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MEC MASHILO APPOINTS MUNICIPAL VALUATION APPEAL BOARDS

MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) in Mpumalanga, Mr Speed Mashilo has appointed 18 members of the Municipal Valuation Appeal Boards for a period of four years. The boards were appointed in line with the municipal Property Rates Act and are expected to preside over appeals submitted by property owners in the three District Municipalities, namely Ehlanzeni, Nkangala and Gert Sibande.

Mr Mashilo appealed to members of the boards to perform their function with due diligence. "Municipalities are expected to collect revenue through payment of property rates. Through this revenue they pay their debtors such as Eskom and other financial obligations including the installation and maintenance of streets and roads. Your role as members of the appeal boards is crucial to resolve complaints that emanate from disputes between the municipalities and property owners," Mr Mashilo said during the hand over of certificates of appointment to the members in eMalahleni.

Rates are determined by municipalities after undertaking a process of valuation of properties. Municipalities adopt rates policies and property rates by-laws to implement the collection of rates. Mr Mashilo encouraged property owners with concern about their rates to submit their objections and appeals to their local municipalities and to accept the outcomes of the appeal boards.

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