chief Deputy Property Appraiser  
Ron Anderson, Deputy for Appraisals  
Susan H. Churuti, County Attorney  
Christina Le Blanc, Assistant County Attorney  
Stephen G. Watts, Esquire, VAB Counsel  
Linda R. Reed, Manager, Board Records  
Cynthia N. Haumann, Assistant Manager, Board Records

A G E N D A

1. Meeting Called to Order.
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 10, 2006.
3. Pam Dubov
  - a. Final disposition of Petitions Nos. 698, 699, 700 and 701
  - b. Value reductions re Petitions Nos. 241, 303, 333 and 877
  - c. Remanded petitions
4. Final Action of All Recommendations of Special Magistrates.
5. Second Certification of 2006 Tax Rolls.
6. Miscellaneous
  - a. 2006 Statistics
  - b. Special Magistrate Rate of Payment Comparison
  - c. Extension of Value Adjustment Board

7. Selection of Chairman for 2007
8. Adjournment.

#1 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

#2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2006 - APPROVED

On motion by School Board Member Cook, seconded by Commissioner Morroni and carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2006 were approved.

#3 PAM DUBOV

- a. Final disposition of Petitions Nos. 698, 699, 700 and 701 - after presentation by Ms. Dubov and following discussion, Commissioner Morroni moved, seconded by School Board Member Cook and carried, that the Special Magistrates' recommendations to remand Petitions Nos. 698, 699, 700 and 701 to the Property Appraiser be set aside and that those petitions be denied.
- b. Value reductions re Petitions Nos. 241, 303, 333 and 877 – following a brief history provided by Ms. Dubov, Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Morroni and carried, to concur with the values for Petitions Nos. 241, 303, 333 and 877 as reduced by the Property Appraiser's Office since the VAB hearings.
- c. Remanded petitions - after a brief explanation was given by Ms. Dubov regarding Petitions Nos. 266, 522 and 868, she requested that the Special Magistrate's decision to remand the petitions be reflected as adjustments made in favor of the petitioners. Commissioner Morroni moved, seconded by School Board Member Cook and carried, to reflect adjustments made in favor of the petitioners.

Ms. Dubov then presented information regarding Petitions Nos. 413, 552, 553, 687 and 1446 and requested that those petitions be denied. Commissioner Morroni moved, seconded by School Board Member Cook and carried, that those petitions be denied.

#4 FINAL ACTION OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF SPECIAL MAGISTRATES – APPROVED

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Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by School Board Member Cook and carried, that the recommendations of the Special Magistrates be approved with the exception of those petitions where separate action was taken by the Board.

#5 SECOND CERTIFICATION OF 2006 TAX ROLLS – APPROVED

School Board Member Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and carried, that the second certification of the 2006 tax rolls be approved.

#6 MISCELLANEOUS

- a. 2006 Statistics – Ms. Reed related that there was an increase in the number of petitions received this year; and that she expects a slight reduction in petitions next year.
- b. Special Magistrate Rate of Payment Comparison – Discussion ensued regarding the disparity in pay among the counties who provided information used in the comparison; whereupon, Commissioner Morroni moved, seconded by School Board Member Cook, that the rate paid to Special Magistrates be raised from \$95 per hour to \$100 per hour. Following further discussion and input from Ms. Reed, the motion failed by a vote of 3 to 2.
- c. Extension of Value Adjustment Board – Citing the timeframes for scheduling and rescheduling hearings as well as processing recommendations from the Special Magistrates, Ms. Reed requested that the Value Adjustment Board be extended beginning with the 2007 VAB, possibly to the end of January, 2008; whereupon, Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by School Board Member Cook and carried, to extend the 2007 VAB.
- d. Property Appraiser Jim Smith – Mr. Smith provided supplemental information to the members regarding the number of parcels that were granted reductions in value by the Property Appraiser's Office outside of the VAB process, and requested that the Board permit this information to be advertised along with the statutorily required impact ad. Following discussion, Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Morroni and carried, that Mr. Smith's request be approved.

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#7 COMMISSIONER HARRIS REELECTED CHAIRMAN OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD FOR 2007

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Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Morroni and carried, that Commissioner Harris be reelected Chairman of the Value Adjustment Board for 2007.

#8 ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Morroni, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 P.M.

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Chairman