



Regular Monthly Meeting

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, held their Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2005 in their office in the Courthouse Annex in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia, beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m. with Chairman Edward Goss presiding and Commissioners Cecil Davis, Johnie McDaniel, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Eddie Freeman present. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, Senior Planner Chad Jacobs, County Attorney Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Edward Goss, Jr.**
- II. INVOCATION – Commissioner Johnie McDaniel**
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Chairman Edward Goss, Jr.**
- IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION – N/A**
- V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – N/A**
- VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS – N/A**
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Reverend Keith Ford, 2921 N. Expressway, Griffin, Georgia

Reverend Ford introduced himself as pastor of Church on Fire at the above address. They have Boys' and Girls' Programs, as well as summer programs, to target the high-risk youth in the low-income and high-drug areas of the City and County. His organization is in the preliminary stages of developing 11 acres for a community enrichment center project, and he was very much hoping for support from the community and the Board of Commissioners as they begin the process.

Kay Pullin Penn, 665 Jenkinsburg Road, Locust Grove, Georgia

Ms. Penn congratulated Church on Fire for trying to improve the community from the grassroots level up, and she thanked Gwen Flowers-Taylor for acknowledging their support in the cleanup effort recently. Ms. Penn addressed her desire to see the Wallace Road rezoning issue revisited since the SPLOST referendum failed twice on this particular property and because the commissioners in September 2004 agreed to revisit this issue should the SPLOST fail. She urged them to do so now, saying she does not want to see community become industrial. This would not only improve relations but also save money being wasted on litigation.

VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the February 21, 2005 Extraordinary Session and the February 24, 2005 Zoning Public Hearing.

On a motion by Commissioner McDaniel to approve both the February 21 Extraordinary Session and the February 24 Zoning Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the vote was unanimous at 5-0 to approve.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider second reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the following:
Application #04-30Z: Holiday Investments, Inc., Owner – LaPrade Road – 6.41 acres – C-1 and R-2 to C-1, Conditional.

APPLICATION OF HOLIDAY INVESTMENTS, INC.
FOR REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY
LOCATED WITHIN SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA;

REZONING APPLICATION 04-30Z

RESOLUTION AMENDING
THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
AND
THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia is empowered by virtue of its police power to regulate the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Spalding County to provide for and enact zoning and developmental regulations;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia on January 4, 1994 and therein adopted the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, in Article 23, Section 2301, et. seq.;

WHEREAS, under the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia the within described property is currently classified under the zoning classification entitled “C-1, Highway Commercial and R-2, Single Family Residential;”

WHEREAS, Holliday Investments, Inc., applicant, applied for a change in zoning classification to be applied to the within described property to “C-1, Highway Commercial;”

WHEREAS, such application was filed with Spalding County, Georgia on December 17, 2004;

WHEREAS, such application was reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the application was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on February 24, 2005, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-66-1, et. seq. in the Spalding County Hearing Room, Room 108, Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia considered the proposed amendment, any and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Spalding County Planning Commission and all data and evidence taken at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia is in conformance with the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people;

NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia shall be and are hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: The Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia designating the boundaries of the several types or classes of zoning

