

**MINUTES OF THE
BRADFORD COUNTY
VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD HEARINGS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007
9:30 A.M.**

The 2007 Value Adjustment Board met October 16, 2007, for the purpose of hearing Petitioners "seeking review and adjustment of the assessed value of certain properties".

Serving on the Value Adjustment Board this year for the School Board: David Smith and Jesse Moore. Serving for the Board of County Commissioners: Doyle Thomas, Ross Chandler and Eddie Lewis.

Also attending: Jimmy Alvarez, Property Appraiser; Al Coston, Chief Deputy Property Appraiser; Kenny Clark and Shelley Bowen, Property Appraiser staff members; Terry Brown, County Attorney; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smith called the hearings to order at 9:30 a.m.

(The following petitions were withdrawn prior to the hearings: Petition No. 39, Winn-Dixie, Petition No. 27, Raymond Hendrieth, Petition No. 31, Whispering Oaks and Petitions 32 through 37, Country Club Woods.)

INVOCATION / PLEDGE

Commissioner Chandler gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PETITION NO. 1 – Filed by Dale and Nancy Racine, concerning the approval of agricultural classification of parcel #00467-0-00200 and #00467-0-00201.

Mr. and Mrs. Racine presented their position to support their petition for approval of agricultural classification of the property.

There was brief discussion.

Mr. Alvarez presented the position of the Property Appraiser's Office to support the denial of the agricultural classification of the property.

(Questions, answers and discussion.)

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ACTION BY THE BOARD: On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously upheld the Property Appraiser's classification of the property.

PETITION NO. 29 – Filed by Lillian D. Johnson, concerning the market/classified use value of parcel #05719-0-00000.

Ms. Johnson presented her position to the Board in support of her petition to reduce the market/classified use value of the property.

(Questions, answers and discussion.)

Mr. Alvarez said that regardless of the action of the Board, his office intends to remove the value of the buildings on the property, which will result in a reduction for 2007.

Mr. Alvarez presented the position of the Property Appraiser's Office to support the market/classified use value of the property. Removal of the building value will bring the property value down to just over \$38,000.00.

ACTION BY THE BOARD: On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously upheld the Property Appraiser's valuation of the property.

PETITION NO. 41 – Filed by Paul Wheeler, concerning the market/classified use value of parcel #06219-A-00800.

No one was present on behalf of the Petitioner.

Mr. Alvarez presented the position of the Property Appraiser's Office to support the market/classified use value of the property.

ACTION BY THE BOARD: On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously upheld the Property Appraiser's valuation of the property.

At 10:20 a.m., Chairman Smith called a 10-minute recess.

Chairman Smith called the hearings back to order at 10:30 a.m.

PETITION NO. 15 – Filed by Nabil Shaqareq, concerning the approval of agricultural classification of parcel #02353-0-00000 (late file).

On behalf of Nabil Shaqareq, Mr. Daniel Shaqareq presented his position to the Board to support the petition for agricultural classification of the property.

Mr. Alvarez presented the position of the Property Appraiser's Office to the Board.

(10-16-07 VAB Hearings)

(Questions, answers and discussion.)

ACTION BY THE BOARD: On Motion of Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by School Board Member Moore, the Board unanimously upheld the Property Appraiser's classification of the property.

Mr. Alvarez then presented a [list of Homestead Exemption](#) petitions filed, which failed to file an application by March 1, pursuant to Section 196.011(8), F.S., of which Homestead Exemption have been granted by the Property Appraiser.

Mr. Brown cited the petition numbers as follows: 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 30, 38, and 40.

ACTION BY THE BOARD: On Motion of Commissioner Chandler, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously upheld the recommendation of the Property Appraiser to grant the Homestead Exemption Late File Petitions as presented.

Mr. Alvarez then presented a [list of Agricultural Classification petitions](#) filed, which failed to file an application by March 1, pursuant to 193.461(3)(a), F.S., of which Agricultural Classification have been granted by the Property Appraiser.

Mr. Alvarez cited the petition numbers as follows: 7, 9, 19 and 23.

ACTION BY THE BOARD: On Motion of School Board Member Moore, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously upheld the recommendation of the Property Appraiser to grant the Agricultural Classification Late File Petitions as presented.

PETITION NO. 5 – Filed by Susan C. Lewis, concerning the approval of agricultural classification of parcel #04193-0-00000 (late file).

Mr. James Timothy Lewis presented his position to the Board to support his petition for agricultural classification of the property.

Mr. Alvarez presented the position of the Property Appraiser's Office to support denial of agricultural classification of the property.

(Questions, answers and discussion.)

ACTION BY THE BOARD: On Motion of School Board Member Moore, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis, the Board unanimously upheld the Property Appraiser's classification of the property.

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PETITION NO. 28 – Filed by Angie L. Parrish, concerning the approval of agricultural classification of parcel #01005-0-00000 (late file).

Ms. Parrish presented her position in support of her petition for agricultural classification of the property.

Mr. Alvarez presented the position of the Property Appraiser's Office to support denial of agricultural classification of the property.

(Rebuttal, questions, answers and discussion.)

ACTION OF THE BOARD: On Motion of Commissioner Lewis, Seconded by Commissioner Chandler, the Board unanimously upheld the Property Appraiser's classification of the property.

Mr. Alvarez presented the [Certificate of Value Adjustment Board for Real Property and Tangible Personal Property](#) for the Board's signature.

There being no further business, the hearings were concluded at 11:24 a.m.

These minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk