

## PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in their office in the Courthouse Annex, Wednesday, September 3, 2003 beginning at 5:00 o'clock p.m. with Commissioners Dick Morrow, Cecil Davis, and Eddie Goss present. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, and County Clerk Phyllis Doane. Commissioners Michael Kendall and Johnie McDaniel were absent.

Chairman Morrow called the meeting to order.

The order of business was to receive public comment on proposed property tax increase.

Mr. Merrell James came forward and gave his address as 1304 Greenview Drive. He addressed the economy in its present status with layoffs, unemployment issues and the increase of the property taxes. He said since year 2000 the Board of Commissioners has already increased taxes by 54.57% with another proposal increase of 17.27% for this coming year. Mr. James stated that the Board needs to make some hard decisions and reduce some expenditures even if it requires reduction of services. He addressed delinquent property taxes, wise investment of money, the creation of executive positions within the County and the airport expansion. Mr. James discussed the reasons he is against the airport expansion and asked the Board not to approve the Airport Master Plan.

*With no other comments, Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goss seconded the motion and motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.*

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County Clerk

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Chairman

## SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

A Special Called Meeting was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in their office in the Courthouse Annex, Wednesday, September 3, 2003 beginning at 5:30 o'clock p.m. with Commissioners Dick Morrow, Cecil Davis, Johnie McDaniel, Michael Kendall and Eddie Goss present. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

Chairman Morrow called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider adoption of the 2003 Spalding County Tax Levy. *Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel the 2003 Spalding County Tax Levy was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Goss voting in opposition. The Tax Levy is as follows:*

### 2003 SPALDING COUNTY TAX LEVY

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by said authority, that there be levied on all property located and situated in said County on the first day of January 2003 whether said property be real, or personal, or mixed, the following rates of taxation for the purposes herein named and that the same be collected by the Tax Commissioner of said County at the same time and in the same manner as the tax levied by the State of Georgia, is collected, and when collected that the same shall be deposited by the Tax

Commissioner with the treasurer of Spalding County, and that the treasurer's official receipt be taken therefor; to-wit:

1. To pay the expenses of administration of the county government; 1.52 mills or **\$1.52** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
2. To pay principal and interest of any debt of the county and to provide sinking fund therefor; 0.62 mills or **\$0.62** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
4. To build and repair public buildings and bridges; 0.66 mills or **\$0.66** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
5. To pay the expenses of courts, the maintenance and support of inmates and to pay sheriffs and coroners and for litigation; 7.24 mills or **\$7.24** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
6. To build and maintain a system of county roads; 1.11 mills or **\$1.11** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
7. For public health purposes in said county, and for the collection and preservation of records of vital statistics; 0.67 mills or **\$0.67** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
8. To pay county police; **NO LEVY**
9. To support indigent individuals; **NO LEVY**
10. To pay agricultural and home demonstration agents; 0.04 mills or **\$0.04** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
11. To provide for payment of old-age assistance to aged persons in need, and for the payment of assistance to needy blind, and to dependent children and other welfare benefits, all as provided by the constitution and laws of Georgia; 0.04 mills or **\$0.04** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
12. To provide for fire protection for forest lands and for the further conservation of natural resources; 0.01 mills or **\$0.01** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
13. To provide medical or other care, and hospitalization, for the indigent sick people of the County; **NO LEVY**
14. To acquire, improve and maintain airports, public parks, and public libraries; 0.91 mills or **\$0.91** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
15. To provide for worker's compensation and retirement of pension funds for officers and employees; 0.55 mills or **\$0.55** per \$1,000.00 or taxable property.
16. To provide reasonable reserves for public improvements as may be fixed by law; **NO LEVY**
17. To pay pensions and other benefits and costs under a teacher retirement system or systems; **NO LEVY**

19. To provide for ambulance services within the county; ***NO LEVY***

20. To provide for financial assistance to county or joint county and municipal development authorities for the purpose of developing trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities; .16 mills or ***\$.16*** per \$1,000 of taxable property.

25. To provide services and systems for fire protection for Fire Protection District "A"; 3.09 mills or ***\$3.09*** per \$1,000.00 upon the taxable property in such fire district.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that on recommendation of the Board of Education of Griffin-Spalding County School System, the following rates of taxation be likewise levied and collected, and when collected that the same be paid to the Board of Education of said County, as provided by law, to-wit:

3. For education purposes, as provided by the Constitution and laws of Georgia; 18.95 mills or ***\$18.95*** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this order be spread upon the minutes and that the same be advertised and posted in accordance with Section 48-5-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (1982) and the pertinent laws of Georgia.

This the 3rd day of September 2003.

Dick Morrow, Chairman  
Cecil L. Davis, Commissioner  
Edward Goss, Jr., Commissioner  
M. Michael Kendall, Commissioner  
Johnie A. McDaniel, Commissioner

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Davis the meeting was unanimously adjourned.*

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County Clerk

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Chairman