

JULY 27, 2006

The 2005 Value Adjustment Board, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, July 27, 2006, at 1:03 p.m.

Present were:

Donna Hayes, Chairman
Gwen Brown
Jane von Hahmann (entered during meeting)
Harry Kinnan
Larry Simmons

Also present were:

Patricia McVoy, Assistant County Attorney
Susan G. Romine, Board Records Manager,
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

AGENDA

The agenda of July 27, 2006.

[VA20060727DOC001](#)

MINUTES

Motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kinnan, and carried 4 to 0, to approve the minutes of July 28, 2005.

[VA20060727DOC002](#)

APPEALS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE

Patricia McVoy, Assistant County Attorney, stated the Board should determine if further consideration is needed on the following appeals to the Special Magistrate's recommendations, based solely upon the written record.

[05-004](#) Lynn J. Kopman
[05-014](#) F. Luke and Lili Chiu
[05-015](#) F. Luke and Liki Chiu
[05-019\(HX\)](#) Duane T. Holm
[05-019\(VL\)](#) Duane T. Holm
[05-020](#) Eric C. Gates
[05-028](#) Wojciech Wysocki
[05-104](#) James R. Longhitano
[05-113\(HX\)](#) Vanda Kaiser
[05-141](#) David Laber
[05-227](#) Gregory Spahn
[05-230](#) Eugene Glasbergen
[05-242\(VL\)](#) William and Betty Stedman
[05-236](#) Thomas and Karen T. Losee (Property Appraiser Appellant)
[05-237](#) Kelly Sprouse (Property Appraiser Appellant)
[05-263](#) Kenneth M. Betz

Ms. McVoy summarized the responsibilities of the Special Magistrate to review the facts and law.

Motion was made by Mr. Kinnan to accept (uphold) the recommendations of the Special Magistrates on the 16 appeals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons, and carried 4 to 0.

(Enter Mrs. von Hahmann)

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE – REMAINING PETITIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Simmons to accept the recommendation of the Special Magistrates for the remaining petitions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kinnan, and carried 5 to 0. [VA20060727DOC019](#)

SPECIAL MAGISTRATE SERVICES – D. P. "RICK" WOOD

Mrs. Hayes read a draft letter submitted by Ms. McVoy in response to the invoice submitted by D.P. "Rick" Wood, Special Magistrate for Real Estate Values. The Letter addressed Mr. Wood's excessive billing hours, and the notice provision in his contract.

Discussion: This has been a problem in the past with Mr. Wood; specifications of what is expected in contract; etc.

Motion was made by Mrs. von Hahmann to send a letter to Mr. Wood substantially in conformance with the draft letter, and only pay for contracted hours, and only after receiving total documentation of hours put into service, will time for addition hours be considered. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown.

Ms. McVoy stated numerous requests by telephone and e-mail from herself and Susan Romine, Board Records Manager, have been made asking for a detailed accounting of his time. Mr. Wood has been unresponsive, and the Attorney Special Magistrate was available to Mr. Wood for any legal advise he may have needed. A history of Special Magistrate Fees was presented.

Mrs. Hayes stated she also requested total documentation from Mr. Wood.

The motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Mrs. von Hahmann to authorize the School Board of Manatee County and Manatee County to approve any exception to the contract terms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kinnan, and after a brief discussion, carried 5 to 0. [VA20060727DOC020](#)

CERTIFICATES OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR REAL AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Mrs. von Hahmann moved to authorize execution of Certificates of Taxable Value for Real and Tangible Personal Property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons, and carried 5 to 0.

Real Property

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| 1. | Taxable value of Real Property Assessment Roll as submitted by Property Appraiser to the Value Adjustment Board. | \$22,737,888,781.00 |
| 2. | Net Change in taxable value due to Action of the Board. | \$2,987,730.00 |
| 3. | Taxable value of Real Property Assessment roll incorporating All changes due to action of the Value Assessment Board. | \$22,734,901,051.00 |

Personal Property

- | | | |
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| 1. | Taxable value of Tangible Personal Property Assessment Roll As submitted by Property Appraiser to the Value Adjustment Board. | \$1,975,826,757.00 |
| 2. | Net Change in taxable value due to actions of the Board | \$0.00 |
| 3. | Taxable value of Tangible Personal Property Assessment Roll Incorporating all changes due to action of the Value Assessment Board. | \$1,975,826,757.00 |

[VA20060727DOC021](#)

2006 VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD PROCESS

Discussion: Timeliness of hearing process; time to review paperwork; assist petitioners to better fill out form; training session; last document received on the top of the petition packet; etc.

Ms. McVoy explained that the VAB process is not an opportunity to individually appraise each property, and requested that the County and the School Board support legislation to allow having only one Special Magistrate.

Motion was made by Mrs. von Hahmann, seconded by Ms. Brown and carried 5 to 0, for the County and School Board to support a recommendation to put into the Legislative program an option to not have three separate magistrates.

Discussion: Have information on the web site to assist petitioners in filling out the petition; summary of what transpired at the Special Magistrate hearings; basis needs to be clearer in the recommended order; findings of fact and conclusions of law should relate to specific documents that were presented in a more specific manner; request for reconsideration instead of appeal; etc. [VA20060727DOC022](#)

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 1:33 p.m.
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Minutes Approved: August 7, 2006