AUGUST 26, 2020 - VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB), Hillsborough County, Florida, met in Regular Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., held telephonically.

The following members were present: Chairman Sandra Murman, Hillsborough County School Board member Stacy Hahn for Melissa Snively, and citizen appointee Shawn Simon.

The following members were absent: Commissioner Pat Kemp and citizen appointee Ron Dyser.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Murman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Hahn led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

2. Purpose of the Organizational Meeting and Introductions and Contact Information of VAB Members, Board Clerk, and Staff

a. Ratify Appointment of VAB Legal Counsel

Subsequent to remarks from VAB Counsel Rinky Parwani, Chairman Murman entertained a motion to approve Rinky Parwani as the VAB legal counsel. **Ms. Hahn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simon, and carried unanimously by members present.** (Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Dyser were absent.)

b. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

After comments, Chairman Murman requested a motion to elect herself as chairman and Stacy Hahn, who was sitting in for Melissa Snively, as vice chairman. **Mr. Simon made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hahn, and carried unanimously by members present.** (Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Dyser were absent.)

c. Florida Administrative Codes, including 12D-9, 12D-10, 12D-51.001, 51.002, 51.003, and Chapters 192 through 195 Florida Statute (F.S.); Florida's Government in the Sunshine; and F.S. pertaining to the VAB.

Chairman Murman reviewed the item.

3. Roll Call

The Deputy Clerk called the roll and noted a quorum was present.

4. Public Comments

Mr. William Caban, Supervisor, VAB, verified there were no speakers.

5. Appointment of Special Magistrates to the VAB

a. Appoint Appraiser and Attorney Special Magistrates

Following remarks from Attorney Parwani, Chairman Murman sought a motion to approve the appraiser and attorney special magistrates. **Ms. Hahn made the motion, seconded by Mr. Simon, and carried unanimously by members present.** (Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Dyser were absent.)

b. Discuss Special Magistrate Rate of Compensation

Attorney Parwani spoke on the item. Upon confirming the special magistrate payment sources and expressing concern on rate increases due to the current environment, Chairman Murman would not support an increase. Citing school district budget challenges due to COVID-19 preparations, Ms. Hahn would not support an increase. Referencing county-to-county comparisons and the retraction of compensation proposals from the magistrates, Mr. Simon would not support an increase. Chairman Murman announced the current rates would remain for the present and, after dialogue, invited Mr. Caban to resubmit policy changes at a later date. Discussion continued. Mr. Caban pointed to a procedure request revising the special magistrate invoice to omit the time of day the petition was worked on.

c. Approve Special Magistrate Contract

Following comments, Chairman Murman asked for a motion of the special magistrate contract. **Mr. Simon made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hahn, and carried unanimously by members present.** (Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Dyser were absent.)

d. Authorize the Chairman to Execute the Contracts

Chairman Murman sought a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the contracts. **Ms. Hahn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Simon, and carried unanimously by members present.** (Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Dyser were absent.)

e. Authorize Special Magistrates to Conduct VAB Hearings and Consider Good Cause Requests

After comments, Chairman Murman desired a motion for the item. **Mr. Simon made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hahn, and carried unanimously by members present.** (Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Dyser were absent.)

6. Adopt Local VAB Procedures and Ratify Filing Fee Resolution

Chairman Murman summarized the item. Mr. Caban announced telephonic hearings would be held for the 2020-2021 VAB season. Chairman Murman requested a motion to adopt the procedures. **Mr. Simon made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hahn**. Upon roll call vote, **the motion carried three to zero.** (Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Dyser were absent.)

7. Property Tax System/VAB Overview

a. Tentative VAB Schedule

Attorney Parwani spoke on the item. Dialogue occurred.

8. Other VAB Matters

a. Approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2020, Meeting

Subsequent to discussion, Chairman Murman sought a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2020, meeting. **Ms. Hahn made the motion, seconded by Mr. Simon**. Upon roll call vote, **the motion carried three to zero**. (Commissioner Kemp and Mr. Dyser were absent.)

b. Correspondence

c. Meeting Notice

d. The next meeting was scheduled for September 17, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., to extend the 2020 Tax Rolls.

Mr. Caban expounded on the items.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

READ AND APPROVED: _____
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
PAT FRANK, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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