



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: North Creek Investment & RE Holdings Inc
DOCKET NO.: 24-03249.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 07-1-02587-000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are North Creek Investment & RE Holdings Inc, the appellant, by attorney Lee Waite, of Dilsaver, Nelson & Waite in Mattoon; and the Coles County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **No Change** in the assessment of the property as established by the **Coles** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$1,388
IMPR.: \$20,774
TOTAL: \$22,162

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Coles County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2024 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a 1-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 988 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 103 years old. Features of the home include a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, and a 1-car garage with 288 square feet of building area. The property has a 7,000 square foot site and is located in Mattoon, Mattoon Township, Coles County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$32,000 as of January 1, 2024. The appraisal was prepared by Brian N. Finley, a certified general real estate appraiser, to establish market value as of January 1, 2024.

The appraiser viewed the subject from the public street and alley on January 29, 2025 and did not inspect the interior of the subject home. The appraiser made an extraordinary assumption that the subject's interior is the same condition as its exterior. The appraiser also relied on photographs and information provided by the owner. The appraiser reported the subject's bathroom was remodeled and HVAC replaced in 2007.

Under the sales comparison approach, the appraiser selected three comparable sales located from 1.01 to 1.30 miles from the subject. The parcels range in size from 6,000 to 7,200 square feet of land area and are improved with bungalow style homes ranging in size from 912 to 942 square feet of living area. The dwellings are from 79 to 116 years old and feature central air conditioning. The comparables sold from December 2022 to November 2023 for prices ranging from \$26,000 to \$33,000 or from \$28.51 to \$35.03 per square foot of living area, including land. The appraiser adjusted the comparables for differences from the subject to arrive at adjusted prices from \$28,000 to \$35,000. The appraiser concluded a value for the subject of \$32,000 under the sales comparison approach.

Under the income approach the appraiser selected eleven rent comparables with monthly rents from \$385 to \$700, a median gross rent multiplier (GRM) of 61.54 and an average GRM of 63.14. The appraiser estimated monthly rent of \$650 and a GRM of 55 to compute a value for the subject of \$35,750 under the income approach.

In reconciliation, the appraiser gave no weight to the income approach as the subject is located in a primarily owner-occupied residential area. The appraiser estimated a value of \$32,000 for the subject as of January 1, 2024.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the appraised value conclusion.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$22,162. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$66,493 or \$67.30 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.¹

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located from 600 feet to 2.7 miles from the subject. The parcels range in size from 7,000 to 8,007 square feet of land area and are improved with 1-story homes ranging in size from 848 to 1,020 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 71 to 124 years old. Each home has central air conditioning. Comparable #1 has a 352 square foot garage. The comparables sold from May 2022 to September 2023 for prices ranging from \$62,500 to \$76,500 or from \$73.70 to \$86.09 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

¹ Section 1910.50(c)(1) of the Board's procedural rules provides that in all counties other than Cook, the three-year county wide assessment level as certified by the Department of Revenue will be considered. 86 Ill. Admin. Code § 1910.50(c)(1). As of the development of this Final Administrative decision, the Department of Revenue has not published figures for tax year 2024.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The appellant presented an appraisal and the board of review presented four comparable sales in support of their respective positions before the Board. The Board gives less weight to the appraised value conclusion as the appraiser selected comparables that are located more distant from the subject when more proximate sales were available as shown by the board of review's comparables #2 and #3. The Board also gave less weight to the board of review's comparables #1 and #4, which are also located more distant from the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparables #2 and #3, which sold proximate in time to the assessment date and are more similar to the subject in dwelling size, location, site size, and features, although these comparables vary in age from the subject and each lacks a garage that is a feature of the subject, suggesting adjustments to these comparables would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These comparables sold for prices of \$67,500 and \$74,900 or \$76.71 and \$86.09 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$66,493 or \$67.30 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the two best comparable sales in the record. Based on this evidence and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(d)) the proceeding before the Property Tax Appeal Board is terminated when the decision is rendered. The Property Tax Appeal Board does not require any motion or request for reconsideration.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member

DISSENTING: _____

CERTIFICATION

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date:

February 17, 2026



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year or years of the same general assessment period, as provided in Sections 9-125 through 9-225, are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for such subsequent year or years directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR OR YEARS. A separate petition and evidence must be filed for each of the remaining years of the general assessment period.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.

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