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DEKALB CEO ELLIS ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF CHIEF APPRAISER FOR THE COUNTY

DECATUR – CEO Burrell Ellis announces the selection of a new Chief Appraiser for DeKalb County by the Board of Tax Assessors. **Hicks' selection was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on August 13, 2009.** He will assume the role on November 1, 2009.



His duties will include the professional and administrative work involved in training, developing, and directing appraiser and clerical support staff in completing ad valorem appraisals in the county, and ensuring such appraisals and assessments are performed in accordance with state, county, and departmental requirements. Prior to joining DeKalb County, Hicks spent 27 years serving in similar capacities in Augusta-Richmond, Baldwin, Macon-Bibb, and Monroe Counties.

“We welcome Mr. Hicks to the county. His experience and depth of knowledge will be an invaluable resource for the Appraisal Department and an asset to DeKalb County,” CEO Ellis said.

Hicks will also assist in the development and administration of the assessor’s departmental budget and is charged with maintaining awareness of current issues in the appraisal and assessment fields.

“We are fortunate to have attracted a chief appraiser of Mr. Hicks’ caliber. He has 30 years of experience in the field, is known and respected around the state of Georgia, and comes highly recommended by the Revenue Department. He is a seasoned leader, manager and problem solver. Members of the Board of Tax Assessors and I look forward to working with him and will do our part to ensure a smooth transition” said Robert Burroughs, Chair of the Board of Tax Assessors.

Hicks, who is a graduate of Macon College and previously served as president of the Georgia Association of Assessing Officials says, "I look forward to the challenge and I thank DeKalb County for this opportunity."

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