GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2016

The Gates County Board of Commissioners met in an Emergency Session at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2016 in the Gates County Cooperative Extension Building, 112 Court Street, Gatesville. Commissioners Hofler, Jordan, and Freeman were present. Also present was County Manager, Natalie Rountree and Tax Administrator, Kathy Lane.

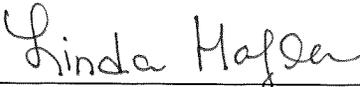Chairman Hofler called the meeting to order.

New Business

Kathy Lane, Tax Administrator, explained to the Board that debt setoff is a clearinghouse used to pull tax refunds for delinquent tax payers. The clearinghouse uses a variety of information to match refunds with delintuent tax payers in Gates County, some of the information used is name and last four digits of the social security number. Teresa Baker and George Baker ironically share the last four of the social security number and share the same last name. The clearinghouse pulled Ms. Bakers tax refund and sent it to be credited to Mr. Bakers delinquent tax account in Gates County. Ms. Baker has never lived in Gates County and owns no property here. Our system did not catch that the Ms. Baker did not match Mr. Baker and received and processed the money. The error was made by Raleigh but was not caught by our system. The full amount of $359.00 needs to be refunded to Ms. Baker and then the County will have to pay a $20.00 processing fee.
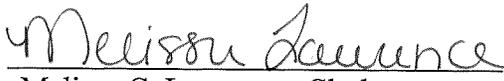
Ms. Lane provided an outline of processes that are being put in place to try to avoid errors like this from occurring again in the future.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to refund Teresa Baker $359.00 and pay the $20.00 processing fee. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

Adjournment
Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

Linda Hofler
Linda Hofler, Chairman

Melissa Lawrence
Melissa C. Lawrence, Clerk

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