

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA

Hall County Government Center 2nd Floor
2875 Browns Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30504
Streamed Live on Hall County Government's Website - www.hallcounty.org
Thursday, February 20, 2025 - 03:00 PM

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Tax Assessors**

Discussion regarding an appeal filed by the Board of Tax Assessors to the Superior Court of Hall County regarding 197 single family rental parcels located on McEver Road; authorization for the Chairman and Board of Commissioners to sign any and all documents in relation to such appeal.

#### Adjourn

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### **AGENDA ITEM**

#### **Tax Assessors**

REPORT TO:	Special Called Meeting (02/20/25)		
ITEM NO:	99/2025		
SUBJECT:	Discussion regarding an appeal filed by the Board of Tax Assessors to the Superior Court of Hall County regarding 197 single family rental parcels located on McEver Road; authorization for the Chairman and Board of Commissioners to sign any and all documents in relation to such appeal.		
Meetings:			
Work Session Date:		Voting Meeting Date:	02/20/25
Executive Summary:			
Presenter: Recommendation: n/a		SW	
Purpose of Request: Discussion regarding an appeal filed by the Board of Tax Assessors to the Superior Court of Hall County regarding 197 single family rental parcels located on McEver Road; authorization for the Chairman and Board of Commissioners to sign any and all documents in relation to such appeal.		History:	
Facts and Issues:		Options:	

On February 13, 2025, the Board of Commissioners was notified of the Board of Tax Assessors intent to proceed with an appeal to the Superior Court of Hall County regarding a property located on McEver Road which consists of 197 single family rental homes.

On January 15, 2025, the Board of Assessors' Hearing Officer Russell Phillips heard an appeal for 197 residential parcels, as a single value. The total value presented by the County was \$92,630,000. The decision by the Hearing Officer was \$83,690,100. The Board of Assessors believes the 2024 Hearing Officer's value of \$83,690,100 is unreasonable and has filed an appeal to the Superior Court of Hall County.

Per OCGA 48-5-311(g)(1), "A county board of tax assessors shall not appeal a decision of the county board of equalization, arbitrator, or hearing officer, as applicable, changing an assessment by 20 percent or less unless the board of tax assessors gives the county governing authority a written notice of its intention to appeal, and, within ten days of receipt of the notice, the county governing authority by majority vote does not prohibit the appeal."

Allow or prohibit appeal (pursuant to OCGA 48-5-311(g)(1).

Funding Requested \$ 0.00

Are funds within current budget?

**Source of Funds** 

Does the action involve a Resolution, Ordinance, Contract, Agreement, etc.? No

Has it been reviewed by the County Attorney? Yes

Is there a deadline for this item? 2025-02-23

#### **Approvals:**

Approve	Attorney	Administration	Clerk
JR	WLI	CR	JR

#### **Attachments:**

Appeal Letter to BOC Public Notice



Hall County Government

DATE: February 13, 2025

NOTICE

Chairman Gibbs and Hall County Board of Commissioners 2875 Browns Bridge Road Gainesville, GA 30504 Via Hand Delivery & Email

SUBJECT: Beacon (ACPF MCEVER FB LLC) 197 SFR parcels-McEver Road

The Board of Tax Assessors has voted to proceed with an appeal to the Superior Court of Hall County regarding the above referenced subject at its meeting on February 5, 2025. This letter is being sent as notice to the Chairman and Commissioners of the Board of Tax Assessors' intention to appeal pursuant to OCGA § 48-5-311(g)(1) (see attached).

On 1/15/2025 an appeal for 197 residential parcels was heard, as a single value, by Russel Phillips, Hearing Officer. This appeal consists of 197 single family rental homes on McEver Road. The total value presented by the county was \$92,630,000. The decision by the Hearing Officer was \$83,690,100. We believe the 2024 Hearing Officer value of \$83,690,100 is unreasonable and request to proceed to Superior Court.

Listed below are the facts considered in our request to proceed with the appeal.

