

ORANGE COUNTY VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD (VAB) ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2008
Location: County Comptroller's Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 201 South Rosalind Avenue, Orange County Administration Center, Orlando, Florida
Members Present: Commissioners Fred Brummer and Tiffany Russell; School Board Member Daryl Flynn.
Members Absent: Commissioner Bill Segal; School Board Member Jim Martin joined the meeting where indicated.
Others Present: VAB Attorney Lila McHenry, Assistant Comptroller, Records Administration Division, Comptroller Clerk of the VAB Carol Foglesong, and VAB Supervisor Vanan Hampton

- CALL TO ORDER, 1:10 p.m.

1. Convene as the Orange County VAB for 2008 and call the meeting to order.

- DISCUSSION AGENDA

2. Elect chairman and vice-chairman. Pursuant to F.S. 194.015, the chairman must be a BCC member.

Commissioner Brummer nominated Commissioner Russell for chairman.

No further nominations were made.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Brummer/School Board Member Flynn
Absent: Commissioner Segal and School Board Member Martin
AYE (voice vote): All present members
Action: The Board elected Commissioner Russell for chairman;

Commissioner Brummer nominated School Board Member Flynn for vice-chairman.

No further nominations were made.

Motion/Second: Commissioners Brummer/Moore Russell
Absent: Commissioner Segal and School Board Member Martin
AYE (voice vote): All present members
Action: The Board elected School Board Member Flynn for vice-chairman.

3. Approval of the minutes of the February 26, 2008, final meeting of the 2007 VAB.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Brummer/School Board Member Flynn

Absent: Commissioner Segal and School Board Member Martin

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board approved the minutes of the February 26, 2008, final meeting of the 2007 VAB.

- MEMBER JOINED: School Board Member Martin

4. VAB Attorney report on House Bill 909.

VAB Attorney McHenry reported on HB 909, legislation which passed, with an effective date of September 1, 2008. Assistant Comptroller, Records Administration Division, Comptroller Clerk of the VAB Foglesong offered report of Department of Revenue (DOR) Workshop held on May 7, 2008, and requested that the current Board Members ask their respective governing bodies to appoint alternate VAB members for 2008.

5. Approval to issue Request for Proposal to hire private counsel as required by HB 909.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Brummer/School Board Member Martin

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board approved issuance of a Request for Proposal to hire private counsel as required by HB 909.

Assistant Comptroller, Records Administration Division, Comptroller Clerk of the VAB Foglesong offered confirmation that the VAB Board will appoint private counsel.

6. Approval to provide security at 701 East South Street during the VAB hearings at an approximate cost of \$13,000, per County Contract Y7-132 for Security Guard Level 1 services with The Wackenhut Corporation.

Motion/Second: School Board Members Martin/Flynn

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board approved to provide security at 701 East South Street during the VAB hearings at an approximate cost of \$13,000, per County Contract Y7-132 for Security Guard Level 1 services with The Wackenhut Corporation.

7. Determine filing fees. F.S. 194.013 allows a nonrefundable fee not to exceed \$15 for each separate parcel property.

Motion/Second: School Board Members Martin/Flynn

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board authorized charging a filing fee of \$15 per petition.

8. Appoint 4 attorney applicants to serve as special magistrates and five alternates for exempt/classification hearings from the following:

- Paul Camp Lane
- Joseph Hayes Davis
- Joy Ewertz
- Frederick Jones
- Nora Miller
- Kevin Jon Pribell
- Karen Wonsetler-Lam
- Michael T. Woods
- Yvonne Yegge

Motion/Second: Commissioner Brummer/School Board Member Martin

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board appointed 4 attorneys to serve as special magistrates for exemption/classification hearings as follows:

- Joseph Hayes Davis
- Joy Ewertz
- Karen Wonsetler-Lam
- Michael T. Woods

and further, approved 5 alternates (attorneys) to serve as special magistrates for exemption/classification hearings as follows:

- Paul Camp Lane
- Frederick Jones
- Nora Miller
- Kevin Jon Pribell
- Yvonne Yegge

9. Discuss special magistrates for tangible personal property valuation hearings. Board discussion ensued. VAB Attorney McHenry, Assistant Comptroller, Records Administration Division, Comptroller Clerk of the VAB Foglesong, and VAB Supervisor Hampton contributed to the discussion

Motion/Second: Commissioner Brummer/School Board Member Flynn

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board authorized payment for mileage to be subject to the limits and requirements of Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, and limited to the effective Internal Revenue Service rate (currently 50.5 cents per mile). Payment is limited to mileage between special magistrate place of business and hearing site of 701 East South Street, Orlando, FL.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Brummer/School Board Member Martin

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board appointed Harris Samuels to serve as tangible personal property appraiser special magistrate.

10. Select 7 applicants to serve as special magistrates and three alternates for real property valuation hearings from the following:

- Robert Babcock
- James Behm
- Kathryn Edmundson
- Edgar Fleri
- Stephen King
- W. Thomas Marshall
- Cecil Neff
- William P. Pardue, Jr.
- Randall Rex
- Thomas Riddle
- John Robinson
- Camille Smith
- Richard Steeves
- Robert Sutte
- David Taylor

Motion/Second: Commissioner Brummer/School Board Member Martin

Members absent: Commissioner Segal

AYEs-voice vote: All present members

Action: The Board selected 7 appraisers to serve as special magistrates for real property valuation hearings as follows:

- James Behm
- Stephen King
- W. Thomas Marshall
- Cecil Neff
- Thomas Riddle
- Richard Steeves
- David Taylor

and further, selected 3 alternate real property appraisers to serve as special magistrates for real property valuation hearings as follows:

- Robert Babcock
- Kathryn Edmundson
- Randall Rex

11. Determine special magistrate fees for legal counsel to hear exempt/classification hearings.

Motion/Second: School Board Members Martin/Flynn

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board approved exemption/classification special magistrates' compensation at the rate of \$125 per hour.

12. Determine special magistrate fees for valuation and tangible personal property special magistrates.

Motion/Second: School Board Members Martin/Flynn

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board approved real property and tangible personal property special magistrates' compensation at the rate of \$90 per hour.

13. Acceptance of special magistrate recommendations without further hearings, for those hearings held during August 2008.

Motion/Second: School Board Members Martin/Flynn

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): Commissioner Moore, School Board Members Flynn and Martin

NO (voice vote): Commissioner Brummer

Action: The Board approved acceptance of special magistrate recommendations without further hearings, as provided by F.S. 194.035.

- 14. The VAB Clerk requests authorization for expenditure not to exceed \$3,500 for copier rental and purchase of office supplies; and approval to use temporary help as needed.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Brummer/School Board Member Flynn

Absent: Commissioner Segal

AYE (voice vote): All present members

Action: The Board authorized expenditure not to exceed \$3,500 for copier rental and purchase of office supplies; and further approved use of temporary help as needed.

- MEETING ADJOURNED, 1:38 p.m.

There being no further business to conduct, VAB Chairman Russell adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Martha O. Haynie
County Comptroller as Clerk of the VAB

Tiffany A. Russell
VAB Chairman

Carol Foglesong
Carol Foglesong, Assistant Comptroller
Records Administration Division
Comptroller Clerk of the VAB

Vanan Hampton
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Value Adjustment Board Supervisor