



Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: John Christofferson, Acting County Attorney

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Subject:
Board of Equalization Referee Appointment

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this request is to appoint referees to hear County Board of Equalization protests for tax year 2026.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Good Governance - Deliver mandated and essential services with excellence.

Background and Discussion: Pursuant to C.R.S. 39-8-101, the Board of County Commissioners shall comprise the County Board of Equalization. Pursuant to C.R.S. 39-8-102, the Board of County Commissioners may appoint independent referees to conduct hearings from appeals of decisions of the County Assessor. The Board has appointed referees for many years. It is recommended that the Board hereby appoint the following three (3) individuals as referees to conduct protest hearings during this session of the County Board of Equalization pursuant to Section 39-8-102(2)(i) C.R.S.: (1) Jeff Hamilton, (2) Joan Whittlesey, and (3) Adam Ingram.

Alternatives: The Board of County Commissioners could conduct the hearings.

Fiscal Impact: Referees earn \$85.00 per hour of hearings. Lead Referee earns \$90.00 per hour of hearings.

Alignment with Strategic Implementation Strategies: N/A

Concurrence: The Assessor and County Attorney support these recommendations.