

# MINUTES

## **AUGUST 23, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Wilson County Appraisal District Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 23, 2021 via Zoom – Video Conference. Board members present were Robert Gregory, David Deason, Jim Yanta, Kenneth Castro, James Rethaber, and Dawn Barnett. Appraisal District employees present were Chief Appraiser, Jennifer Coldewey; Director of Operations, Rebekah Lerich, and Annette Pfeil. Robert Gregory called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – David Deason made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ken Castro made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

**2020 AUDIT PRESENTATION** – Deborah Fraser, with *Armstrong, Vaughan, & Associates, P.C.* presented the Annual Financial Audit for the year ended December 31, 2020. She gave an overview of the *Balance Sheet, Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance, and Governance Letter*. Jim Yanta made a motion to accept the 2020 Financial Audit. Ken Castro made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM MVBA LAWYERS** – Nicholas Goettsche with *McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C.* gave an update on the Tax Bills passed by the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature. He emphasized many of the changes and their impact on the Appraisal District.

At 10:01 a.m. Robert Gregory recessed the Open Meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022 WILSON CAD BUDGET** – Chief Appraiser Jennifer Coldewey explained the reasons for the substantial increases in some of the line items of the budget. As mentioned earlier by Nicholas with MVBA, she attributed most of the increase to laws and procedures set forth by the legislature. She stated the need also for more clerical staff dedicated to these changes and data entry. There were no public comments.

At 10:10 a.m. Robert Gregory called the Open Meeting back to order.

**PROPOSED 2022 WILSON CAD BUDGET** – The proposed budget and different line items were discussed. David Deason made a motion to approve the proposed 2022 Wilson CAD budget and send it to the taxing entities for their approval. Ken Castro made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF APPRAISAL ROLL CORRECTION REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2021 AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 25.25(b), TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE** – Jim Yanta made a motion to accept the Appraisal Roll Correction Report for the third quarter 2021. Ken Castro made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL MATTERS** – Robert Gregory recessed the Open Meeting at 10:24 a.m., per Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, to go into Executive Session.

The Open Meeting was reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

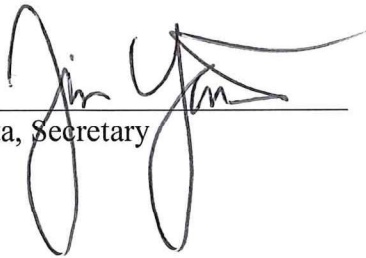
**CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT** – Jennifer Coldewey reported 1350 open protests yet, last day of ARB hearings is September 16. She informed the board members that the Comptroller granted a 30 day extension, and the Appraisal Roll was certified August 11.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS** – David Deason commented that he believes the board needs to review the policy on compensatory time and overtime. The board agreed.

The next meeting date was discussed and will be scheduled when needed.

Being there was no further business, James Rethaber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Yanta made a second to the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jim Yanta, Secretary  
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Robert Gregory, Chairman