

Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #23-24

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: Vice Chairman Trey Carmack calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 9:05 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Vice Chairman Trey Carmack Assessor Kathy Jones Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>: Assessor Jones motions to accept agenda. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- As of today, there have been 791 appeals submitted with 277 sent through Q Public;
 153 Commercial, 602 Residential, 36 Personal Property.
- Assessor Jones motions to excuse Chairman Govar for her absence today. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:17, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

• Late Returns – Signed & Approved.

At 9:20, Taxpayer Lindsey entered the meeting. She was concerned about her taxes that went up. Homestead was removed when her spouse passed away in 2013. Board instructed her to reapply for a new homestead downstairs with the Tax Commissioners office.

At 9:29, Residential Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

 Waiver & Releases – #185 047 003; 100 013 007; 048 015 009 - Signed & Approved by Vice Chairman Trey Carmack. At 9:32, Commercial Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

Non-Appeal Value Change - #063 001 053 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:38, Taxpayer Jones entered the meeting. She was concerned about her greatly increased tax bill. Her husband has been deceased since 2018 and the house is not in her name. The Board explained to her that she will need to get a probate attorney to get the deed in her name and then she can apply for homestead.

At 9:51, Vice Chairman Trey Carmack adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse Chief Appraiser/Secretary

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CHAIRMAN

L. SANDIFER HICKS ASSESSOR

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