

## MINUTES

Spalding County Board of Assessors – Regular meeting  
July 8, 2025 – 9:00AM  
Meeting Room 108, Annex Building  
119 East Solomon Street  
Griffin GA 30223

### A. CALL TO ORDER

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

### 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. Review the approval of the June 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

*Motion by Member Bailey to approve the June 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes, motion seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried unanimously 3-0.*

*Motion by Chairman McDaniel to amend the agenda to move Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 to New Business 1 and 2, motion seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried unanimously 3-0.*

### D. CONSENT AGENDA

~~1. Consider the approval of renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA):~~

~~HEARD, BERGEN~~

~~HARDAWAY, BARBARA  
272-01-010B, 27.27 ACRES~~

~~2. Consider the approval of a renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA):~~

~~BAKR, ABU~~

~~BAKR, SWABIA~~

~~201-01-004, 40.45 ACRES~~

3. Consider the approval for a request for non-disclosure of public information.

4. Consider the approval of 2025 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption (S5).  
SEE ATTACHED LIST

5. Consider the approval of 2026 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption (S5).  
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*Motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to approve Consent Agenda items 3, 4, and 5, motion seconded by Member Bailey and carried unanimously 3-0.*

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider the approval of renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA):

HEARD, BERGEN

HARDAWAY, BARBARA

272-01-010B, 27.27 ACRES

*The Board reviewed the application and photographs from the field visit. Evidence of several horses on the property. Discussion on the qualification of keeping livestock for pleasure as the agricultural use.*

*Motion by Member Bailey to approve CUVA renewal, motion seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce, and carried by majority 2-1.*

2. Consider the approval of a renewal application for Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA):

BAKR, ABU

BAKR, SWABIA

201-01-004, 40.45 ACRES

*The Board reviewed the application and confirmed the number of cows and horses on the property with Betsy Bernier who conducted the field visit.*

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

3. Consider the approval of a request for non-disclosure of public information.

*Discussion on the qualifications of the person making the request.*

*Motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to deny the request for non-disclosure, motion seconded by Member Bailey and carried unanimously.*

4. Consider the approval to submit the 2025 Tax Digest file to the Tax Commissioner by July 15, 2025.

*The Board reviewed a digest consolidation report provided by the Chief Appraiser.*

*Motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to approve submitting the 2025 Tax Digest to the Tax Commissioner by July 15, 2025, motion was seconded by Member Bailey and carried unanimously 3-0.*

## **F. CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT**

1. Appeals update.

*The office will continue to receive appeals through July 28, 2025. There have been questions from property owners about the new format of the Notice of Assessment and the estimate of taxes. Assessors' office staff focuses on the property values.*

*The Tax Commissioner's office will continue to receive homestead applications through July 28, 2025.*

2. Video interview with Dr. Cherryl Burks, Spalding County Citizen Engagement Specialist.

*Chief Appraiser Williams and the Tax Commissioner, Sylvia Hollums, were interviewed together by Dr. Burks. The interview will be available for public viewing in the near future.*

3. Update on staff training.

*Staff members are in class this week and next week for the Department of Revenue continuing education.*

## **G. ASSESSORS COMMENTS**

*Vice Chairman Pearce asked about homestead exemptions for disabled people. Chief Appraiser Williams stated that the Tax Commissioner's office has a range of homestead exemptions available and will qualify each application for the best available.*

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

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*With no further business to discuss, motion by Member Bailey to adjourn at 10:18AM, motion seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried unanimously 3-0.*