

Barrow County

Board of Assessors

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**BARROW
COUNTY**

W.H. Kemp *William Hockaday* *Beth Buchanan* *Bernice Melton* *Stewart Oliver*
Assessor *Assessor* *Assessor* *Assessor* *Assessor*

Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes March 10, 2016

William Hockaday, Chairman, called the Barrow County Board of Assessors to order on March 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were Board members W.H. Kemp, Beth Buchanan, Bernice Melton, Stewart Oliver and Secretary, Kim Hoopaugh. Don Elrod, Chief Appraiser, also attended the meeting.

Stewart Oliver made a motion to approve the February 10, 2016 minutes as written. All Board members agreed.

There were no appointments or addition to the Agenda for this month's meeting.

Terah Palmer presented a 2016 Conservation Use Continuation List for the Board's approval. Bernice Melton made a motion to approve all Conservation Use Continuations on this list. Stewart Oliver seconded the motion. W.H. Kemp and Beth Buchanan both agreed, making the decision unanimous. This list of approved Conservation Use Continuations is attached to the minutes.

Next, Terah presented a list of 2016 New and Renewal Conservation Use Applications for the Board's approval. After much discussion, W.H. Kemp made a motion to table XX121-033 and XX121-033A until next meeting, deny XX047-003 and XX047-003A due to old junk cars and possible repair shop on property and approve the remainder of the conservation use applications on the New and Renewal List. Stewart Oliver seconded this motion. Bernice Melton and Beth Buchanan both agreed, making the decision unanimous. This list of approved New and Renewal Conservation Use Applications is attached to the minutes.

Don Elrod gave an office update on several different topics:

- Mr. George Davis has a 36.29 acre tract that is under a conservation easement. The exempt property status was removed from this property. Mr. Davis feels that his property is only worth around \$100 per acre since the only thing it can be used for is hunting. Flood plain property is typically valued at \$1,000 per acre. Flood plain property under conservation use is valued around \$934 per acre. There aren't any sales of properties under a conservation easement. What value does the Board think is fair for Mr. Davis' property? Stewart Oliver made a motion that Mr. Davis's 36.39 acre tract that is under a conservation easement should be valued at \$300 per acre. W.H. Kemp seconded this motion. Beth Buchanan and Bernice Melton both agreed, making the decision unanimous. Don will notify Mr. Davis regarding the Board's decision.
- Don and Joey attended a WINGAP class yesterday in Macon. They are working on a program for the Tax Commissioners office that would be compatible with Win Gap.
- There have been approximately 1,279 various homestead exemptions file so far

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- There are approximately 341 residential new construction permits for 2016 which will add around 53 million dollars to the digest – there were only 93 in 2009
- There are approximately 573 permits for accessories and additions which will add just over 1 million dollars to the digest
- Commercial permits will add around 10 million dollars to the digest
- Tax Assessor’s budget is \$320,000 less than the 2009 budget when 3 employees were laid off
- Don plans to present to the Board of Commissioners how much money the county lost by not having the manpower in the Tax Assessors Office to do Commercial updates
- The Appraisal staff will have everything rode and entered into Win Gap within a week
- A bill is in the works that rodeos and turbines would not cause a breech on a conservation use parcel
- NOA’s will be ready in mid-April for the Board to sign off on
- The remaining BOE Hearings will be the first week of April

The ACO’s for the month of February 2016 were reviewed by the Board of Assessors. William Hockaday, Chairman of the Board signed off on this list. This approved list is attached to the minutes. A copy will be sent to Danielle Austin, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners for entry into their official records.

The March 2016 meeting’s list of approved vehicle appeals is attached to the minutes.

Bill Hockaday made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. All Board members agreed.

W. H. Kemp, Vice Chairman

Beth Buchanan

Bernice (Bunny) Melton

William (Bill) Hockaday, Chairman

Stewart Oliver