



**After Agenda
Board of Commissioners - Special Called
Meeting September 22, 2022
5:30 PM
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 5:30 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Ryan Bowlden and Rita Johnson were present for the meeting. Commissioner James Dutton joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor was absent from the meeting. 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 5:30 p.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 in favor taking the tax rollback rate:

Steven Watts, 132 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA
Susan Buckley, 316 Anna Ruby Court, Griffin, GA
John Vreeland, 108 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA
Steve Stevenson, 134 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA
Jo Burkes, 140 N. Walkers Mill Road, Griffin, GA
Arthur & Nancy Smith, 212 Pine Cedar Circle, Brooks, GA
Charles Buckley, 316 Anna Ruby Court, Griffin, GA
James Chomoko, 123 Jasper Court, Griffin, GA
Christine Thomas, 400 N. Rover Road, Williamson, GA
Carol Argabright, 1089 Coldwater Drive, Griffin, GA
Yolanda Monford, 44 Wellington Drive, Griffin, GA
Peggy Ridgeway, 1059 High Falls Road, Griffin, GA

Linda Gilbert, 111 N. Walkers Mill Road, Griffin, GA wanted a moratorium on Section 8 housing and questioned why the school taxes had not gone down since there were less students in the system than when she moved into the County 50 years ago.

Joe Bailey, 4079 Newnan Road, Griffin, GA he would like to see the mileage rolled back; however, at this point the money has been spent and you have got to pay the bills. He doesn't know what the decision will be for this year, but he asked that the powers at be plan ahead for next year. You know that things are getting more expensive and he only asks that you plan now for next year so that you can lower the mileage rate next year.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to close the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.