CHATTOOGA COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS

Chattooga County Board of Tax Assessors May 29, 2024

Attending:

Doug L. Wilson, Chairman - Present John Bailey, Vice Chairman - Present Betty Brady - Present Kevin Payton - Present Matthew Kinnamont - Present Nancy Edgeman - Present Crystal Brady - Present

Meeting was called to order at 9:00am

APPOINTMENTS: William Lowrance – 9:30am, Richard Howell – 10am Zander Martin joined the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

I. BOA Minutes:

Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2024 & No Meeting for May 22, 2024 BOA reviewed, approved, & signed

II. BOA/Employee:

a. Time Sheets

BOA reviewed, approved, & signed

b. Emails:

1. Weekly Work Summary

BOA acknowledged receiving

III. BOE Report: Nancy Edgeman to forward via email an updated report for Board's review.

Total 2023 Real & Personal Certified to Board of Equalization – 1429
Withdrawn - 163
Cases Settled – 1135
Hearings Scheduled – 92
Pending cases – 39
Superior Court – 15
Conferences Scheduled – 4
Confirmed to SC – 9

We have one 2022 appeal pending Superior Court.

Nancy Edgeman discussed ordering an appraisal for Mr. Connelly's property. Mr. Wilson entertained a motion to approve ordering the appraisal, Motion was made by John Bailey, Seconded by Kevin Payton, All that were present voted in favor.

IV. Time Line: Nancy Edgeman to discuss updates with the Board.

The office is working towards the 2024 digest.

NEW BUSINESS:

V. APPEALS:

2023 Real & Personal Appeals taken: 3224 Total appeals approved by BOA: 3224

Pending appeals: 0

Closed: 3224

2024 Mobile Home appeals taken: 21 Total appeals reviewed Board: 0

Pending appeals: 21

Closed: 0

Certified to the Board of Equalization: 0

Weekly updates and daily status kept for the 2023 appeal log by Crystal Brady. **Requesting BOA acknowledge**

VI: MOBILE HOME APPEALS

MAP & PARCEL	NOA VALUE	ASSERTED VALUE	VALUE IN DISPUTE	30 DAY / CHANGE	BOE / NO CHANGE
58-45/M631	\$6,785	\$100	\$6,685	\$3,400	CHANGE
37-25-B/M764	\$10,589	\$0	\$10,589	\$0	
29-10-L07/M3133	\$188,588	\$100,000	\$88,588	\$179,380	
57-31/M1655	\$10,362	\$0	\$10,362	\$0	
43A-18/M1780	\$5,071	\$0	\$5,071	\$0	
49-87/M2043	\$3,334	\$0	\$3,334	\$0	
48-87/M2044	\$26,888	\$5,000	\$21,888		\$26,888
67-55/M2064	\$7,472	\$1,000	\$6,472	\$2,800	
66-22-A/M3236	\$88,508	\$0	\$88,508	\$0	

Requesting approval for appeal listed above.

Reviewer: Crystal Brady

Motion to approve appeals listed above:

Motion: John Bailey Second: Kevin Payton

Vote: All who were present voted in favor

VII: VETERANS EXEMPTION
a. Property Owner: Shockley, Betty

Map & Parcel: S40-81

Tax Year: 2024

Contention: Mrs. Shockley visited the office on May 15, 2024 to file for the Surviving Spouse Veterans Exemption.

Determination: Mrs. Shockley presented a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs stating that her husband's combined service-connected evaluation was 100%. (See letter in file).

Recommendation: Based on the information presented, I recommend approval for the Surviving Spouse

Veterans Exemption per O.C.G.A 48-5-48(a)(2) beginning tax year 2024.

Reviewer: Crystal Brady

Motion to approve veterans' exemption:

Motion: Betty Brady

Second: Matthew Kinnamont

Vote: All who were present voted in favor

VIII: PERSONAL PROPERTY

a. Personal Property 2024

Owner Name: Adan Petroleum Inc (Quick Food mart)

Map & Parcel: S38-17

Account #: 44

Determination:

1. The subject property is a personal property business account for Adan Petroleum Inc; DBA: Quick Food Mart (previously Bagley) located at 11161 Highway 27, Summerville

2. The machinery and equipment value is \$31,394; the inventory value is \$35,311 a total of \$66,705 for tax year 2024.

3. The property owner reported \$3,350 for machinery and equipment removing fuel pumps, tanks and equipment with pumps.

4. March 12, 2024 and May 17, 2024 notes and attempts to contact the owner were made to obtain information and documentation verifying the owner of the fuel systems and tanks. (Details available for the Board's review)

• Research and in comparison, to other businesses indicates the owner should have a contract with the company they say owns the fuel system, pumps and tanks and provide that to us.

