



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #17-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice Chairman Trey Carmack motions to accept agenda with noted changes. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vice Chairman Trey Carmack motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Reminder from Chief Appraiser Widenhouse that there will be no meeting the next 2 Mondays, due to CAVEAT Conference and the upcoming holiday.
- Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to excuse Assessor Hammonds for today's meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:06, Appraisal Tech Mary Hale presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homestead - Signed & Approved.

At 9:12, Taxpayer Howard (formerly Eldridge) enters meeting to request Homestead being reinstated now after her mother's death due to it being removed because of improper filing by the mother before her death. Due to GA law, the board is limited as to what they can do regarding the tax bill and the back taxes owed, but they do inform her that she can apply for Homestead in 2025. She left the meeting at 9:28 to go downstairs to Tax Commissioners office to file for Homestead.

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MEMBERS: Georgia Association of Assessing Officials, International Association of Assessing Officials

At 9:30, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Freeport - Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.
- Revision for PP Digest - Signed & Approved.

At 9:39, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Residential Division to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Residential Division Change w/ no prior year – Signed & Approved.
- Residential Division Returns Filed - Signed & Approved.
- Residential Division Value Changes for 2024 digest – Signed & Approved

At 9:50, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Final Residential Sales Ratio – Signed & Approved.
- Overall Sales Ratio – placed into record.
- Discussion regarding the current project of IT dept to update the city pages on CCG website.
- Discussion of mailing date of May 21st for assessment notices and July 5 will be the appeal deadline.

At 9:57, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Correction to Commercial Digest #014 036 010, 011 & 012 – Signed & Approved.
- BOE Results – Signed & Approved.
- Non-Tax Request – needs permission to have James Robinson remove tax bill #030 007 002 & 003 – Signed & Approved.
- Historic Application - #002 012 004 - Signed & Approved. #004 016 007 Remove freeze until Part B is completed.

At 10:41, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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Absent
J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

L. SANDIFER HICKS
ASSESSOR

K. JONES
ASSESSOR

Absent
T.A. HAMMONDS
ASSESSOR

T. CARMACK
VICE CHAIRMAN