



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #02-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

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

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

At 9:07, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Executive Session – Vice Chairman Carmack motions to authorize the Board Attorney to accept proposed settlement agreement which would include waiving Attorney fees. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.
- Superior Court Settlement – no vote needed. Executive Session ends @ 9:16.
- Tax Agreement Pratt & Whitney Bond – no agreement on table at this moment, another notice will be sent to Council indicating the agreement is not finalized.
- Georgia Senate Hearing – Bill 349 addresses five separate areas that affect the Board of Assessors office.

At 9:45, Administrative Division Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Homesteads – Signed & Approved.
- Appeals – Four were Hearing Officers. No vote needed. Placed into record.

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At 9:47, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Motor Vehicle Appeals – Signed & Approved.
- E&O Adjustments - Signed & Approved.
- Aircraft Digest Removal - Signed & Approved.
- Freeport Accounts 2024 – 96 total mailed. Placed into record.
- 2024 Bond Certificates – 57 total mailed. Placed into record.
- 2024 Returns mailed – 8233 – placed into record.

At 9:57, Residential Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- BOE Results – placed into record. Assessor Hammonds recused himself from parcel # 087 014 037.

At 10:35, Deputy Chief Appraiser Thomason presents to the Board:

- Non-Disclosure Request - signed by Chairman Govar
- Map Splits - #133 001 044; 043; 180 004 005; 086 024 053; 081; 048 017 002; 02X – Signed & Approved.

At 10:44, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

L. SANDIFER HICKS
ASSESSOR

K. JONES
ASSESSOR

ABSENT

T.A. HAMMONDS
ASSESSOR

Absent

T. CARMACK
VICE CHAIRMAN