

MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED TRUE VALUE AND PRESENT-USE VALUE SCHEDULES, STANDARDS AND RULES FOR 2009 APPRAISAL/REVALUATION HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE WARREN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM # 202 ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 AT 5:00 PM.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Clinton G. Alston. Other Commissioners present: William "Bill" Davis, Ernest Fleming, Barry Richardson and Ulysses S. Ross. Also in attendance: Linda T. Worth, County Manager and Barry Mayo, Finance Director.

Notice of public hearing was read by the Clerk to the Board.

Eddie Mitchum, Tax Administrator gave a brief overview of Schedules, Standards and Rules.

Citizen Comments were as follows:

Roland Beauchaine, Whispering Pines Drive, Macon: 1) referenced "Page 98" of manual addressing the use of Perk Tests in valuing property, is obsolete. Soil analysis are now used. 2) Lake property sales have dropped, people are sitting on their property; appraised value will be higher than market value. 3) Process of revaluation will dramatically increase property values, have forums and distribute information so people can prepare for next year's taxes, establish goals and give value ranges.

Ann L. Brown Cardinal Drive, Littleton: 2009 taxes are expected to increase because of revaluation; people are concerned, they read the article featuring comments from personnel in tax office. Be mindful that the Lake population is mostly retirees and residents are also paying for Hydrilla treatment.

Wayne Eagle Magnolia Court, Littleton: Wildwood Point Association consists of 450 home sites; residents are blessed to be on the water but most have limited incomes from retirement and Social Security. Consider their budgets.

Alvis Fleming, Fleming Dairy Rd, Littleton: Everything is increasing in price: insurance, medical bills, etc. (a written account of comments are on file in the Clerks office.)

Commissioner Fleming asked Mr. Mitchum to explain Revenue Neutral.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Richardson, motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Ross stated, he could not promise anything, but he believes in a balanced budget. Save some, spend some; he will support going for what we need.

Commissioner Richardson stated he would ask for the basics to cover the needs of the citizens. If there is excess, the rate can be adjusted. The Board should consider setting up a future meeting to entertain "Questions and Answers".

County Manager Linda T. Worth stated; one (1) year ago she made a presentation to the Lake Gaston Association regarding the same topic. She is willing to do it again at the Lake or any area of the county where the public has questions.

Commissioner Ross stated he would like to see a "Question and Answer" session so citizens can get their questions answered.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Ross the public hearing was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk

MINUTES FROM CLOSE-OUT PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2005 (05-C-1376) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SCATTERED SITES HOUSING PROGRAM HELD BY THE BOARD OF WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE WARREN COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ROOM # 202 ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 AT 5:15 PM.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Clinton G. Alston. Other Commissioners present: William "Bill" Davis, Ernest Fleming, Barry M. Richardson and Ulysses S. Ross. Others in attendance: Linda T. Worth, County Manager and Barry Mayo, Finance Director.

Notice of public hearing was read by the Clerk to the Board.

Grant Administrator Earl Evans with Red Earth Community Development gave a brief overview of grant activity. Official close-out is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2008. After all activities approximately \$80,000 funds remain to be deobligated; four families were assisted: 2 homes replaced and 2 homes were rehabilitated.

Commissioner Davis inquired how families were chosen for assistance.

Mr. Evans shared that there are standards set by the state regarding income and eligibility.

Commissioner Ross left the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Roland Beauchine inquired regarding housing survey being conducted by Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments.

County Manager Linda T. Worth informed the public and the Board that the housing survey is underway and will be used in determining housing needs for future grant opportunities.

Commissioner Ross returned to the meeting at 5:45 pm.

There were no citizen comments.

Public Hearing was adjourned on motion of Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis at 5:46 pm.

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk