

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

A Special Called Meeting was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Tuesday, July 29, 2008 beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m. with Commission Chairman Edward Goss, Jr. presiding and Commissioners Johnie McDaniel, and Eddie Freeman present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant to the County Manager Paul Van Haute, and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

A. Call to Order.

B. New Business:

1. Consider adoption of the 2008 Spalding County Tax Levy.

Mr. Wilson stated that the County and School Board were decreasing taxes .01 of a mil this year, which translates to a savings of about \$1.14 on a \$100,000 home. The County has held the line and experienced a slight growth in the digest.

2008 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 2008 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; 1.41 mills or \$1.41 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; 0.46 mills or \$0.46 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
4. To build and repair public buildings and bridges; 0.85 mills or \$0.85 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; 1.39 mills or \$1.39 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; 0.58 mills or \$0.58 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; 0.05 mills or \$0.05 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; 0.03 mills or \$0.03 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; 0.99 mills or \$0.99 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
15. To provide for worker's compensation and retirement of pension funds for officers and employees; 0.75 mills or \$0.75 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; .12 mills or \$.12 per \$1,000 of taxable property.
25. To provide services and systems for fire protection for Fire Protection District "A"; 3.03 mills or \$3.03 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; 18.80 mills or \$18.80 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 29th day of July 2008.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve 2008 Spalding County Tax Levy, adding that he wished to thank elected officials, department heads and staff who worked diligently to keep budgets in line and avoid the need for a tax increase. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Freeman, who echoed Commissioner McDaniel's sentiments. Motion carried unanimously at 3-0.

C. Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:34 p.m. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 3-0.

Chairman

County Clerk

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