

**MINUTES  
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
June 27, 2024**

**A meeting of the DeKalb County Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, June 27, 2024. Present were the following:**

**James Vernor, PhD, MAI, Chair  
Joseph Kusmik, MA, Vice-Chair  
Charlene Fang, Assessor  
Robert A. Burroughs, J.D., Assessor  
Genet Hopewell, 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 Nealey, Recording Secretary**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chair declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**The Chair stated that the 6/27/24 Agenda had been received. He called for a motion to approve the 6/27/24 Agenda made by Robert Burroughs and seconded by Joe Kusmik. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The Chair called for the approval of the 6/6/24 Minutes. Robert Burroughs made a motion to approve the Minutes of 6/6/24, seconded by Charlene Fang. The motion carried unanimously.**

**CITIZEN TIME**

**The Chair welcomed Atampokah El to the meeting and gave her the floor. She stated that she had two issues: she received notices from the DeKalb County Tax Assessors office that were addressed to the name in all caps. She noted that this is not her name. It looks like her name but it is not; her name is not in all caps. She said that she is not part of the United States, she's a national, she's Moorish American, and she has a national ID card. She stated as a Moorish and as a national, she has rights to the property secured by the Constitution for the United States of America.**

She stated that she has been at this property for 40 years and has been fighting with the DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's office since 2017. She is requesting that these notices no longer be sent to her location which is: 1926 Cannon Street. She also stated that in the future if she receives these notices she will have to take legal action. She passed her documents around the table for all to review. The Chair asked for questions or comments from the table. Calvin Hicks stated that we will receive the documents and will have the law department review them and make a recommendation to the Board. She also gave other documents to Calvin Hicks as directed by the Tax Commissioner's office. He received them and thanked her. The Chair thanked her for coming.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Chair called for a discussion of Staff Recommendations for batches 1 through 28. After discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve Staff Recommendations except batch 24 pending additional information, made by Robert Burroughs, and seconded by Joe Kusmik. The motion carried unanimously. After Brentnol Baker presented further information, the Chair called a motion to approve batch 24, made by Robert Burroughs and seconded by Joe Kusmik. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

See attached.

#### **CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT**

See attached.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Robert Burroughs stated that while reviewing GAAO information, he came across the new GAAO Fellows Honors Program. He asked if there was someone on our staff to appoint to review this further. Calvin Hicks stated that he would do some research on this and report back to the Board.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn, made by Robert Burroughs and seconded by Joe Kusmik. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

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: 7-11-24