

MINUTES

Butts County Board of Tax Assessors – Regular Session
625 W. 3rd Street, Jackson, GA 30233, Meeting Room A, Admin Bldg.
May 14, 2025 – 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 May 14, 2025, at 10:00AM in Meeting Room A of the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leah Preston-Frickey, Vice Chairperson, Ellen Brewer with Board Members Jimmie Hobgood, Michael Bateman and Terry Nolan attending. Others present include the Deputy Chief Appraiser, Don Long and Board Secretary, Leigh Ann Jeffcoat.

Michael Bateman is ineligible to vote. He will be reinstated after CAVEAT.

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 May 14, 2025, agenda.

Motion by Member Hobgood to approve the May 14, 2025, agenda as submitted, motion seconded by Member Nolan and carried unanimously, 4-0.

D. MINUTES

1. Consider the approval of the minutes from April 16, 2025, regular meeting.

Motion by Member Nolan to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025, regular meeting, motion seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and carried unanimously, 4-0.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider the approval of 2025 continuation applications for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA).

SEE ATTACHED LIST MARKED EXHIBIT A: 2025 CUVA CONTINUATION APPLICATIONS.

2. Consider the approval to release Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) without penalty.

ANGELA ESCALERA
00320-045-000

Motion by Vice Chairperson Brewer to approve the consent agenda, motion seconded by Member Hobgood and carried unanimously, 4-0.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider the approval of personal property monthly ACO report.

After review and discussion, motion made by Member Nolan to approve the personal property monthly ACO report, motion seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and was carried unanimously, 4-0.

2. Consider the approval and denial of all 2025 Freeport applications.

General discussion of qualification for Freeport exemption.

Motion by Member Nolan to approve all qualifying freeport applications, motion seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and carried unanimously, 4-0.

Motion by Member Hobgood to deny freeport application for account 2517, motion seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and carried unanimously, 4-0.

3. Consider the approval of the 2025 Exempt Digest.

General discussion of the exempt digest.

Discussion of possible tax-exempt property audit.

Motion by Member Nolan to approve the 2025 Exempt Digest, motion seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and carried unanimously, 4-0.

4. Consider the approval of the 2025 Tax Exempt applications.

EDDIE & BETTY GOODRUM

J0180-025-000

NEW BIRTH CHURCH

J0180-023-000

Discussion of qualifications to be eligible for tax exemption.

Motion by Member Nolan to approve the request for tax exemption with the condition of transferring parcel J0180-025-000 into the church's name, motion seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and carried unanimously, 4-0.

G. CHIEF APPRAISER REPORT

1. Estimated Roll-back Rate Update

The Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education have both voted and certified their estimated rollback rates to the Tax Assessors Office.

2. Notice of Assessments Update

The Notice of Assessments have been sent to Harris for printing and mailing. The mail date is set for May 16, 2025, with an appeal deadline of June 30, 2025.

Discussion on the changes of the Notice of Assessments due to the passing of HB 581 & HB 92.

3. CAVEAT

General discussion on travel and accommodations for CAVEAT.

4. Staff Training Update

General discussion of the staff continuing education hours and classes needed.

H. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Nolan commented on the good work done by the office staff and the Board Chairperson, Leah Preston-Frickey.

I. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, motion by Member Nolan to adjourn at 11:48AM, motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Brewer and carried unanimously, 4-0.