

AFTER AGENDA

Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors – Regular Session Tax

February 11, 2020 – 9:00AM

119 E Solomon St, Room 108, Griffin, GA 30223

A. CALL TO ORDER

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Spalding county Board of Tax Assessors Regular Scheduled Meeting was held on February 11, 2020 at 9:00AM in the Courthouse Annex, Room 108. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnie McDaniel, with Vice-Chairman Dick Morrow and Board Member Brad Wideman attending. Others present were Deputy Chief Appraiser Jerry Johnson and Board Secretary Betsy Bernier.

B. CITIZENS COMMENT

Speakers must sign up prior to the meeting and provide their names, addresses and the topic they wish to discuss. Speakers must direct your remarks to the Board and not to individual Member or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Members or County employees are not a matter of public concern and personal attacks will not be tolerated. The Chairman has the right to limit your comments in the interest of disposing of the County's business in an efficient and respectable manner.

Speakers will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on their chosen topics as they relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of Tax Assessors. No questions will be asked by any of the members during citizen comments. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times during the meeting. No speaker will be permitted to speak more than three (3) minutes or more than once, unless the Board votes to suspend this rule.

Hank Harrell of 1135 Vaughn Rd, Griffin, Georgia, was present to speak on behalf of New Salem Baptist Church's exemption application for vacant land located at 510 Hardy Lane, Griffin, Georgia. Mr. Harrell stated that the land is used for Outdoor Ministry activities such as Archery Shoot and Fall Festival.

Motion by Dick Morrow to amend the Agenda by moving New Business Item 6 to New Business Item 1, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

C. MINUTES

1. Review and approve the Closed Session Minutes from the January 14, 2020 Board of Assessors meeting.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

2. Review and approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from the January 14, 2020 Board of Assessors meeting.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

D. OLD BUSINESS

None

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review and approve audit results for the following Personal Property Accounts:

CATO CORP
FIT GUYS GRIFFIN LLC D/B/A PLANET FITNESS
GRIFFIN OB-GYN CLINIC PA
GRIFFIN IMAGING LLC
ETERNAL HOPE HOSPICE LLC

2. Review and approve 2020 Renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

DURWARD L SMITH
JERRY W DAVIS
2239 N MCDONOUGH RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 204-01-003D, 75.59 ACRES

3. Review and approve 2020 Renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

FRANK CHEN
3050 ARTHUR K BOLTON PKWY
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 218-02-001, 66.75 ACRES

4. Review and approve 2020 Renewal Application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following property:

WAYNE F ARCHER
290 SHOAL CREEK RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 268-01-017, 85.00 ACRES (CONTIGUOUS WITH PARCEL 268-01-002B
CONSENT ITEM 5 ON THIS AGENDA)

5. Review and approve 2020 Renewal Application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following property:

WAYNE F ARCHER
218 SHOAL CREEK RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 268-01-002B, 29.30 ACRES (CONTIGUOUS WITH PARCEL 268-01-017, 85.00
ACRES CONSENT ITEM 4 ON THIS AGENDA)

6. Review and approve or deny 2020 Renewal Application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following property:

WAYNE F ARCHER
2060 W ELLIS RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 266-01-011, 24.94 ACRES

7. Review and approve 2020 Continuation Application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following property:

WILLIAM KENNETH WHITLOCK
ELAINE M WHITLOCK
0 HOLLONVILLE RD
PARCEL 281-01-006A, 94.25 ACRES

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 –7, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and approve or deny 2020 application for Tax Exempt status for the following parcel:

NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH OF GRIFFIN INC
510 HARDY LN
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 257-01-012

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approve application for Exempt status for the parcel located at 510 Hardy Ln, Griffin, Georgia, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

2. Review and approve a Contract Services Agreement between Spalding County Board of Commissioners and Deen's LLC for the purpose of processing Personal Property Returns.

Deputy Chief Johnson explained that this is the same company that contracted with Personal Property in 2019.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approve the contract with Deen's LLC, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

3. Discuss and reconsider current Policy on two acre Conservation valuation.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to update the Policy as submitted during the meeting, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

4. Review and approve or deny a request for refund of taxes paid in 2017.

CLIFFORD W BASSETT
WENDY S BASSETT
430 MOON RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 270-01-068

Discussion that there is no evidence of when the Manufacture House was removed from the property. The taxes paid by the Bassett's were refunded for 2018 per a Board of Assessors decision in a prior meeting.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to deny the request for 2017 refund, motion was seconded by member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

