

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

MAY 9, 2023

At a Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; Lee H. Frame, Vice Chairman; James K. White; Keith F. Marshall; and James P. Crozier. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: IMPROVING THE REAL ESTATE REASSESSMENT PROCESS

Glenda Bradley, Deputy County Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding improving the real estate reassessment process, which included information on the following: an overview of the real estate reassessment process and its implications; three alternatives for improving the process; a side-by-side comparison of each of the alternatives; net financial impacts; benefits of increasing the frequency of the reassessment cycle; impacts on the quality of assessments, the equity across property classes, and improvements to taxpayer trust and satisfaction; and staff's recommendation to establish the third alternative - a technocentric reassessment department for Orange County.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the Board of Equalization process when using annual reassessments; the ability to have reassessment staff available to citizens year round, versus only during the reassessment cycle; a comparison of the available reassessment options; the use of technology and imagery programs to reduce the necessary staffing level for the department; the positive cash flow analysis for the technocentric option; how the appropriate building permit activity would be captured and included in the annual reassessment process; connectivity and efficiency with several programs and departments working together; the need to understand the "groupings" of parcels throughout the County in order to accurately assess values; the overall goal of increasing the accuracy of assessed values; the breakdown of parcel categories recognized by the State; the timeline for implementation; the effective date for the new reassessment values; a demonstration of the EagleView imagery software; and overall integration options with GIS and citizen accessibility to reassessment data.

By consensus, the Board authorized the establishment of a technocentric reassessment department for Orange County, as presented and outlined by staff.

RE: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the Board concluded its Worksession at 4:49 p.m.

R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator