



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Assessor

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Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #29-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, August 20th, 2025 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 Jefcoat motions to accept the agenda with noted change. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Hood motions to accept the minutes as presented. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:01, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #079 002 020; 169 002 001 & 001x; 092 025 063; 145 007 004; 113 023 027; 189 004 012; 133 006 002 - Signed & Approved.
- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse will have Attorney Greg Ellington review proposed board policy concerning Homesteaded properties that lease rooms. Will be brought back to Board for approval.

At 9:31, Deputy Chief Appraiser Thomason presents for Personal Property to the Board:

- Audit Results No Change - no signatures needed. Placed into record.
- Audit Results with changes - Signed and Approved.

At 9:34, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- A2 Hearing Officer Agenda - placed into record.
- 2025 Value Changes - Signed & Approved.
- ARC Appraisal Rejected Change - Signed & Approved.

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- Historic Exemption #009 012 039 - Signed & Approved.
- BOE Decision # 109 007 004A - Signed & Approved.
- Tax Exempt Public Utility - #044 001 007; 018 022 001 & 017 - Signed & Approved.

At 10:37, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - # 084 013 075; 084 013 086; 175 001 001; 164 001 006 - Signed & Approved.
- Request for Non-Disclosure - Signed & Approved by Chairman Govar.

At 10:43, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Assessor Ride Along - Risk Management approved Board Members for "Ride Alongs".
- Recruiting Update - discussion only
- Tax Estimate Calculator - Assessor Jefcoat motions to add Tax Estimator into our system. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.
- Legislative Agenda Items - discussion only




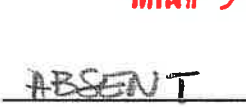

Assessor Jefcoat motions to table Monthly Sales Ratio Study and Appeal Status Updates until the next Board meeting. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. At 11:08, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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