

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW
(continued session)

FEBRUARY 3, 2017
11:00 A.M.

The Preston County Commission met in Continued Session as a Board of Equalization and Review on February 3, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room.

The meeting was recalled to order by President Craig Jennings, who was not physically present but communicating by speaker phone.

Commissioners Don Smith and Dave Price were present with Craig Jennings absent in person but on speaker phone for the meeting.

Also present were Dianna Hartman, County Clerk's Office, Kathy Mace, Administrator/Grant Writer, Assessor Connie Ervin, Angie Lipscomb, Assessor's Office and Kathy Plum, The Dominion Post.

The following persons registered to address the Commission:

Robert Goodwin

Robert Goodwin was recognized at this time for tax concerns on his property located on Route 26, South of Kingwood.

Mr. Goodwin told Commissioners that his appraised value on this property has gone from \$24,710. to \$44,930. on his most current appraisal from the Assessor's Office.

Assessor Connie Ervin explained that for the last several years, the property had actually been incorrectly appraised and those corrections were then made and reflected on the current appraisal he is now questioning.

Discussion was held with Mr. Goodwin and Mrs. Ervin on conditions of some of the buildings and dwellings on the property. In concluding, Commissioners and Mrs. Ervin were in agreement to make one change, due to the condition of a building.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the following change on Mr. Goodwin's property:

Parcel ID 01-16-0042 – building reduced from 40% assessed value to 30%

Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Discussion called for. Question called for. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Smith, Price and Jennings voting yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Connie Ervin brought before the Commission a question concerning the assessment or right-of-ways in the past. They have been assessed in addition to the parcel of land they are on. The particular right-of-way in question has been assessed for this property owner since 1931. However, the State Tax Department has issued a statement that the right-of-way should not be individually assessed in addition to – rather should be included in the total acreage.

After hearing the explanation of both Mrs. Ervin and the State Tax Department, it was the belief of Commissioners that this is simply a “housekeeping” change that can be made by the Assessor's Office and does not need to be brought before or approved by the County Commission..

With no one else present before the Commission, President Jennings declared the Board of Equalization and Review in Recess until February 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.