



**After Agenda
Board of Commissioners -
Special Called Meeting
October 3, 2022 6:00 PM
Room 108, Annex Building**

Final Public Hearing -
Tax Levy

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson and James Dutton were present for the meeting. Commissioner Gwen 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

Commissioner James Dutton, District #2, delivered the invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Commissioner Rita Johnson, District #3, 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 Tax Mileage Rate.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to enter into a Public Hearing at 6:00 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 discussed a possible alternative that would benefit homeowners known as the Homestead Option Sales Tax (HOST) this is a sales tax that would have to be placed on a referendum in March 2023 and should it pass, it would replace the current Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) distribution received by Spalding County and the City of Griffin.

Citizens who spoke against not taking the tax rollback rate:

Stephen Watts, 135 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA
Bob Lemoine, 194 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA
Steve Stevenson, 134 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA
Steven Smith, 138 Little Gem Court, Griffin, GA
Mike Laster, 1415 Vineyard Road, Griffin, GA
Charles Buckley, 316 Anna Ruby Court, Griffin, GA
Carol Argabright, 1089 Coldwater Drive, Griffin, GA

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to close the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.