

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

**August 12, 2020**

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The Board of Directors of the Howard County Appraisal District (HCAD) met for their Regular Meeting on August 12, 2020 at 5:15 PM. Directors present were Craig Wyrick, Scott Emerson, Mark Barr and Tiffany Sayles. Richard Petree, D'Andra Warlick and Cara Nichols represented the HCAD.

**Opening of Meeting:**

The opportunity for public comments was offered by Chairman Wyrick

**Routine Business:**

Scott Emerson moved to approve the Minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The motion was seconded by Craig Wyrick and carried 3 to 0.

Mark Barr moved to approve the bills for July, 2020 as presented by staff. Craig Wyrick seconded the motion, and the motion carried 3 to 0.

Mark Barr moved to approve the Financial Reports for July, 2020. The motion was seconded by Scott Emerson and carried 3 to 0.

**New Business – Action Items**

Chairman Wyrick opened the Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Reappraisal Plan. No one present indicated a desire to speak, and the motion was made by Mr. Barr to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Scott Emerson and passed without dissent.

Richard Petree discussed the Reappraisal Plan for 2021-2022 briefly indicating the areas of focus for 2021.

The motion was made by Scott Emerson to approve the Reappraisal Plan for 2021-2022, Mark Barr seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tony Kennedy arrived at the meeting at 6:10PM.

The board discussed changing the district staff's retirement from OneAmerica to the Texas County and District Retirement System. Kristina Fox of TCDRS gave a short presentation over the phone, explaining the benefits for the district and for the employees. Mr. Petree discussed the importance of making the change to the state-wide retirement system to assist in recruiting a new chief appraiser. In addition, he discussed the saving of money for the



taxpayers of the County by making the change. Mr. Barr echoed the sentiments presented as he was under the system while a county official.

Following the discussion, Mark Barr moved to change the district's retirement plan from OneAmerica to TCDRS, Scott Emerson seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4 to 0.

Scott Emerson moved to approve a new line item in the 2020 budget using the Chief Appraiser's salary to pay the Interim Chief Appraiser, Richard Petree of Western Valuation and Consulting. The motion was seconded by Mark Barr and carried 4-0.

The taxpayer's complaint has been resolved.

Craig Wyrick asked if no one objected, that the Board move on to the Chief Appraiser Report now so they could go into Executive Session after that discussion.

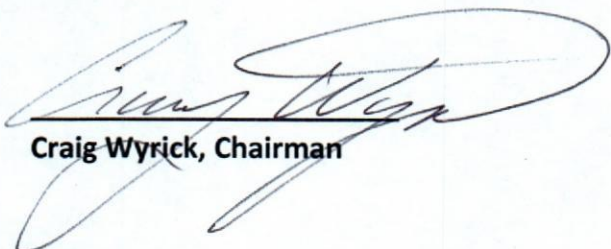
Richard Petree gave a Financial Update. He discussed the MAP Review; the Board of Directors were informed that the District has failed the MAP review for several years, and this District is now losing school funding from the state, as a result of this failure. Appeals Status and ARB Report were also discussed, the County has 548 cases pending ARB. Richard gave District's status and his recommendations to the Board as well.

The board retired into Executive Session at 6:38PM., per Sec. Code 551.074.

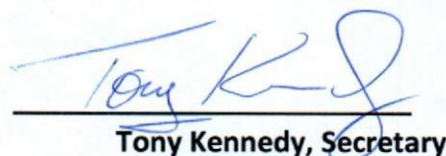
The board exited Executive Session at 7:23PM.

Following discussion on ARB resignations, the board nominated Wesley Thixton, Tara Renfro, Matt Dahmer, John Paul Nichols and Noel Hoff to be the new ARB members. Tony Kennedy moved to approve the nominees, Mark Barr seconded, and the motion carried 4 to 0.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.



Craig Wyrick, Chairman



Tony Kennedy, Secretary