5. Review and approve or deny a request for 2017 change in value for the following parcel:

ROBERT BRIAN RAYL
CARY A MATHESON
0 JACKSON RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 216-01-004A

Discussion of Mr. Rayl purchasing the property which was under a Conservation covenant. The value was appealed. The former Chief Appraiser, Don Long, reduced the value for tax year 2018. Mr. Rayl stated he had a verbal agreement with Mr. Long included tax year 2017, 2018 and 2019. Written evidence was presented indicating the value was reduced for 2018 and 2019.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to deny the request to change the value for 2017, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

6. Review and approve or deny a request to be released from Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

PAT MOORE
838 MOON RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 264-01-024, 57.37 ACRES

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approve release from CUVA without penalty due to the qualifying age of the owner and length of the covenant, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

7. Review and approve or deny 2020 Renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

JULIA M FREEMAN
HOWELL DANIEL HOWARD
1766 JACKSON RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 121-01-005B, 4.70 ACRES

Discussion with Deputy Chief Appraiser Johnson regarding the field inspection of the property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to deny the application for CUVA based on the lack of agricultural evidence, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

8. Review and approve or deny 2020 New application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

JAMES DAVID SKRINE
2477 REHOBOTH RD
GRIFFIN GA 30224
PARCEL 223-01-017, 10.22 ACRE

Discussion with Deputy Chief Appraiser Johnson regarding the field inspection of the property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to deny the application for CUVA based on the lack of agricultural evidence, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

9. Review and approve or deny 2020 New application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

SCOTT HARVEY HENLEY

313 BUCK CREEK RD
GRIFFIN GA 30224
PARCEL 224-01-018F, 12.73 ACRES

Discussion with Deputy Chief Appraiser Johnson regarding the field inspection of the property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approve the application for CUVA, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

10. Review and approve or deny 2020 New application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

ROSEANNA ALICE CAMPBELL
1500 BARNESVILLE RD
GRIFFIN GA 30224
PARCEL 226-01-020B, 15.12 ACRES

Discussion with Deputy Chief Appraiser Johnson regarding the field inspection of the property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approve the application for CUVA, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

11. Review and approve or deny 2020 Renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

HERBERT F MILES
LINDA D MILES
515 AMELIA RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 205-01-004P, 13.67 ACRES (CONNECTS TO 205-01-004V AND 205-01-004U ALSO ON THIS AGENDA)

Discussion with Deputy Chief Appraiser Johnson regarding the field inspection of the property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approved New Business Items 11, 12 and 13 for CUVA, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

12. Review and approve or deny 2020 Renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

HERBERT F MILES
LINDA D MILES
0 AMELIA RD
GRIFFIN GA 30223
PARCEL 205-01-004V , 13.13 ACRES (CONTIGUOUS WITH 205-01-004P AND 205-01-004U ALSO ON THIS AGENDA)

Discussion with Deputy Chief Appraiser Johnson regarding the field inspection of the property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approved New Business Items 11, 12 and 13 for CUVA, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

13. Review and approve or deny 2020 Renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

HERBERT F MILES

LINDA D MILES

503 AMELIA RD

GRIFFIN GA 30223

PARCEL 205-01-004U, 1.79 ACRES (CONTIGUOUS WITH 205-01-004P AND 205-01-004V)

Discussion with Deputy Chief Appraiser Johnson regarding the field inspection of the property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to approved New Business Items 11, 12 and 13 for CUVA, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

14. Review and approve or deny 2020 Renewal Application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following property:

SCOTT ALAN CONAWAY

LORI ELAINE CONAWAY

178 STEELE RD

GRIFFIN GA 30223

PARCEL 260-02-002G, 14.85 ACRES

Discussion that the owner has a business license and a large workshop with a designated driveway on the property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to deny the application for CUVA based on the law regarding business use, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

15. Review and approve or deny 2020 New Application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following property:

JERRY J KENT

VICKIE SMOOT

126 JIM GOODSON RD

GRIFFIN GA 30223

PARCEL 262-01-001, 6.80 ACRES

Discussion with Deputy Chief Appraiser Johnson regarding the field inspection of the property.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to deny the application for CUVA based on the lack of agricultural evidence, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

G. CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

1. Dates for 2020 CAVEAT .
2. Information on current contracts.
3. Appeals status.
4. Personal Property update.
5. Budget due February 21, 2020.

Deputy Chief Johnson offered information on the list of topics for the Board member's understanding. No action taken.

H. ASSESSORS COMMENTS

Chairman McDaniel asked for an update from Deputy Chief Appraiser Johnson on the response to the posted opening for the Chief Appraiser position. Deputy Chief Johnson stated that he has been in contact with the Human Resources Department which has received several applications. The posted opening for the position will remain open on the county website through February 19, 2020.

I. CLOSED SESSION

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice-Chairman Morrow to adjourn at 10:18AM, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.