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Citizens Sought for Board of Equalization

As part of the Gloucester County reassessment process a Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments must be established under the Code of Virginia, section 15.2-840. Board of Equalization (BOE) members may be recommended by the Gloucester Board of Supervisors and will be appointed by the Gloucester Circuit Court Judge. The board is established to provide an avenue of appeal and hear concerns from property owners on reassessed values and determine whether the Real Estate Assessment Department has equalized the assessments among property owners fairly. The BOE has the authority to increase, decrease or affirm individual real property assessments in order to ensure uniformity in assessments and equal distribution of the county's tax burden. The BOE only hears appeals for the current tax year assessment.

The Gloucester Board of Supervisors is currently seeking interested and qualified citizens to serve on the Board of Equalization. BOE representatives must be residents of the county with a majority of members being county land owners. At least 2 members must be commercial/residential real estate appraisers or professionals, builders, developers, or legal or financial professionals. In order to be eligible for appointment each member must complete a basic course of instruction given by the State Department of Taxation. The initial terms of the members will be staggered with three 3-year terms, one 1-year term and one 2-year term.

Residents that meet the specified criteria and who are interested in serving on the Board of Equalization are asked to submit a Gloucester County Volunteer Board Bank interest form before November 13, 2009. The form is available on the county's website at www.gloucester.va.info by clicking on "E-Services" and selecting "Boards/Committees Online" or by contacting the Department of Community Education at 693-5730.

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