

HAMILTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES, February 24, 2021
County Annex Meeting Room

The Hamilton County Board of Directors met on February 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM. T.P. Medlock, Chairman, called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present. Other members present included Jeff Serratt, Judge Mark Tynes, and Keith Gatewood.

Minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting were approved with a motion for approval offered by Judge Tynes, seconded by Mr. Serratt, and passing without dissent.

The Board considered the nominations of two individuals to replace Mr. McInnis. Considering that he had represented the City of Hamilton, the Board felt that their nominee should be chosen. Jeff Serratt moved that Linda Catoe be named to fill the unexpired term of Mr. McInnis. Judge Tynes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Because of the necessity of reappraising the entire county and the cost associated with that process as well as other issues with the original 2020 budget, the Board considered moving needed funds between various line items so that none of the line items would be in deficit. Mr. Serratt moved that the budget adjustments be approved, Judge Tynes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Heather Donahoo presented several items concerning personnel policies to the Board. There was considerable discussion on the policies and after input, the Board made a decision to postpone action on modification of the policies in order for the management of the District to look at various options as well as other local personnel policies. Information will be gathered and proposed changes will be developed for the February meeting.

Mr. Petree presented the financial report through the end of November and a list of all payments made during the month. The budget continues to be very close and unnecessary expenditures are being postponed.

Mr. Petree presented the collections report indicating that 13.92% of the 2020 taxes have been paid. He commented that he believes we are a bit behind the same time last year due to the delays in getting out the bills this year. Heather explained some of the issues with software and the mailing company. We will be looking at alternative mailers for 2021. He also presented an updated list of the top 100 delinquent accounts.

Mr. Petree also presented the 25.25 changes of value to the board. All 25.25 changes are provided so that the Board can ask questions about any changes of concern. Most of the changes are late homesteads or minor value differences.

The Board moved to executive session at 12:20 PM and returned to open session at 12:35 PM. No action was taken following the executive session, Judge Tynes moved adjournment. It was seconded by Mr. Serratt, and passed without dissent. The adjournment occurred at 12:40 PM. The next meeting of the Board will be in February, 2021, unless a special meeting is needed.