

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Howard County Appraisal District (HCAD) convened for a Regular Meeting on September 14, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. Directors present were Craig Wyrick, Mike Dawson, Scott Emerson, Jordan Partee, Noel Huff and Tiffany Sayles. Richard Petree represented the HCAD.

Opening of Meeting:

Craig Wyrick, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The Chairman announced that the meeting had been duly posted and that a quorum was present.

The Board stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Emerson.

The opportunity for public comments was offered by the Chairman. No public comments were made.

Public Hearings:

At 12:31 p.m., a Public Hearing was held on the 2023-2024 Reappraisal Plan. Richard Petree explained to the Board the requirements for the Reappraisal Plan. Jason Mims, Business Manager for Forsan ISD informed the Board on the difficult times the school districts are having with state requirements and funding; therefore, it is important that the schools have proper valuation estimates for budget purposes. The Hearing concluded at 12:39 p.m.

At 12:40 p.m., a Public Hearing was held regarding the Property Value Study Failure in 2021 for Borden, Forsan and Coahoma ISDs. Dane Richardson, Superintendent for Forsan ISD and Jason Mims, Business Manager for Forsan ISD addressed the Board on the adverse impact the 2021 Property Value had on the School Districts. The Hearing concluded at 12:57 p.m.

Regular Business:

Mike Dawson moved to approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2022, meeting. Jordan Partee seconded the motion; it was approved 5 – 0.

Scott Emerson moved to approve the Bills and Financial Reports for August 2022. Noel Huff seconded the motion; it was approved 5 – 0.

New Business:

The 2023-2024 Thomas Y. Picket Contract was reviewed. Mike Dawson moved to accept the contract as written. Jordan Partee seconded the motion; it was approved 5 – 0.

Scott Emerson motioned to transfer \$160,000.00 of Board Restricted Funds for a partial payment towards the new Appraisal Software. Mike Dawson seconded the motion; it was approved 5 – 0.

Craig Wyrick made motion to extend the Western Bank contract for an additional 2 years. Mike Dawson seconded the motion; it was approved 5 – 0.

A discussion took place regarding changing the name from Howard County Appraisal District to Howard Central Appraisal District. The board will approve the new logo for autos and letterhead. Scott Emerson made motion to approve the name change. Jordan Partee seconded the motion; it was approved 5 – 0.

Richard Petree submitted a proposed 2022 Budget Amendment to the Board requesting pay raises be given for certain positions. After an in-depth discussion, Noel Huff made motion to deny the budget amendment and continue operating under the current 2022 Budget. Mike Dawson seconded the motion; The proposed Budget Amendment for 2022 was denied 5 – 0.

Richard Petree submitted a proposed 2023 Budget Amendment to the Board requesting pay raises be given for certain staff. After discussion, Noel Huff motioned to table the 2023 proposed budget amendments until the Board of Directors Meeting in December 2022. Scott Emerson seconded the motion; the proposed Budget Amendment for 2023 was tabled 5 – 0.

Chief Appraiser Report:

Richard Petree presented the Chief Appraiser's Report.

Updated the Board of the progress of the new Appraisal Software. It should be on-line in the beginning of 2023.

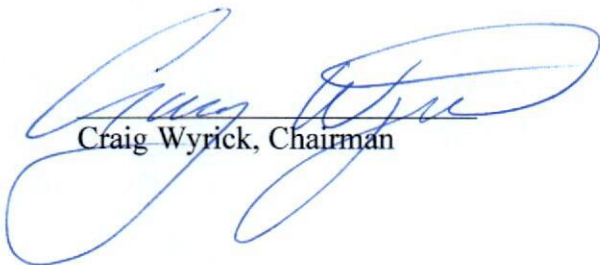
The receptionist was moved to the Deed's Clerk Position and is currently in training. A new Receptionist was hired.

There are currently thirteen lawsuits open and three settled lawsuits. Richard feels that two of the thirteen lawsuits will possibly be settled avoiding litigation.

No Adverse Findings to Report.

No budget changes to report to the board.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.



Craig Wyrick, Chairman



Scott Emerson, Secretary