



Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors  
Minutes – Regular Session June 12, 2018  
119 East Solomon Street  
Griffin, Georgia 30223

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors Special Called Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courthouse Annex in Room 108. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Johnie McDaniel with Vice Chairman Dick Morrow and Assessor Brad Wideman present.

Others present were Chief Appraiser Don Long, Assistant Chief Appraiser Jerry Johnson, Personal Property Appraiser Robby Williams and Board Secretary Betty Browning.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

William Turner of 490 Lakeview Drive was present to discuss issues he has with parcel no. 278-01-013A. Mr. Turner stated that he thought he owned this parcel and has been paying taxes on it since 2014. Mr. Turner also stated that he has tried to contact the actual owner James Duffey but has had no luck. The board suggested to Mr. Turner that he start with the closing attorney and bank.

**C. MINUTES**

1. Consider the approval of the minutes from the Special Called Meeting for May 9, 2018.

*Vice-Chairman Morrow moved to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes as corrected, seconded by member Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

**D. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**E. CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session was moved up on the agenda from Letter H to Letter E.

The Closed Session was devoted to the following matters:

- 1). Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss ending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. section 50-14-2(1)
- 2). Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a County officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. section 50-14-3(6)

*Chairman McDaniel moved to enter into Closed Session at 9:02 A.M. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Morrow and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

*Chairman McDaniel moved to exit Closed Session at 9:21 A.M. and enter back into Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Morrow and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. John P. Joiner from Johnston & Owen, LLP was present to represent Joanne Blevins of 417 S. New Salem Road. Mr. Joiner stated that Ms. Blevins' property is currently in a conservation covenant and she is interested in deeding approximately 1.22 acres to her great-nephew for the purpose of conforming his property to the zoning regulations.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve deeding the approximate 1.22 acres. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

2. New Mercy Baptist Church spoke to Chief Appraiser Don Long about the Religious Exempt Property status of the property located at 703 Park Road, Parcel No. 024-08-001.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the Religious Exempt Property status for parcel no. 024-08-001. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

3. Abiding Love Community Church, Inc. submitted an application for exempt status for the property located at 1370 N. McDonough Road, parcel no. 210-02-039.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the Religious Exempt Property status for parcel no. 210-02-039. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

4. Mary Ann T. Anderson submitted a S5 (Veterans) Homestead Exemption application for 2018 for the property located at 513 Orchid Lights Court, parcel no. 303-01-057.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the S5 Veterans Exemption for parcel no. 303-01-057. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

5. Teddy Gibson and Patricia Perkins submitted a S5 (Veterans) Homestead Exemption application for 2018 for the property located at 3050 W. Ellis Road, parcel no. 265-02-004B.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the S5 Veterans Exemption for parcel no. 265-02-004B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

6. Christian and Diane Voegtlin submitted in writing a request to end the 2017 Conservation Covenant without penalty due to the unforeseen need to sale the property located at 127 Oxford Road, parcel no. 213-06-015.

Chief Appraiser Don Long stated to the board that the start date of the covenant was 2017 and his recommendation is to approve the breach without penalty and rebill for 2017.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the covenant breach without penalty. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

7. & 8. Daniel Conkle submitted 2018 Conservation applications for 2756 Arthur Bolton Pkwy, parcel no. 218-02-008 and 3400 High Falls Road, parcel no. 218-02-022B giving the bona-fide agricultural use as feeding, breeding, or managing livestock or poultry and raising, harvesting, or storing crops referencing hay.

Chief Appraiser Don Long stated that he and Asst. Chief Appraiser Jerry Johnson inspected the property and did not see any cattle or fencing and no hay barn. Chief Appraiser Long's recommendation to the board is to deny both applications.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to deny the 2018 Conservation applications for parcels 218-02-008 and 218-02-022B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

9. William Boyd and Misty Presley submitted a 2018 Conservation application for 100 Boyd's Crossings Road, parcel no. 221-01-022B giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 10% raising, harvesting or storing crops and 10% feeding, breeding, or managing livestock or poultry.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2018 Conservation application for parcel 221-01-022B. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

10. Milani Allen submitted a 2018 Conservation application for 1690 Rehoboth Church Road, parcel no. 225-01-031A giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 50% producing plants, trees, fowl or animals and 50% wildlife habitat.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to deny the 2018 Conservation application for parcel no 225-01-031A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

11. & 12. Joseph and Jane Bailey submitted 2018 Conservation applications for parcels 269-01-013C and 269-01-014C.

Chief Appraiser Don Long stated that these parcels are continuous with other parcels Mr. Bailey owns that are currently in conservation.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2018 Conservation applications for parcels 269-01-013C and 269-01-014C. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

13. & 14. Richard Corbin presented 2018 Conservation applications for parcels 269-02-007A and 269-02-007D located on Leach Road giving the bona-fide agricultural use as feeding, breeding, or managing livestock.

