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Keith Hicks Appointed Chief Appraiser **for Duval County Property Appraiser's Office**

Duval County Property Appraiser Jim Overton has appointed Keith Hicks as the new Chief Appraiser in the Property Appraiser's Office. Hicks begins his new position today and will oversee all of the appraisal, recording and field functions of the office.

Hicks joined the Property Appraiser's Office in 1997. He has served as the Chief of the Commercial Appraisal Division since March 2009, and prior to that, as the Chief of the Residential Appraisal Division since 2002. Before his work with the PAO, Hicks was a private real estate appraiser and worked in commercial real estate. He is a Residential Evaluation Specialist, Certified General Appraiser and Certified Florida Evaluator, and holds Bachelor's degrees in both Finance and Real Estate from Florida State University.

"Keith is a great fit for this job," said Overton. "He is committed to fair and equitable appraisal and has worked in almost every area that he will be supervising. His knowledge of state law, valuation trends and appraisal methods is extensive, and we are fortunate to have him."

The Property Appraiser's Office is responsible for appraising all property in Duval County – more than 350,000 properties – for the purpose of taxation. Hicks replaces Lane Helms whose planned retirement as Chief Appraiser was effective last week.

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