



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #32-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, September 10th, 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 Jones motions to accept the agenda with noted changes. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- The office will be holding a food drive to donate to the Feeding the Valley organization.

At 9:06, Administrative Appraiser Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homestead Appeal Waiver & Release - #100 042 015 - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- Homesteads - #113 025 019; 178 015 018; 086 009 013; 114 013 065; 090 037 015; 070 010 002; Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks recused herself from 089 013 013 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:11, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Motor Vehicle Appeals - Signed & Approved.
- Late Return - Signed & Approved.
- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.

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At 9:15, Residential/Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Commercial Waiver & Release # 181 022 024 - Signed & Approved.
- Residential Waiver & Release #068 050 012 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:25, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #004 012 016 & 018 Assessor Jefcoat recused himself; # 003 027 009; 010; 011; 073 021 046A; Units B100, B200 & C 192 004 001; 191 011 088; 087 - Signed & Approved.
- Presentation by Commercial Mapper Kelly Nalls, as requested by Assessor Jefcoat.

At 10:24, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- CIVA Breach Declaration - Assessor Jefcoat motions to declare as a formal breach. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.
- 299C Presentation - Assessor Hood motions to remove 299C presentation from the agenda and hold until next week. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- Proposed tax letter for bond agreement - Chief Appraiser working with Board Attorney to finalize language.
- Executive Session - Litigation - Assessor Jones motions to go into executive session. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. At 10:56, Assessor Jones motions to end Executive Session. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. No votes taken.

Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. At 10:57, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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