

# CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.**  
in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

## **Opening Ceremonies**

Chairman, Dravian McGill Sr., called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. A quorum was declared and the following Board members were present: Dravian McGill, Arthur Parker, William Turner, Brenda D. Booth, & Frank Posey, Jr., Chief Appraiser Sean Sammons, Board Secretary Tiffany Johnson and Linderia Lewis. Mr. Parker gave the invocation for the meeting.

**Selection of Chairman** – Mr. Parker nominated Mr. McGill as Chairman. Mr. Posey seconded. Motion carried.

**Selection of Vice-Chairman** – Mr. Posey nominated Mr. Turner as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Booth seconded. Motion carried.

**Selection of Secretary** – Mr. Sammons recommended Linderia Lewis to be the Board Secretary 2025. Mr. Posey motioned for Ms. Lewis be Secretary for 2025, Mr. Parker seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the Board meeting conducted on December 4, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Turner. Motion carried.

## **Appeals**

**Motor Vehicle** – Mr. Sammons presented 4 motor vehicle appeals to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Turner and seconded by Mr. Parker. Motion carried.

**Real Property** – Mr. Sammons presented one 30-day change notice. Mr. Sammons presented 12 BOE appeals with no-change notices. Mr. Parker made a motion to approve the change notice and forward the 12 no-change BOE appeals to the appeal administrator, Mr. Posey seconded. Motion carried.

**Personal Property** – Mr. Sammons presented 11 no-change notices for the remaining personal property appeals to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mrs. Booth Motion carried.

**Homestead Exemption Applications** – Mr. Sammons presented 84 homestead applications to the Board. This included 63 L1s, 14 S1s, 6 S5s, and 1 recommendation for denial. Mr. Parker made a motion to approve 83 applications subject to eligibility and to deny 1 homestead application on the grounds that the applicant did not meet standards for homestead per O.C.G.A 48-5-40. Mr. Turner seconded. Motion carried.

**Historic Preferential Applications** - Mr. Sammons presented Part B Historical Preferential Applications for four historic buildings on the campus of the former Gillespie-Selden Institute. Chairman McGill abstained from voting due to his involvement. Mr. Parker made motion to approve applications. Mr. Turner seconded. Motion carried.

**Exempt Property Application** – Mr. Sammons presented an exempt property application for Parcel 045 033. Mr. Turner made motion to deny the application on the grounds that the owner did not show their IRS exemption status, as recommended by the County Attorney. Mr. Posey seconded. Motion carried.

**Preliminary Sales Ratios** – Mr. Sammons presented individual internal Sales Ratios from all four real property classifications for the 2025 year: Residential, Commercial, Industrial, & Agricultural. All were below the acceptable range as set by the Department of Revenue. Mr. Sammons shared that the office has begun the required reviews and maintenance and that the task puts a strain on the staff's workload.

**Education Update** – Mr. Sammons updated the Board regarding the Board and Staff's educational status.

**Other Business** - Mr. Sammons reported that the Superior Court Clerk will no longer accept personal checks for covenant filing fees. The County's Finance Director has agreed to accept cash, checks, and credit cards for conservation use applications. Mr. Sammons also shared that we are in queue for a flyover by February. Mr. Sammons also shared recent efforts he's been involved in with public awareness of House Bill 581 including presenting at an inner governmental meeting with the County, City, and School Boards, and local delegation.

**Adjournment** - Mr. Parker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Turner seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linderia Lewis  
Board Secretary

*Attached to these minutes are all supportive documents submitted within the monthly Board of Assessors Package, for each agenda item approved or voted on by the Crisp County Board of Assessors.*