districts shall be, and is hereby amended so as to change the zoning classification applicable to the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 101 of the 3rd Land District of Spalding County, Georgia, and being 6.41 acres, more or less, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron stake located on the Northern right-of-way of Laprade Road (40' R/W), said iron stake being 237.29 feet Westerly as measured along said right-of-way line from its intersection with the Western right-of-way line of U.S. 19 & 41; thence proceeding along the Northern right-of-way line of Laprade Road North 89 degrees 09 minutes 22 seconds West 230.75 feet to a point located at the centerline of a creek; thence leaving the Northern right-of-way line of Laprade Road and proceeding along the centerline of said creek the following courses and distances: North 58 degrees 04 minutes 03 seconds West 156.96 feet to a point; North 30 degrees 39 minutes 02 seconds West 72.55 feet to a point; North 38 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds West 138.30 feet to a point; North 40 degrees 12 minutes 57 seconds West 154.25 feet to a point; North 25 degrees 57 minutes 54 seconds West 170.41 feet to a point; North 21 degrees 27 minutes 52 seconds West 32.62 feet to a point; thence leaving the centerline of said creek North 88 degrees 17 minutes 26 seconds East 15.00 feet to an iron stake; thence proceeding North 88 degrees 17 minutes 26 seconds East 648.14 feet to an iron stake found; thence proceeding South 01 degree 05 minutes 45 seconds East 93.96 feet to an iron stake found; thence proceeding South 00 degrees 30 minutes 16 seconds East 105.47 feet to an iron stake found; thence South 01 degree 35 minutes 18 seconds East 94.55 feet to an iron stake found; thence proceeding South 01 degree 05 minutes 36 seconds East 283.98 feet to an iron stake located on the Northern right-of-way line of Laprade Road, said iron stake being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

From "C-1, Highway Commercial and R-2, Single Family Residential" to "C-1, Highway Commercial" District.

Section 2: Pursuant to the authority granted to it by virtue of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia, Section 414 (L) and upon a determination by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that application of certain conditions on the amendment benefit the public and promote the best interests of the general welfare of the people, the following conditions shall be imposed upon the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, as follows:

1. The use shall be limited to an office park development and/or industrial retail uses that require 4000 square feet or less of space and loft residential dwellings.
2. All buildings shall be constructed of either brick, stone, stucco, hardy plank or a combination thereof on all sides.
3. Buildings shall be pulled to 15 feet front setback line and all parking places shall be on the rear, thus creating a streetscape plan that shall be submitted detailing associated landscaping.
4. The site plan shall be revised to incorporate Staff's recommended configuration changes on the sketch plan for overall design.

Section 3:

(a) Pursuant to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia, section 2302 (B), the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia shall be amended to reflect the change made hereby to read as follows:

On March 7, 2005, by official action of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, the following change was made in the Official Zoning Map, Spalding County: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 101 of the 3rd Land District of Spalding County, Georgia, consisting of 6.41 acres located on Laprade Road, zoned C-1, Conditional.

(b) The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia is directed and authorized to execute such notice of the amendment of the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia.

(c) The Zoning Administrator is authorized and directed to enter such notice of the amendment of the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, GA thereon.

Section 4: The foregoing amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 5: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by a 5-0 unanimous vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider second reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the following:
Application #04-24Z: E. Marshall Pape, Owner - Pinelea Road - 25.09 acres - AR-1 to R-4.
Application #04-24Z: E. Marshall Pape, Owner – Dewey Street – 7.82 acres – AR-1 to R-5.

APPLICATION OF E. MARSHALL PAPE
FOR REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY
LOCATED WITHIN SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA;

REZONING APPLICATION 04-24Z

RESOLUTION AMENDING
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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia on January 4, 1994 and therein adopted the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, in Article 23, Section 2301, et. seq.;

WHEREAS, under the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia the within described property is currently classified under the zoning classification entitled “AR-1, Agricultural and Residential;”

WHEREAS, E. Marshall Pape, applicant, applied for a change in zoning classification to be applied to the within described property to “R-5, Single Family Residential;”

WHEREAS, such application was filed with Spalding County, Georgia on September 30, 2004;

WHEREAS, such application was reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the application was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on December 16, 2004, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-66-1, et. seq. in the Spalding County Hearing Room, Room 108, Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia considered the proposed amendment, any and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Spalding County Planning Commission and all data and evidence taken at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia is in

conformance with the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people;

