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## Daniel B Coffee, Chairman Sandra N. Higginbotham, Member Omer L. McCants, Member Lauren A. Harbin, Secretary



## Board of Assessors Called Meeting Minutes May 5, 2021

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Higginbotham at 10:14 am via Zoom and live stream on YouTube. A quorum was present via teleconference including the following: Daniel B. Coffee (arrived at item 4), Sandra N. Higginbotham, Omer L. McCants, and Lauren A. Harbin, Secretary.
- Vice-Chair Higginbotham asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. McCants offered the motion, with Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconding the motion. There was no further discussion. The agenda was approved with amendments 2-0-0.
- 3. Vice-Chair Higginbotham asked for a motion to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes. Mr. McCants offered the motion, with Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconding the motion. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved 2-0-0.

## 4. New Business

- A. Mrs. Harbin explained the corrections report. Mr. McCants made a motion to approve the errors and releases as presented. Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Approved 2-0-0.
- B. Mrs. Harbin provided the Board with the budget update through March 31, 2021. All line items were in order.
- C. Mrs. Harbin indicated that following the April 7, 2021 meeting Chairman Coffee had emailed the county manger a copy of the budget proposal that was approved at the meeting. Mrs. Harbin met with the Mrs. Ison last week to discuss the fiscal year ending 2022 budget proposal. All requested items met her approval with the exception of the career advancement line item. Mrs. Harbin informed the Board that Mrs. Ison stated if a career advancement took place, she would be willing to make amendments in the budget as needed.
- D. Mrs. Harbin indicated she was ready to move forward with the mailing of the Notices of Assessment. Mr. McCants offered a motion to approve mailing of the notices. Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconded the motion. Chairman Coffee requested that Mrs. Harbin send an email to the Board members once they were in the mail. The motion passed 2-0-0.

- E. Mrs. Harbin presented the Board with Freeport applications for 2021.
  - a. Robinson Paving- Mrs. Harbin recommends approval. Mr. McCants offered a motion to approve the application. Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-0.
  - b. Martin Marietta- Mrs. Harbin recommends approval. Mr. McCants offered a motion to approve the application. Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-0.
  - c. Junction City Mining- Mrs. Harbin recommends approval. Mr. McCants offered a motion to approve the application. Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconded the motion. Chairman Coffee questioned the (5.e) section of the application with the 100% amount on it. Mrs. Harbin stated that Talbot County's freeport is 20% and that once the value in the full cost line was entered into the appraisal system the computer would calculate the rest. The motion passed 2-0-0.
- F. Mrs. Harbin presented the Board with Homestead Exemption Applications for 2021. The application for Mr. Stephen Johnson was added after packets were delivered (due to late receipt of supporting documentation, the actual application as received January 12, 2021) Mrs. Harbin recommends all applications for approval. A motion was made by Mr. McCants to approve the presented Homestead Exemption Applications. Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. A listing of the approved application will be made a portion of these minutes.
- G. Mrs. Harbin presented the Board with Homestead Exemption Applications for 2022. Mrs. Harbin recommends all applications for approval. A motion was made by Mr. McCants to approve the presented Homestead Exemption Applications. Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. A listing of the approved application will be made a portion of these minutes.
- H. There were no Forest Land Protection Act applications, releases, or breaches.
- 1. Mrs. Harbin presented the Board with the Conservation use applications, continuations and releases. She recommended approval. Mr. McCants made the motion. Vice-Chair Higginbotham offered the second. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 2-0-0. A listing of the approved applications will be made a portion of these minutes.
- J. In the Chief Appraisers update Mrs. Harbin reviewed the COVID measures in place to serve customers once NOA's are mailed. She informed the Board that over the past month she and her staff had been busy with field work and data entry in preparation for the mailing of the assessment notices.
- K. There were no Members Matters.

- L. The Board and Mrs. Harbin discussed the proposed date of June 9, 2021 for the upcoming monthly meeting at 10pm via Zoom.
- M. A motion was made by Mr. McCants to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 am. Vice-Chair Higginbotham seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0-0.

Submitted by Lauren A. Harbin, Secretary

Daniel B. Coffee, Chairman

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Sandra N. Higginbotham, Vice-Chair

Omer L. McCants, Member