

Minutes

Spalding County Board of Assessors – Regular meeting
September 9, 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.

The Spalding County Board of Assessors regular scheduled meeting was held on September 9, 2025 at 9:00AM in the Courthouse Annex Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnie McDaniel with Vice Chairman Byron Pearce and Member Joe Bailey attending. Others present include Chief Appraiser Robby Williams and Board Secretary Betsy Bernier, and Senior Appraiser Heather Headley.

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 from the August 12, 2025 regular meeting.

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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider the approval of 2025 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption.
LEDET III, IVORY, 242A-01-008I
WALLACE, CAMERON, 260D-01-009

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2. Consider the approval of 2026 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption.

MILLER, LEON EUGENE, 319-01-097
WILSON, CHARLES LANDON, 247-02-055A
SMITH, JOSEPH WESLEY, 028A-02-030
HALL, MICHAEL WELDON, 219-01-056
STIGURA, NICHOLAS, 234-07-074

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

CCW FARMS LLC, 277-01-028D, 7.43 ACRES

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

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider the approval of 2026 Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran homestead exemption.

FRANKLIN, LILLE, 201F-01-060

General discussion on the Surviving Spouse homestead exemption is an extension of a homestead exemption for a disabled veteran.

Discussion on the applicant's eligibility and the veteran not qualified as 100% disabled.

Motion By Vice Chairman Pearce to deny the application, motion was seconded by Member Bailey and carried unanimously 3-0.

2. Consider the approval of Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran homestead exemption.

CARTER, PATRICIA, 214-01-032A

Discussion on the applicant's eligibility and the veteran not having a homestead exemption in place to be extended to the surviving spouse.

Motion By Vice Chairman Pearce to deny the application, motion was seconded by Member Bailey and carried unanimously 3-0.

3. Consider the approval to send 2025 late filed appeals to the Board of Equalization.

NIW INVESTMENTS LP, AGENT:
DIAZ, LUENGRI, 008-02-005
EDWARDS, FREDERIC, 248A-01-055

Discussion on the two appeals filed by an agent after the deadline of July 28, 2025.

Motion by Member Bailey to approve sending the late filed appeals to the Board of Equalization, motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried unanimously 3-0.

F. CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

1. Review the 2024 Sales Ratio Study by the Department of Audits and Accounts.

Chief Appraiser Williams presented the report with the overall ratio of 39.26.

2. Appeals update.

At present, 65% of the appeals have been responded to as we are within the 180- day time frame to send responses. The appeal statuses range from active, 30-day changes, Board of Equalization, Hearing Officer, and Superior Court.

3. Staffing update.

There is one open position in the office.

One staff member is attending a Department of Revenue course this week.

4. Present 10-Year Service Award to Senior Appraiser Heather Headley.

The Chief Appraiser and Board of Assessors presented Heather Headley with the 10-year Service Award. Dr. Cheryl Burkes, Citizen Engagement Specialist, was present to photograph the group prior to the meeting.

G. ASSESSORS COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Pearce offered experience of settlement conferences and appeals to the Superior Court.

H. ADJOURNMENT

No further business to discuss.

Motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to adjourn at 10:00AM, motion was seconded by Member Bailey and carried unanimously 3-0.