

MINUTES

Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors – Regular Session
419 East Solomon Street, Meeting Room, Griffin, GA 30223
November 19, 2024 – 9:00AM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

The Spalding County Board of Assessors regular scheduled meeting was held on November 19, 2024 at 9:00AM in the Courthouse Annex Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnie McDaniel, with Vice Chairman Pearce and Board Member Joe Bailey attending. Others present include Chief Appraiser Robby Williams, Board Secretary Peggy Terry and Katie LaCount.

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

C. MINUTES

1. Consider the approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2024, regular meeting.

Motion by Member Bailey to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024, regular meeting, motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried unanimously 3-0.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider the approval of 2024 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemptions:
SEE ATTACHED LIST

Motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to approve the consent agenda, motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and carried unanimously 3-0.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider the approval of a release from Conservation Valuation Assessment (CUVA) without penalty:
COPELAND, PERRY & DARLENE TRUST
239-03-015E

Chief Appraiser Williams explained that the applicants were in their second renewal, and they were above the age of 65.

Motion by Member Bailey to approve, motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried 3-0.

2. Consider the approval of the 2024 expiring Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA)

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Chief Appraiser Williams explained that covenants last for ten years. Every year there are several conservations that are expiring. We send out a letter advising the owner that it is time to come in and reapply.

Motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to approve, motion seconded by Member Bailey and carried unanimously 3-0.

3. Consider the approval of the 2024 intent to breach Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA).

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Chief Appraiser Williams reported that letters were sent to five property owners to notify them that changes were made to their deed that would result in a breach unless they came in to correct it. The letter also included an estimated penalty amount. These property owners have not come into the office to reapply. Another letter will be mailed with the breach penalty amount included.

Motion by Member Bailey to approve, motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried 3-0.

4. Consider the approval of the 2025 Board of Assessor meeting dates.

Peggy Terry explained that the November 11, 2025 date would need to be moved to November 18 due to the offices being closed on November 11th.

Motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to approve the consent agenda, motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and carried unanimously 3-0.

F. CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

1. Appeal Status Update.

Chief Appraiser Williams reported that:

- *We received an additional 180 days to respond to the submitted appeals.*
- *We are halfway through the first 180 days.*
- *We have 600 active appeals that we should be able to address before the first 180 days are over.*
- *We have been having 2 days of BOE meetings each week. Many of the owners that were scheduled are not showing up for their appointment.*
- *46 owners chose Hearing Officer. We have contacted all of these.*

2. Staffing update.

Chief Appraiser Williams reported that:

- *The Personal Property position was posted. Interviews were done. The position was filled internally.*
- *The Assistant to the Assessors position was posted.*
- *Three employees have taken their Appraiser I exam. They all passed and now have their Appraiser I Certification.*

3. GAAO Seminar – HB 581 12/02/2024

- *There is a seminar on how the new Bill HB 581 will affect homesteads.*
- *Chief Appraiser Robby Williams and Senior Appraiser Heather Headley have signed up to attend.*
- *The seminar will be held in Macon on December 2, 2024.*

4. 2024 Tax Digest approval from the State Revenue Commission.

- *The Tax Digest was approved.*
- *We are working on the mobile home digest.*
- *We are reviewing 2024 sales.*

G. ASSESSORS COMMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to adjourn at 9:35 AM, motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and carried unanimously 3-0.