Camden County Board of Commissioners

Joint Meeting with the
Department of Revenue
February 15, 2005
5:30 p.m.
Senior Center Conference Room
Courthouse Complex

A special joint meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners and Department of Revenue was held Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Conference Room, Courthouse Complex. The following members were present:

Chairman Melvin J. Jeralds
Commissioner Carolyn O. Riggs,
County Manager Randell Woodruff
Clerk to the Board Ava Murgia

Vice Chairman Clayton D. Riggs and Commissioner Andrews arrived late. Commissioner Jennings was excused by the Chairman to attend the Albemarle Hospital Board meeting.

Also attending: Mary Rhodes, Tax Administrator and Bill Wilkes and Greg Wood from the Department of Revenue.

Chairman Jeralds called the meeting to order and asked Mary Rhodes to introduce the guests from the Department of Revenue.

Ms. Rhodes introduced Bill Wilkes and Greg Wood.

Ms. Rhodes stated Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Wood are attending the district tax meeting scheduled that night and would answer any questions regarding a sales study and revaluation.

Chairman Jeralds questioned the county's position on revaluation and when does the county need to advance the revaluation.

Mr. Wilkes stated that the county is at 63%, a revaluation was done in 2001, and last year this time the county was at 75%, so there is a sufficient change.

County Manager Randell Woodruff inquired if other rural counties are doing revaluations in four (4) year periods instead of eight (8).

Mr. Wilkes stated approximately one half of the counties have changed their cycle.

Ms. Rhodes stated the last two (2) revaluations were performed early: 1994 - 000 (1) year early, and 2001 - 000 (2) years early.

Mr. Wilkes stated that the county is in the fourth (4) year of the last revaluation cycle. Mr. Wilkes stated that if the county stays on an eight (8) year cycle, the value would be down to 40% of market value and suggested moving the reappraisal up by two (2) years. It takes two (2) years to complete a reappraisal. Mr. Wilkes stated if the county was in the seventh year of the revaluation cycle at 45%, the property values would be up to 100% if an early revaluation was done. Mr. Wilkes explained the importance and benefits of having a sales file; to better inform the citizens of their property value.

Adjournment

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Jennings absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman

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Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board