

BOARD MINUTES FOR 08/19/03

AUGUST 19, 2003

THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 1:15 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH BOARD MEMBERS VANN BROCK AND PHILLP ROUNTREE REPRESENTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND LENZY CORBIN, RONNIE FINCH AND LYNN COPE REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT. BOARD ATTORNEY, GERALD HOLLEY, PROPERTY APPRAISER GIL CARTER AND RECORDING CLERK, DIANNE CARTER, WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

BOARD MEMBER CORBIN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. BOARD MEMBER COPE NOMINATED RONNIE B. FINCH TO BE CHAIRMAN WITH BOARD MEMBER BROCK SECONDED THE MOTION. BOARD MEMBER CORBIN CALLED FOR THE NOMINATIONS TO CEASE WITH BOARD MEMBER ROUNTREE SECONDED THE MOTION. BOARD MEMBER CORBIN PROCLAIMED BOARD MEMBER FINCH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THE ONLY ACTION REQUIRED TODAY WAS FOR THEM TO ADOPT THE PROCEDURES FOR THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD THAT HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY DEPUTY CLERK CARTER AND GIVE DIRECTION FOR THEM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PETITIONERS. BOARD MEMBER COPE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER ROUNTREE TO ADOPT THE PROCEDURES AND THEY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH PETITIONER.

PROPERTY APPRAISER CARTER REQUESTED INPUT FROM ATTORNEY HOLLEY ON THE TIME FRAME STATED UNDER THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING A CONTINUANCE. HE WAS ASKING THE NUMBER OF DAYS UNDER THIS SECTION TO BE SHORTENED FROM 20 DAYS TO 10 DAYS DUE TO THE FACT THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD USUALLY MEETING THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER; IF SOMEONE WANTED TO RESCHEDULE THE HEARING AND THEY HAVE 20 DAYS, IT WILL BE HARD TO GET THE CERTIFICATION OF THE TAX ROLL TO THE TAX COLLECTOR IN A TIMELY MANNER FOR HER TO GET THE TAX BILLS OUT. HE ADDRESSED THERE WERE WAYS TO GET AROUND THIS, AS THE STATUTE WILL ALLOW HIM TO CERTIFY PART OF THE TAX ROLL TO THE TAX COLLECTOR PRIOR TO THE VAB AND THEN TO RECERTIFY IT AFTER THE VAB MEETS.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD WITH BOARD MEMBERS COPE AND ROUNTREE AGREEING TO A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THEIR MOTION TO DECREASE EACH OF THE NUMBER OF DAYS LISTED UNDER THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING A CONTINUANCE BY TEN DAYS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD MEMBER CORBIN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER COPE AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST:_____

RECORDING CLERK
END OF MINUTES FOR 08/19/03

CHAIRMAN