Chief Appraiser Don Long stated that he and Asst. Chief Appraiser Jerry Johnson inspected the property and recommends to approve both applications.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2018 Conservation applications for parcels 269-02-007A and 269-02-007D. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously.*

15. Heath and Sonya Millans submitted a 2018 Conservation Renewal application for parcel no. 265-01-012 giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 100% producing plants, trees, fowl, or animals.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2018 Conservation application for parcel 265-01-012. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

16. Jack and Cheryl Gilbert submitted a 2010 Conservation continuation for parcel 200-01-004A giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 75% producing plants, trees, fowl or animals and 75% wildlife habitat.

Chief Appraiser Don Long stated that he and Asst. Chief Appraiser Jerry Johnson inspected the property and recommends to approve the application.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2010 Conservation Continuation application for parcel no. 200-01-004A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

17. Juan Gabriel Olmos Jimenez submitted a new 2018 Conservation application for parcel 200A-01-063 giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 100% producing plants, trees, fowl, or animals.

Chief Appraiser Don Long stated that he and Asst. Chief Appraiser Jerry Johnson inspected the property and recommends to approve the application.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2018 Conservation application for parcel 200A-01-063. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

18. Spiak, LP submitted a 2015 Continuation Conservation application for parcel 212-01-033 giving the bona-fide agricultural use as producing plants, trees, fowl, or animals.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2015 Conservation Continuation application for parcel no. 212-01-033. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously.*

19. Donald Futral and Carol Hawkins submitted a 2018 Renewal Conservation application for parcel 220-01-003 giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 100% wildlife habitat.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2018 Renewal Conservation application for parcel no. 220-01-003. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

20. & 21. Richard Childres and David Childres submitted 2010 Conservation Continuation applications for parcels 243-03-015C and 243-03-019 giving the bona-fide agricultural use as wildlife habitat and production of aquaculture, horticulture, floriculture, forestry, dairy, livestock, poultry and apiarian products.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve both 2010 Conservation Continuation applications for 243-03-015C and 243-03-019. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

22. Wages Jr. Living Trust submitted a 2012 Conservation Continuation for parcel 259-02-007G giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 80% feeding, breeding, or managing livestock.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2012 Conservation Continuation application for parcel no. 259-02-007G. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously.*

23. Joiner's Broken Arrow Farm submitted a 2018 Conservation application for parcel 266-02-001

giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 100% producing plants, trees, fowl, or animals.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2018 Conservation application for parcel 266-02-001. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

24-26. William S. Mixon, Jr. submitted Conservation Continuation applications for parcels 272-01-002C, 272-01-007 and 272-01-009 giving the bona-fide agricultural use as wildlife habitat and feeding, breeding or managing livestock and raising, harvesting or storing crops.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the Conservation Continuation applications for 272-01-002C, 272-01-007 and 272-01-009. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

27. Juan and Martha Velasco submitted a 2014 Conservation Continuation application for 273-01-001D giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 98% producing plants, trees, fowl or animals.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the 2014 Conservation Continuation application for parcel 273-01-001D. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously.*

28. Millstown, LLC submitted a Conservation Continuation application for 279-02-007 giving the bona-fide agricultural use as 100% wildlife habitat.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the Conservation Continuation application for 279-02-007. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

29. James Ellis of 209 Ginny Lane filed 2018 appeals for parcels 208-01-084 and 055-04-018 and requested the appeals be forwarded directly to Superior Court.

Chief Appraiser Don Long stated that his 2017 appeals for both of these properties is currently pending in Superior Court and Mr. Long's recommendation is to deny his request and forward his 2018 appeals to the Board of Equalization.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to deny forwarding 2018 appeals for parcels 208-01-084 and 055-04-018 directly to Superior Court. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

30. The board was given a list of the 2018 Returned Notice of Assessments that will be signed by the Probate Judge and posted in the courthouse lobby and Annex Building lobby.

*Vice Chairman Morrow moved to approve the list and posting of the 2018 Returned Notice of Assessments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.*

31. Chairman McDaniel moved to appoint Robby Williams as Secretary for the Board of Tax Assessors and Kristin Fuller as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wideman and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

## **G. CHIEF APPRAISER REPORT**

Chief Appraiser Don Long stated that as of today we have only received 223 appeals for 2018 and the 2017 Sales Ratio for 2017 was 39.42.

**H. ASSESSORS COMMENTS**

Vice Chairman Morrow stated that he was not pleased with the monthly agenda and he would like to see the board start using a Consent Agenda for routine non-controversial items and the current agenda is an in-efficient way to do business. Chairman McDaniel and Mr. Wideman agreed.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business. Chairman McDaniel moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 A.M. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Morrow and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Betty Browning

Board Secretary

June 14, 2018







