

MINUTES
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS
April 20, 2023

A meeting of the DeKalb County Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Participating were the following:

Robert A. Burroughs, J.D., Chair
James Vernor, Ph.D., MAI, Vice-Chair
Joseph Kusmik, MA, Assessor
Vivian R. Ingersoll, MA, Assessor
Charlene Fang, Assessor
Calvin C. Hicks, Chief Appraiser/BTA Secretary
Donna Rosser, Assistant Chief Appraiser
Vance Clements, Supervisor – Business Personal Property
Brian Jennings, Deputy Chief Appraiser – Residential
Brentnol Baker, Deputy Chief Appraiser – Commercial
Teresa H. Nealey, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair stated that the 4/20/23 Agenda had been received and he called for a motion for Approval of the 4/20/23 Agenda, made by Joe Kusmik, and seconded by Jim Vernor. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of our last meeting, and after hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the Minutes of 4/6/23. Joe Kusmik made a motion to Approve the Minutes of 4/6/23, seconded by Charlene Fang and Jim Vernor. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN TIME

No citizens requested time to address the Board.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair called for a discussion of Staff Recommendations in batches 1 through 21. After discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve Staff Recommendations, made by Joe Kusmik, and seconded by Charlene Fang and Jim Verner. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

See attached.

CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

See attached.

Calvin Hicks discussed with the Board that the Chief Appraiser of Fulton County would like our Chair and the Chief Appraiser to attend their meeting on June 1, 2023. They will adopt the Joint Resolution that DeKalb and Fulton County sign off on an annual basis to ensure there is uniformity within the City of Atlanta parcels. We have not had in-person Joint Meetings since Covid and during that time emails were exchanged between counties. Also in prior years, DeKalb and Fulton County would alternate preparing the Resolution. Based on the rotation, it is Fulton's time to prepare. The Board agreed that they would like to attend the June 1st meeting at Fulton County, and they were in agreement with Fulton County preparing the Resolution. On June 1st we will have our regularly scheduled meeting here at 9:30 am and then journey over to the Fulton County office to meet with them at 12:30 pm.

Calvin Hicks stated that earlier in the week he forwarded an email from Lori Johnson indicating that on May 4th the arguments are to be presented to the Georgia Court of Appeals regarding DeKalb County and the City of Chamblee. He has asked Ms. Johnson to provide the link that he will in turn forward to the Board if anyone wants to listen or observe it.

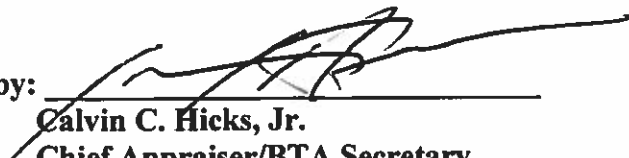
Mr. Hicks also discussed the Notice of the Court of Appeals' positive ruling on Emory Promenade vs DeKalb County.

Vivian Ingersoll commented on Norbert Schulz who is retiring this year; she said he was very helpful when she first came to Atlanta and came on the Board. She's very sorry to see him go.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn, made by Joe Kusmik, and seconded by Jim Verner and Vivian Ingersoll. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-(1-6).

Signed by: 
Calvin C. Hicks, Jr.
Chief Appraiser/BTA Secretary

Date Approved: 5-4-23