



**After Agenda
Board of Commissioners - Special Called
Meeting September 19, 2022
11:00 AM
Room 108, Annex Building**

Public Hearing - Tax Levy

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson, James Dutton, and Gwen Flowers-Taylor were present for the meeting. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor joined the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham and County Clerk, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairman Clay W. Davis.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

County Manager, Steve Ledbetter, Ph.D., delivered the invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Commissioner Ryan Bowlden, District #4 led the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

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 Commissioners or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Commissioners 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 minutes to speak on their chosen topics as they relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of the Commissioners. No questions will be asked by any of the commissioners 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 minutes or more than once, unless the Board votes to suspend this rule.

1. Public Hearing - 2022 Mileage Rate

Conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed 2022 Mileage Rate for Spalding County Citizens.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to enter into a Public Hearing at 11:01 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Dr. Ledbetter give a presentation to all who were present outlining the need to maintain the mileage at the current rate and gave a list of services that would possibly have to be cut should the Board approve anything less than the requested mileage rate.

Citizens who spoke against not taking the tax rollback rate:

Thomas Cavender, 132 Smoak Road, Griffin, GA

Steven Smith, 138 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA

John Vreeland, 108 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA

Robert Cooker, 126 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA

Molly Flowers and Tom Flowers stated what they wanted to say had already been voiced.

Stephen Watts, 135 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA

Pete Morrison, 405 Foxtail Court, Griffin, GA

Art Ross, 443 Golden Rod Court, Griffin, GA

Thacker Emory, 851 Pomona Road, Griffin, GA

Rose Ann Lockwood, 419 Tallulah, Griffin, GA

John W. Lockwood, 419 Tallulah, Griffin, GA

Larry Whitney, 437 Tallulah, Griffin, GA

Marjorie Whitney, 437 Tallulah, Griffin, GA

Gary Jones, 135 Marigold Court, Griffin, GA

Alvin Williams, 133 Marigold Court, Griffin, GA

Charles Buckley, 316 Anna Ruby Court, Griffin, GA

Daryl Williams, 834 Dusky Sap Court, Griffin, GA

Spoke in favor of maintaining the current mileage rate:

Randy King, 143 Cumberland Road, Griffin, GA.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to close the Public Hearing at 11:42 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.