MINUTES DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS April 6, 2023

A meeting of the DeKalb County Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, April 6, 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
Cory Callaway, Appraiser – Business Personal Property
Brian Jennings, Deputy Chief Appraiser – Residential
Brentnol Baker, Deputy Chief Appraiser – Commercial
Teresa H. Nealey, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Vance Clements, Supervisor - Business Personal Property

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair stated that the 4/6/23 Agenda had been received and he called for a motion for Approval of the 4/6/23 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 3/23/23. Joe Kusmik made a motion to Approve the Minutes of 3/23/23, seconded by 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 14. After discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve Staff Recommendations, made by Jim Vernor, and seconded by Joe Kusmik. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

See attached.

The Chair asked Brentnol Baker to share with the group about an annual event that he is involved in. Mr. Baker, an avid cyclist, spoke about the Baker's Memorial Cycling Classic held annually in April around his Dad's birthday in his native Guyana. It was started and sponsored by him and his siblings after the passing of their parents. He stated that the event has grown over the years and they even have some international cyclists participate. However, due to Covid, it has not been held in the last three years. He invited everyone to visit YouTube and search for Baker's Memorial Cycling Classic in Guyana for more information.

CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

See attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair stated that we need to work on getting more office space. He stated that he is concerned about our staff's current congested space. Mr. Hicks stated that the questions have been raised with Administration, but no response has been received.

The Chair stated that he is thankful for a stable Board and thanked the members for their leadership. He also thanked staff for all their good work and stated that he's been on the board long enough to notice individual challenges, health-wise and family-wise and he said that God is good!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn, made by Jim Vernor, and seconded by Joe Kusmik. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 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: 4-20-23