



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #14-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Doug Jefcoat
Assessor Clay Hood
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda with noted change. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept the minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse informs the board that she will be in class on April 22nd and absent from the board meeting.

At 9:09, Taxpayer Ken Harris enters meeting. After brief discussion, taxpayer has decided to proceed to his scheduled settlement conference.

At 9:31, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homesteads - # 181 006 005 Signed & Approved.
- Homesteads - # 191 027 023; 086 016 001; Chairman Govar recused herself from # 068 019 030 - all Signed & Approved as Denials.
- Homestead Removals - #085 045 038; 098 009 008; 033 007 007; 096 008 007 - Signed & Approved.

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At 9:40, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Non-Tax Requests - #064 031 021; 068 036 017; 194 001 001; 098 003 002; 005 006 001; 036 005 014; 029 019 006; 029 008 010; 008 002 008 & 007; 072 016 015; 071 009 003 – Signed & Approved. Assessor Hood recused himself from #032 040 018. Assessor Jefcoat recused himself from #088 051 033 & 063 039 021 - Signed & Approved.
- # 114 009 004 & 016 004 001 - Signed & Approved as Denials.

At 10:03, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - # 030 015 008 & 008A; 181 025 017 & 018 Assessor Jefcoat recused himself from this parcel - Signed & Approved.

At 10:17, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Settlement Conference Results - discussion only.
- Legislative Update - discussion only.
- Parcel # 071 009 003 - now have date of council appearance, revisions for letter noted and changes will be made to letter.

Assessor Jones motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. At 11:05, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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