

## Minutes

Spalding County Board of Assessors – Regular meeting  
November 18, 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 November 18, 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 with Member Joe Bailey attending. Others present include Chief Appraiser Robby Williams and Board Secretary Betsy Bernier.*

### 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.

*Jeff Tallent, 1987 North Walkers Mill Road, signed in to speak on New Business item 5, release of CUVA.*

*Bridgett Johnson, 1306 West Solomon Street, signed in to speak on New Business item 2, application for exempt status.*

*Both citizens deferred to speak until their agenda item came up.*

### C. MINUTES

1. Consider the approval of the minutes from the October 14, 2025 regular meeting.

*Chairman McDaniel abstained from the vote due his absence from the October meeting.*

*Motion by Member Bailey to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2025 meeting, motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried unanimously 2-0.*

#### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider the approval of the 2026 dates for Board of Assessors meetings.
2. Consider the approval of 2026 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption.  
Ande Eugene Barnhardt, 205A-01-016  
Geraldine Worrell Ruiz, 222-04-008  
Timothy Allen Freelon, 316-02-056  
Leroy Williams, 080A-04-008  
Mondricus Montinez Kelly, 227-01-021E  
James Wesley Jackson, 316-02-010  
Marsha S Collins, 231D-01001  
Josiah Carvell Adams, 050-01-035

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

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

1. Consider the approval of a 2025 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption.  
JEFFREY LEN MCLENDON ESTES  
058-05-018

*Discussion on the Veterans Administration letter showing less than 100% disabled at this time.*

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

2. Consider the approval of exempt status for a religious organization beginning in 2024.  
KINGDOM EMBASSY DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL INC  
056-04-010

*Bridgett Johnson spoke to the board to inform them the church has been using the property since the purchase in 2023 even though they did not make application with the Assessors' office. Discussion of the timeline of ownership and use of the property by the current owner.*

*Motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to approve exempt status beginning in 2024, motion was seconded by Member Bailey and carried unanimously 3-0.*

3. Consider the approval of exempt status for a religious organization beginning in 2024.

KINGDOM AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST INC  
002-01-019A  
001-01-001D

*Discussion on the church's purchase of the property from an individual in 2023 and they did not make application for exempt status at that time.*

*Motion by Member Bailey to approve exempt status beginning in 2024, motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried unanimously 3-0.*

4. Consider the approval of exempt status for a private school exempt organization beginning in 2025.

NEW HORIZONS NEW DIRECTIONS FOR YOUTHS AND FAMILY INC.  
009-14-001

*Discussion on the owner as an exempt organization and current use of the property.*

*Motion by Vice Chairman Pearce to approve exempt status for 2025, motion was seconded by Member Bailey and carried unanimously 3-0.*

5. Consider the approval to release a 2024 Conservation Use Valuation Assessment.

JEFF & STORMIE TALLENT  
204-01-009B, 16.69 ACRES

*Jeff Tallent spoke to the board to explain that the county ordinance will not allow him to acquire additional property without combining it with an existing parcel.*

*Discussion on the requirements of the county and how that affects the covenant.*

*Motion by Member Bailey to approve release without penalty, motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried unanimously 3-0.*

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

1. Appeals update.

*There are 31 active appeals at this time, with all others either resolved, scheduled for Board of Equalization hearings, or scheduled for Superior Court settlement conferences.*

2. Final approval of the Digest by the State Revenue Commissioner on October 30, 2025.

*The State Revenue Commissioner approved the 2025 Digest for the collection of taxes.*

3. 2025 Tax Bills have been mailed and are available on the Tax Commissioner's website.

*The staff anticipates more phone calls as property owners receive the bills and have questions.*

4. Appraisal staff continues to work end of year responsibilities.

*Chief Appraiser Williams explained the planning for end of 2025 work and first quarter of 2026 responsibilities.*

5. 2026 Mobile Home Digest is under review.

*The 2026 Mobile Home Digest will be ready for the Board's approval at the December 9 meeting.*

6. Staffing update.

*The front desk position has been filled. One open appraiser position at this time.*

#### **G. ASSESSORS COMMENTS**

*None*

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Member Bailey to adjourn at 9:46am, motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Pearce and carried unanimously 3-0.*