• The property owner has not provided the required documentation; the fuel system, pumps and tanks must remain on their record (acct #44) unless or until they submit the proper information for the business, they are contending is the owner of the equipment in question.

Recommendation: The Board of Assessor's acknowledge the total fair market value for this account #44

is \$66,705 for tax year 2024. **Reviewer:** Wanda Brown

Motion to acknowledge the recommendation listed above:

Motion: John Bailey

Second: Matthew Kinnamont

Vote: All who were present voted in favor

b. Personal Property 2024

Owner Name: The American Bottling Company Map & Parcel: Various locations in the County

Account #: 654

Determination:

- 1. The subject property is a personal property business account for The American Bottling Company; with machinery and equipment located in various businesses throughout Chattooga County.
- 2. The current machinery and equipment value is \$14,544; the inventory belongs to the businesses not the equipment owner.

- 3. The property owner provided three reporting forms for one account; no correct 'original cost new' values were provided with their asset listing or on their Schedule A.
- **4.** The reporting forms and values reported by the property owner cannot be accepted when reported this way.
- 5. Attempts to contact the property owner's agent: March 29, 2024 and May 23, 2024 have resulted in no response.

Recommendation: The Board of Assessor's acknowledge the total fair market value for this account #654

is \$14,544 for tax year 2024. **Reviewer:** Wanda Brown

Motion to acknowledge the recommendation listed above:

Motion: John Bailey Second: Kevin Payton

Vote: All who were present voted in favor

c. Personal Property 2024

Subject: Freeport Applications

Determination:

There are 10 applications that have been entered and completed at this time as follows:

- 1. Atlanco #33
- 2. Baker Textiles #48
- 3. Cumberland Cooperage LLC #2244
- 4. J Bar Corporation #375
- 5. North Georgia Textile Supply Co #492
- 6. Shaw Industries Group Inc #594
- 7. Smith, J. P. Lumber Co Inc #602
- 8. Traeger Pellet Grills LLC #667
- 9. Vitality Labs LLC # 806
- 10. Wire Tech LTD #727

The applicants of the accounts listed above have completed their reporting forms and Freeport applications correctly.

Note: There are 5 other applications pending (details on the report for the Board's review)

Recommendation: Recommending the Board of Assessor's review the report with completed values and

approve Freeport applications. **Reviewer:** Wanda Brown

Motion to approve the recommendation listed above:

Motion: John Bailey Second: Kevin Payton

Vote: All who were present voted in favor

IX: MISCELLANEOUS

a. Lynch appeal waiver and release

b. Thomas appeal waiver and release

c. Thomason appeal waiver and releases

Mr. Wilson, Chairman, signed the releases listed above.

d. Kinnamont Certificate of Appointment

Doug Wilson, Chairman, presented newly appointed board member Matt Kinnamont with his certificate.

X: INVOICES

- a. Data Cloud Solutions Inv# I220711554-S0711 / Amount \$5,715.77 / Due upon receipt
- b. McRae, Smith, Peek, Harman & Monroe, LLP Inv# 209259 / Amount \$227.50 / Due upon receipt
- c. McRae, Smith, Peek, Harman & Monroe, LLP Inv# 209261 / Amount \$1293.85 / Due upon receipt
- d. McRae, Smith, Peek, Harman & Monroe, LLP Inv# 209262 / Amount \$500.20 / Due upon receipt
- e. McRae, Smith, Peek, Harman & Monroe, LLP Inv# 209263 / Amount \$122.50 / Due upon receipt
- f. Parker Fibernet Inv# 1040789 / Amount \$512.50 / Due 6-4-24
- g. Schneider Geospatial/qPublic Inv# I004456 / Amount \$2,238 / Due 8-30-24

BOA approved to pay all invoices listed above.

Mr. Bailey discussed attending CAVEAT.

The BOA discussed contracting out fieldwork.

A motion was made by Kevin Payton at 11am to enter into executive session per O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6), Seconded by John Bailey, All that were present voted in favor. A motion was made to exit executive session at 12:10pm by John Bailey, Seconded by Betty Brady, All that were present voted in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10pm.

Doug L. Wilson, Chairman

Betty Brady

Kevin Payton

John Bailey, Vice Chairman

Matthew Kinnamont

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