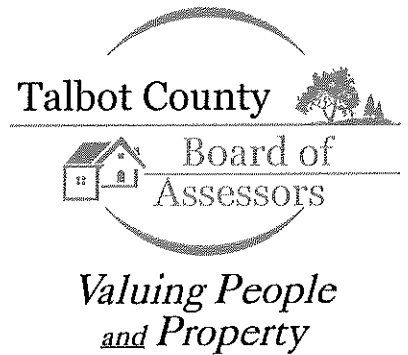


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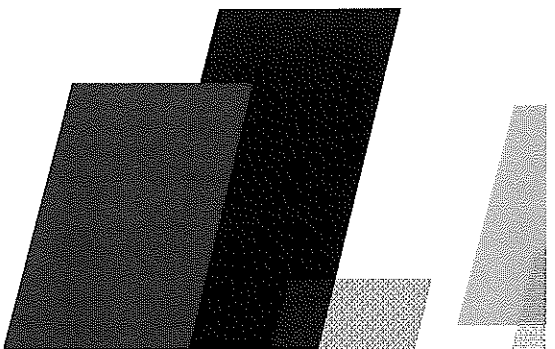
MONTHLY MEETING

April 16, 2024

2:00pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda, and any additions
3. Approval of Minutes
  - A. March 19, 2024
4. Old Business
  - A. Budget Update
  - B. Reevaluation Status Update
5. New Business
  - A. Error and Releases
  - B. Homestead Applications
  - C. Conservation Use Applications
  - D. Forest Land Protection Act Applications
  - E. Freeport Applications
  - F. Chief Appraiser Update
  - G. Members Matters
  - H. Announcements
    - i. Next scheduled called meeting is April 30, 2024 at 2:00pm.
    - ii. Next scheduled monthly meeting is tentatively \_\_\_\_\_ May 2024.
- I. Adjournment

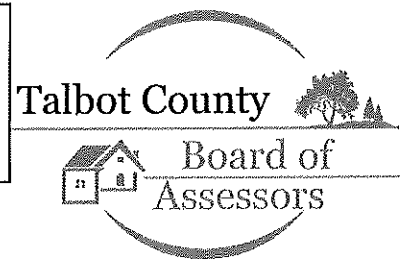


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Board of Assessors  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2024

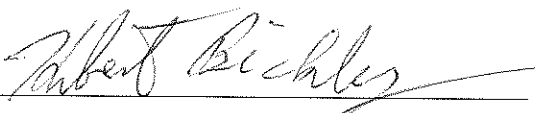
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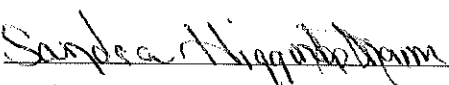
1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coffee at 2:05 pm at the Tax Assessors Office. A quorum was present including the following: Daniel B. Coffee, Sandra N. Higginbotham, Hubert P. Bickley, and Lauren A. Harbin, Secretary.
2. Vice-Chairman Bickley motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Higginbotham offered the second. There was no discussion. The motion passed 2-0-0.
3. Vice-Chairman Bickley motioned to approve the March 19 minutes as presented. Mrs. Higginbotham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 2-0-0.
4. Old Business
  - A. Mrs. Harbin provided the Board of Assessors with a copy of the budget report through January 2024.
  - B. Mrs. Harbin provided the Board of Assessors with an update on the status of the reevaluation. This update included several tables showing the results of the reevaluation for all land classes except Rural land which is still under development. The Board reviewed the documents and asked questions to prepare for the called meeting on April 30. This update was for information purposes only. No decision was made.
5. New Business
  - A. Error and Releases: Mr. Bickley made a motion to approve the error and releases as presented. Mrs. Higginbotham offered the second. There was no further discussion. The motion was passed 2-0-0.
  - B. Homestead Applications: Homestead exemption applications for 2024 were presented to the Board for approval. Upon Mrs. Harbin's recommendation Vice-Chairman Bickley made a motion to approve the applications as presented with the exception of James Mitchell. Mrs. Higginbotham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. The homestead application for James Mitchell was presented and Mrs. Harbin recommend denying the application, she explained that Mr. Mitchell could not provide any information (driver's license, or utility bills proving his residency in talbot County). Vice-Chairman Bickley made a motion to deny the application. Mrs. Higginbotham offered the second. There was no further discussion, the motion was passed 2-0-0. A listing of the approved applications will be made a portion of these minutes.
  - C. Homestead exemption applications for 2025 were presented to the Board for approval. Upon Mrs. Harbin's recommendation Vice-Chairman Bickley made a motion to approve the applications as presented. Mrs. Higginbotham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. A listing of the approved applications will be made a portion of these minutes.

- D. Conservation use applications and releases for 2024 were presented to the Board for approval. Vice-Chairman Bickley made a motion to approve as presented. Mrs. Higginbotham second the motion. The motion passed 2-0-0. A listing of the approved applications will be made a portion of these minutes.
- E. Forest Land Protection applications and releases for 2024 were presented to the Board for approval. Vice-Chairman Bickley made a motion to approve as presented. Mrs. Higginbotham second the motion. The motion passed 2-0-0. A listing of the approved applications will be made a portion of these minutes.
- F. Freeport Applications for Robinson Paving acct #1485, Junction City Mining acct#2640 and Martin Marietta acct#1150 were presented to the Board. Vice-Chairman Bickley made a motion to approve the Freeport for all three accounts at 20 percent. Mrs. Higginbotham offered the second. There was a brief discussion concerning the fact that Junction City Mining listed their exemption at 100% on the application. Mrs. Harbin asked Mrs. Stier, Mrs. Stiner indicated that this company always fills theirs out asking for 100% but since the 20 percent was set by the Board of Commissioners that the computer automatically calculates it at 200 percent regardless of the return. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. In the Chief Appraiser update Mrs. Harbin updated the Board of Assessors that the Tax Commissioners office has moved back to 38 S. Jefferson Ave. She also informed them that the air conditioning unit was replaced last week due to the old unit failing and not being repairable. Mrs. Harbin indicated that she would be on vacation from June 7-13. She also informed them that Oglethorpe powers abatement had ended, and they would be returning as a Public Utility from this point forward.
- H. In members matters the Board congratulated Mrs. Harbin on her 25 years of service to Talbot County.
- I. The next scheduled monthly meeting is TBD. A called meeting for April 30<sup>th</sup> was also scheduled to discuss the final values determined during the reevaluation.
- J. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Bickley to adjourn the meeting at 3:20pm. Mrs. Higginbotham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 2-0-0. Members stayed to sign paperwork until 4:20pm.

Submitted by Lauren A. Harbin, Secretary

  
Daniel B. Coffee, Chairman

  
Hubert P. Bickley, Vice-Chair

  
Sandra N. Higginbotham, Member