

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW: Chair Manning asked for a motion to reconvene the Board of Equalization and Review.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to reconvene the Board of Equalization & Review. Commissioner Sexton seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chair Manning reconvened the Board of Equalization and Review. Mr. Chip Main, Tax Administrator spoke to the Board and stated that there were no appeals at this point.

Mr. Main gave the Board some information on this year's revaluation. There are 10,453 parcels in Washington County. The Tax Office received 670 requests for information and all were responded to. Mr. Main said that 6 -7% of the revaluation assessments were appealed and of that, 3% were changed (about 350). Statewide statistics show usually 10-15% of revaluation assessments are appealed---some counties have had up to 30% appealed. Washington County has received a 98.37% level of assessment from the State.

Mr. Main went on to say that when the last revaluation was done (8 years ago) there were 1,600 appeals. There were very significant increases at that time--waterfront property had increased by 50% then, but that was not the case during the current revaluation.

Chair Manning commended Mr. Main on his efforts during this revaluation

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to adjourn the Board of Equalization & Review. Commissioner Johnson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE TO THE NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND VOTING CREDENTIALS FOR THE NACO 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Ms. Bennett told the Board that Commissioner Johnson will be attending both of the abovementioned conferences.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to appoint Commissioner Johnson as the Voting Delegate to the NCACC Annual Conference and Voting Credentials for the NACo 2013 Annual Conference. Chair Manning seconded, motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ROPER MAYOR BUNNY SANDERS' RURAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY GRANT: Chair Manning stated that Mayor Bunny Sanders contacted the Commissioners and asked for a letter of support for a Rural Business Opportunity Grant that would be used to conduct a feasibility study for a commercial kitchen.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion approve the letter of support (with no strings attached) for Roper Mayor Bunny Sanders' Rural Business Opportunity Grant. Commissioner Sexton seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson mentioned that the General Assembly has not approved the sales tax rate yet--we need to keep in mind that the County might have to come up with more money in our budget since the County might not receive any additional money. Mr. Milazi said that the revenues can be adjusted if needed by doing budget amendments.

Chair Manning said that Tommy Thompson, NC 20 group, and former Economic Developer for Beaufort County, requested to be on the Commissioners' agenda for the July 1 meeting to speak in Closed Session regarding Economic Development opportunities.

At 9:45 am with there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Sexton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Buster Manning
Chair

Julie J. Bennett, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board