

MINUTES

Butts County Board of Tax Assessors – Regular Session
625 W. 3rd Street, Jackson, GA 30233, Meeting Room A, Admin Bldg.
November 20, 2024 – 10:00AM

A. CALL TO ORDER

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

The Butts County Board of Assessors regular scheduled meeting was held on November 20, 2024, at 10:00AM in Meeting Room A of the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leah Preston-Frickey, with Board Members Jimmie Hobgood, Michael Bateman and Terry Nolan attending. Others present include Chief Appraiser, Jerry Johnson, Deputy Chief Appraiser, Betsy Bernier and Board Secretary, Leigh Ann Jeffcoat.

Vice Chairperson Ellen Brewer entered the meeting at 10:10AM.

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 their 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 Chairperson has the right to limit your comments in the interest of directing 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 present.

C. AGENDA

1. Consider the adoption of the November 20, 2024, agenda.

Motion by Member Nolan to approve the November 20, 2024, agenda as submitted, motion was seconded by Member Bateman and carried unanimously, 4-0.

D. MINUTES

1. Consider the approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2024, regular meeting.

Motion by Member Nolan to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, regular meeting, motion was seconded by Member Bateman and carried unanimously, 5-0.

Motion by Member Hobgood to amend the agenda to add the approval of the minutes from the October 25, 2024, called meeting, motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and carried unanimously, 5-0.

2. Consider the approval of the minutes of the October 25, 2024, called meeting.

Motion by Member Hobgood to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2024, called meeting, motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and carried unanimously, 5-0.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider the approval of 2024 homestead applications for Disabled Veteran (S5).

BILLY & SHARON WARD
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RONALD A COLE III
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Motion by Member Nolan to approve the consent agenda as submitted, motion was seconded by Member Bateman and carried unanimously, 5-0.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider the approval of the new NADA values for 2025.

Motion by Vice Chairperson Brewer to approve new NADA values for 2025, motion seconded by Member Nolan and carried unanimously, 3-0.

2. Consider the approval of the new ABOS values for 2025.

Motion by Member Nolan to approve the new ABOS values for 2025, motion seconded by Member Bateman and carried unanimously, 5-0.

3. Consider the approval to update the Manufactured Housing add-on and extra feature tables for 2025.

Motion made by Vice Chairperson Brewer to approve the updated Manufactured Housing add-on and extra feature tables, motion seconded by Member Nolan and carried unanimously, 5-0.

G. CHIEF APPRAISER REPORT

1. Staffing Update

The office is fully staffed with the hiring of the appraisal clerk position.

2. General Office Update

General discussion of the monthly office activity.

3. Appeals Update

Discussion of the number and status of appeals for 2024.

4. Scheduled December Reval

Discussion of the status of the GMASS, Inc. contract approval.

5. 2025 Proposed BOA Meeting Calendar

Provided a proposed schedule for the 2025 meetings. To be presented at the next BOA meeting.

H. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Nolan had made comments about the conservation use program and the process and oversight of timber harvesting.

Motion by Vice Chairperson Brewer to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session, motion was seconded by Member Bateman and carried unanimously, 5-0.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Chairman Leah Preston-Frickey requests to conduct a Closed Session for 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.50-14-3(6).

Motion by Member Bateman to enter Executive Session for purposes identified by Agenda Item (I.1), motion seconded by Member Nolan and carried unanimously, 5-0. Entered the executive session at 11:31AM.

Motion by Member Bateman to exit Executive Session, motion seconded by Member Nolan and carried unanimously, 5-0. Exited the executive session at 12:40PM. No action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, motion by Member Bateman to adjourn at 12:40PM, motion was seconded by Member Nolan and carried unanimously, 5-0.