



# ***The Walker County* Board of Assessor's Meeting** **At the Local Government Services Offices**

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Regular Scheduled Meeting

April 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM

## **Agenda**

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting**
- 3. Update on the Server**
- 4. Exemption Request for Chattanooga Valley Baptist Church Inc 0053-001A**
- 5. Exemption Request for First Baptist Church Parcels: 1031-044, 1031-048, 1031-049, 1031-050, 1031-051**
- 6. Conservation Update on the Breach of Covenant for 0323 041A**
- 7. Release of Covenant for 0556 001**
- 8. Conservation Approval**  
**0318-026A**  
**0450-005A**
- 9. Approval List for Homestead Exemption**
- 10. Denial of Homestead Request**
- 11. Executive Session**

# WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S MINUTES



DATE: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Conference Room of the Local Government Services Building

BOARD CHAIRMAN: Buddy Chapman

BOARD SECRETARY: Angela Ward

TYPE OF MEETING: Scheduled Meeting

CHIEF APPRAISER: Terry Gilreath

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Buddy Chapman  
Melba Powell  
Karen Deck  
John Howard  
Steve Ledbetter Virtual

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Angela Ward  
Terry Gilreath  
Sarah Flynn

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Chapman Time: 10:00 AM

**Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The minutes from April 4, 2023 meeting were reviewed and Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Update on the Server Process**

**Discussion:** Mr. Gilreath explained that we have 3 laptops and 3 desk computers here to test with. He said RTC is working to make the system run faster, but we really will not be able to fully test the system until the end of July.

**Exemption Request for Chattanooga Valley Baptist Church Inc 0053 001A**

**Discussion:** Ms. Flynn asked the Board to table this item until more information can be acquired about the use of the property. Mrs. Powell made a motion to table the request for exemption; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**First Baptist Church Exemption Requests on:**

**Discussion: 1031-044**

Ms. Flynn explained that this property is being used by the church as storage and as a garage by the church. Mrs. Powell made a motion to approve 1031-044 for exemption; Mr. Ledbetter made a second to the motion and the motion passed with Ms. Deck voting to approve. Mr. Howard and Mr. Chapman abstained.

**Discussion: 1031-048**

Ms. Flynn said this property is used by the church as outreach. Ms. Deck made a motion to approve 1031-048 for exemption; Mr. Ledbetter made a second to the motion and the motion passed with Mrs. Powell voting to approve. Mr. Howard and Mr. Chapman abstained.

**Discussion: 1031-049**

Ms. Flynn said this parcel is used as parking. Mr. Ledbetter made a motion to approve 1031-049 for exemption; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion and the motion passed with Ms. Deck voting to approve. Mr. Howard and Mr. Chapman abstained.

**Discussion: 1031-050**

Ms. Flynn said this parcel is used as parking. Mrs. Powell made a motion to approve 1031-050 for exemption; Mr. Ledbetter made a second to the motion and the motion passed with Ms. Deck voting to approve. Mr. Howard and Mr. Chapman abstained.

**Discussion: 1031-051**

Ms. Flynn explained that this parcel is used for garage and storage for the church. Mr. Ledbetter made a motion to approve 1031-051 for exemption; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed with Mrs. Powell voting to approve. Mr. Howard and Mr. Chapman abstained.

**Update on Conservation Breach Property 0323-041A**

**Discussion:** Ms. Glenn said she spoke with Mr. Brock about the breach. She said she told him he would be receiving a 30 day cease and desist letter. Ms. Glenn said that she told him that Mr. Mitchell has not purchased any of the farming items and the deadline to sign a continuance on the covenant was April 1, 2023. She said she recommended Mr. Brock sell an additional 5 acres to Mr. Mitchell or if Mr. Mitchell did purchase farming items; that would stop the breach. Ms. Glenn said she is waiting to hear from Mr. Brock.

**Release of Conservation Covenant for 0556-001**

**Discussion:** Ms. Glenn explained that Mr. Jones is requesting to remove conservation from his property due to his medical issues that interfere with his daily activities. She said that Mr. Jones has provided a letter from his doctor stating his medical issues. Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the release of his conservation covenant for 0556 001; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Request for Conservation for Less than 10 Acres for: 0318-026A**

**Discussion:** Ms. Glenn informed the Board that Mr. Yates purchased 8.42 acres in May of 2022. She said he is requesting conservation on this parcel. Ms. Glenn stated that Mr. Yates has conservation on 2 larger parcel that are touching the new parcel. Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the request for conservation on parcel 0318-026A; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Request for Conservation for Less than 10 Acres for: 0450-005A**

**Discussion:** Ms. Glenn explained that this is a 2-acre parcel that was under conservation but was removed in 2023 due to the death of Mr. Agnew in 2022. Ms. Glenn said that an application was made by Ms. Pickard to put the 2 acres back in conservation as she is continuing to farm the property. Ms. Pickard also has conservation on property touching the 2 acres. Mrs. Powell made a motion to approve the request for conservation on parcel 0450-005A; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously

**Approval List for Homestead Exemption**

**Discussion:** The Board reviewed the list of applicants and Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the list for homestead exemption; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Homestead Request Denial**

**Discussion:** Ms. Ward explained that the applicant currently has homestead exemption on 0023-001A and does not qualify for the exemption. Ms. Deck made a motion to deny the request for homestead exemption; Mrs. Powell made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

**No executive session was needed**

Mr. Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Deck made a second to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss Mr. Chapman adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

**Chairman of the Board**

Buddy Chapman

**Acting Chairman**

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**Secretary of the Board**

Angelina Reid

**Acting Secretary**

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