The valuation was heard by the Hearing Officer as a single value but will be applied individually to each parcel

- 2024 County Value \$92,630,000 (total)
- 2024 Amended value at Hearing \$88,690,000
- 2023 Value per BOE was \$87,163,363
- 2022 Sale price \$93,772,000
- 2022 Independent appraisal \$87,300,000 supplied by taxpayer
- 2024 Hearing Officer Decision \$83,690,100
- Recommend advancing to Superior Court
- Hearing Officer decision and parcel list attached

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Jackson, Chairman, Hall County Board of Assessors

Cc: Jennifer Rivera, Board of Commissioners Clerk Hall County Board of Assessors Zach Propes, County Administrator Justin Lawhon, Senior Assistant County Attorney John Smith, Deputy Chief Appraiser Marion Meeks, Appraisal Manager

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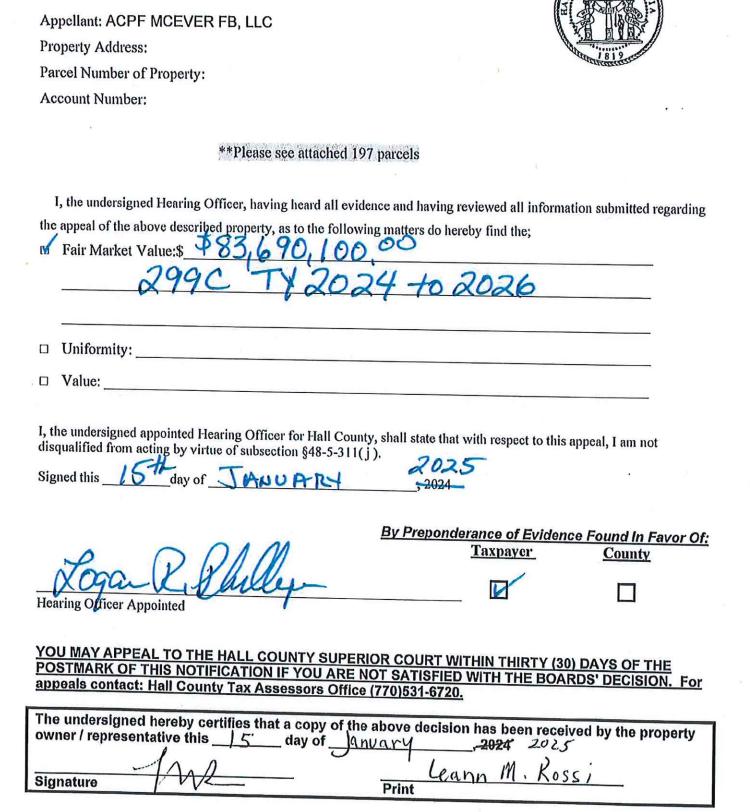
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Steve Watson

#### 48-5-311(g)(1)

#### (g) Appeals to the superior court.

(1) The taxpayer or the county board of tax assessors may appeal decisions of the county board of equalization, hearing officer, or arbitrator, as applicable, to the superior court of the county in which the property lies. By mutual written agreement, the taxpayer and the county board of tax assessors may waive an appeal to the county board of equalization and initiate an appeal under this subsection. A county board of tax assessors shall not appeal a decision of the county board of equalization, arbitrator, or hearing officer, as applicable, changing an assessment by 20 percent or less unless the board of tax assessors gives the county governing authority a written notice of its intention to appeal, and, within ten days of receipt of the notice, the county governing authority by majority vote does not prohibit the appeal. In the case of a joint city-county board of tax assessors, such notice shall be given to the city and county governing authorities, either of which may prohibit the appeal by majority vote within the allowed period of time.

# Hall County Hearing Officer Final Decision



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# Hall County Government BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Special Called Meeting**

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
Casey Ramsey

COUNTY CLERK

Jennifer Rivera

The Hall County Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Called Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

The purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to discuss a Board of Tax Assessors appeal to the Superior Court of Hall County regarding 197 single family rental homes on McEver Road.

The Special Called Meeting will be held at the Hall County Government Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor located at 2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504.

Posted: February 14, 2025

#### Contact:

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