

MINUTES

Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors – Regular Session Tax
January 18, 2022 – 9:00AM
119 E Solomon St, Room 108, Griffin, GA 30223

A. CALL TO ORDER

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

The Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors regular scheduled meeting was held on January 18, 2022, at 9:00AM in the Courthouse Annex, room 108. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnie McDaniel, with Vice Chairman Dick Morrow and Board Member Brad Wideman attending. Others present include Chief Appraiser Jerry Johnson 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.

None

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to amend the agenda under Item C to consider the approval of the Minutes from the January 11, 2022 meeting as item 2, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

C. MINUTES

1. Consider the approval of the Minutes from the December 14, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to approve the December 14, 2021 Minutes, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 2-0. Chairman McDaniel abstained from the vote due to his absence from the December meeting.

2. Consider the approval of the Minutes from the January 11, 2022 regular meeting which was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to approve the January 11, 2022 Minutes, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

D. OLD BUSINESS

None

E. CONSENTAGENDA

1. Consider the approval of 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:

JAMES, EDDIE & CARRIE
247B-02-009

2. Consider the approval of 2022 S5 Disabled Veteran homestead exemption for the following parcel:

ANDERSON, MORRIS & MARTHA
303-01-019

3. Consider the approval to release Conservation Use Valuation Assessment without penalty on the following parcels:

WRENN, LYNWOOD C
224-01-018G
224-01-018D
224-01-018C
WRENN FARMS A, LLC
224-01-017C
WRENN FARMS B, LLC

224-01-017A

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors for calendar year 2022.

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to elect Johnie McDaniel Chairman for 2022, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

2. Election of Vice Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors for calendar year 2022.

Motion by Member Wideman to elect Dick Morrow as Vice Chairman for 2022, motion was seconded by Chairman McDaniel and carried unanimously 3-0.

3. Consider the approval to appoint Betsy Bernier as Secretary of the Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors for calendar year 2022.

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to appoint Betsy Bernier as Board Secretary for 2022, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

4. Consider the approval of release without penalty of Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) for the following parcel:

RUCKS, CHARLES C & DOROTHY LEE

278-01-003A

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to approve the release without penalty, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

5. Consider the approval of the 2022 beginning sales ratios.

General discussion on the sales ratios.

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to approve the 2022 beginning sales ratios, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.

G. CHIEF APPRAISER'S REPORT

1. The 2022 Mobile Home Digest was delivered to the Tax Commissioner on January 4, 2022.

Chief Appraiser Johnson reported that the Mobile Home Digest was submitted by January 5, per Georgia law.

2. Monthly review.

Chief Appraiser Johnson commented on the potential of developing a drone program.

General discussion on the Department of Revenue recommendation to meet International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) guidelines of staff per parcel count. The current staff is short four appraisal positions.

H. ASSESSORS COMMENTS

General discussion on staffing, upcoming CAVEAT conference, and preparation of the 2023 budget.

I. CLOSED SESSION

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Chairman Morrow to adjourn at 9:38AM, motion was seconded by Member Wideman and carried unanimously 3-0.