

## MINUTES

Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors – Regular Session Tax  
September 14, 2021 – 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 September 14, 2021, 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 include Chief Appraiser Jerry Johnson, Board Secretary Betsy Bernier, staff member Eva Morales, and County Manager Dr. Steve Ledbetter.*

### **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.

*None*

***Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to amend the agenda to add a Closed Session before the Consent Agenda (item E), motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.***

### **C. MINUTES -**

1. Consider the approval of the Minutes from the regular session meeting on August 10, 2021.

*Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to approve the Minutes from August 10, 2021, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.*

**D. OLD BUSINESS –**

*None*

***Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to enter Closed Session at 9:03AM for the purposes identified by Agenda item letter H, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.***

***General consensus reached during the Closed Session with no action taken.***

***Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to exit Closed Session at 9:48AM, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.***

***Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to return to the regular meeting, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.***

**E. CONSENTAGENDA**

1. Consider the approval of 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption for the following parcel:

IRVING, LEEGALE P

045-09-032

2. Consider the approval of 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption for the following parcel:

GOODMAN, DARRYL O & DANA D GOODMAN

311-02-001

3. Consider the approval of 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption for the following parcel:

THOMPSON, ARTHUR L & DELOIS L THOMPSON

302-03-003

4. Consider the approval of 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption for the following parcel:

SHIVER, MICHAEL THOR

143-08-004

5. Consider the approval of 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption for the following parcel:

HILL, STEVEN & SOPHIAHILL

205-02-004

6. Consider the approval of 2021 S5 Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption for the following parcel:

BUMPUS-GREEN CHARLOTTE ANN

311-01-005

*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 amending Policy manual regarding exempt status on public property.

*General discussion on Georgia law regarding public property and taxation.*

*No action taken*

2. Consider the approval of 2020 S5 Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption for the following parcel:

NEWMAN, MICHEAL R & DEBRALYNN NEWMAN  
054J-01-070

*General comments on the application for the exemption.*

*Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to approve the 2020 S5 Homestead Exemption, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.*

3. Consider the approval of 2020 Homestead Exemption of LM6Z for the following parcel:  
WILSON, SHARON  
267A-01-016A

*General discussion on the request by the Tax Commissioner to grant the 2020 Homestead Exemption.*

*Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to deny the 2020 Homestead Exemption request, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.*

4. Consider the approval of a request for nondisclosure.

*General discussion of the Policy for nondisclosure of public information.*

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

**G. CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT**

1. Update on staff continuing education.

*Review of the staff continuing education courses which are completed and/or upcoming with the Department of Revenue (DOR) and other vendors. Discussion on the DOR requirements for continuing education.*

2. 2021 appeals update.

*Board of Equalization (BOE) hearings are scheduled for September and October. Update on the Hearing Officer appeals.*

3. Staff training day and closure of office on September 17, 2021.

*The training day will be rescheduled.*

4. Update on 2020 Digest Review.

LAND TABLES  
NEIGHBORHOODS  
GIS POLYGONS

*The 2020 Digest Review appointment was cancelled by the DOR representative and is to be rescheduled. Chief Appraiser Johnson spoke of examples of items on the Digest Review the office will be addressing in the coming future.*

5. Update on the Superior Court appeal for parcel 080-02-065.

*Update on the upcoming hearing.*

6. Monthly review.

*Chief Appraiser Johnson discussed office procedures and expectations.*

*General discussion on directing any news media questions to the County manager's office.*

## **H. ASSESSORS COMMENTS**

*Chairman McDaniel thanked County Manager Ledbetter for attending the meeting.*

## **I. CLOSED SESSION**

1. Chairman Johnie McDaniel requests a Closed Session for consultation with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending 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. 50-14-2(1).

*Closed Session was addressed before Consent Agenda.*

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

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