

MINUTES

Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors – Regular Session Tax
June 8, 2021 – 10:00AM
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 June 8, 2021 at 10:00AM 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 include 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.

Pastor M.S. Goggins of 873 East Solomon Street, Griffin, signed up to speak during New Business Item 4.

C. MINUTES

1. Consider the approval of the Minutes from the regular meeting of the Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors on May 18, 2021.

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to approve the Minutes from May 18, 2021, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

D. OLD BUSINESS

None

E. CONSENTAGENDA

1. Consider the approval of a 2021 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:

BROWN, VIRGINIA J & THOMAS W SR
221-02-002

2. Consider the approval of 2021 SS Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:

GOSSETT JUDY E
211-01-017C

3. Consider the approval of 2021 SS Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:

DAVIS, DONALD E & CHARLOTTE P
261B-02-024

4. Consider the approval of 2021 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:

KIRBY STEPHEN PAUL
248A-04-031

5. Consider the approval of a 2021 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:

TAPLEY WILLIAM CANNY
042A-01-004

6. Consider the approval of a 2021 SS Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:

PONDER PEGGIE
205-01-004T

7. Consider the approval of 2021 SS Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:

MOONEY FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST – PATRICIA MOONEY
252-01-005

8. Consider the approval of a 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:
RUSSO DOROTHY M
201D-01-048

9. Consider the approval of a 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:
PUDDICOMBE JOHN S & CAROL
314-01-035

10. Consider the approval of a 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:
SCOTT JOYCE C
222-03-050

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to approve Consent Agenda as published, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider the approval of 2021 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:
LENON, BARRY F
032-02-032

General discussion of the applicant's disability rating and the requirement by law to be 100% disabled in order to receive the exemption.

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to deny the 2021 S5 homestead, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

2. Consider a request for nondisclosure of public information.

The Board reviewed the request from a law enforcement agent.

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

3. Consider the approval of a late Freeport application for Personal Property Account # 371.

Personal Property Appraiser, Rebekah Skelton, explained the Freeport application deadline and when the application was received for this account.

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to accept the late filing of the Freeport application, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

4. Consider an appeal of an exemption removal for the following parcel:
MT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH
236-01-039

Discussion on new information received which supports the exemption for a religious organization.

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

G. CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

1. 2021 Digest and Notices of Assessment update.

Notices were mailed on May 28, 2021. Chief Appraiser Johnson reported that some Notices were affected by a calculation error on the school portion of the estimated tax. This has been corrected and revised Notices mailed.

2. Appeals update.

The office has received 17 appeals.

3. Update on meeting held with Mr. Dennis Davenport.

Chief Appraiser Johnson updated the Board on the meeting which concerned two commercial appeals. No action taken at this time.

4. Update on certain exempt properties.

Chief Appraiser Johnson updated the Board on the exempt properties that have been under review.

H. ASSESSORS COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Morrow expressed interest in the Assessor's office's capability to withstand a cyberattack. General discussion ensued around the topic and what measures can be taken.

I. CLOSED SESSION

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:17AM, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.