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Section 1: The Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia designating the boundaries of the several types or classes of zoning districts shall be, and is hereby amended so as to change the zoning classification applicable to the following described property:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Land Lot 208 of the 2nd Land District originally Monroe, now Spalding County, Georgia, proceeding southerly S00°28'00"W, 581.00' to a point; then westerly N89°38'48"W, 1482.19' to a point; then westerly S85°25'15"W, 267.09' to a point; then westerly S86°49'22"W, 37.63' to a point; then northerly N00°02'29"E, 244.81' to a point; then northwesterly N31°39'26"W, 208.50' to a point; then easterly S88°43'34"E, 70.00' along the south side of Pinelea Road right-of-way to a point; then northerly N01°16'26"E, 50.00' to a point; then westerly N89°07'01"W, 40.42' along the north right-of-way of Pinelea Road to a point, then northerly N01°21'59"E, 175.10' to a point; then easterly S88°25'40"E, 1866.06' to the point of beginning.

This adds to a total of 25.09 acres +/-.

From "AR-1, Agricultural and Residential" to "R-4, Single Family Residential" District.

Section 2

(a) Pursuant to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia, section 2302 (B), the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia shall be amended to reflect the change made hereby to read as follows:

On February 21, 2005, by official action of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia the following change was made in the Official Zoning Map, Spalding County: All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 208 of the Second Land District of originally Monroe, now Spalding County, Georgia, consisting of 25.09 acres located on Pinelea Road, zoned R-4.

(b) The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia is directed and authorized to execute such notice of the amendment of the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia.

(c) The Zoning Administrator is authorized and directed to enter such notice of the amendment of the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, GA thereon.

Section 3: The foregoing amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

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Beginning at an iron stake on the N.E. corner of Dewey Street right-of-way in Land Lot 208 of the Second Land District, originally Monroe now Spalding County, Georgia, proceeding westerly S86°49'22"W, 37.63' to the point of beginning; then westerly along the Northern right-of-way of Dewey Street S86°49'22"W, 818.43' to a point; then northerly N00°08'51"W, 138.20' to a point; then westerly S89°45'22"W, 160.00' to a point; then southerly N00°14'25"W, 146.60' to a point joining the North right-of-way of Dewey Street; then westerly S86°53'21"W, 50.02' to a point; then northerly N00°14'25"W, 149.20' to a point; then westerly S89°56'41"W, 157.50' to a point; then northerly N09°05'45"E, 19.40' to a point; then westerly N86°18'05"W, 100.00' to a point; then westerly N80°12'43"W, 100.19' to a point; then northerly N03°43'35"E, 162.79' to a point; then easterly N80°31'23"E, 270.05' to a point; then southerly S00°08'45"E, 74.50' to a point; then easterly N89°54'07"E, 250.60' to a point; then easterly S89°50'13"W, 34.77' to a point; then easterly N89°50'18"E, 84.92' to a point; then easterly N89°42'50"E, 124.83' to a point; then easterly S88°11'20"E, 130.41' to a point; then easterly S88°42'56"E, 112.86' to a point; then easterly S86°44'25"E, 125.00'

to a point; then easterly S86°45'53"E, 127.39; to a point; then easterly S88°43'36"E, 113.35' to a point; then southerly N00°02'29"E, 244.81' to a point of beginning.

This adds to a total of 7.82 acres +/-.

From "AR-1, Agricultural and Residential" to "R-5, Single Family Residential" District.

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(b) The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia is directed and authorized to execute such notice of the amendment of the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia.

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Commissioner McDaniel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve Application #04-24Z: E. Marshall Pape, Owner, for Pinelea Road, 25.09 acres, AR-1 to R-4. The motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve Application #04-24Z: E. Marshall Pape, Owner, for Dewey Street, 7.82 acres, AR-1 to R-5. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor abstaining.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of the Sketch Plan for a proposed Conservation Subdivision with 18 lots for Exact Homes, Inc. (Ken Dorsey) located on Swint Road, consisting of 39.54 acres located in Land Lot 72 of the 3rd Land District.

Chad Jacobs, Senior Planner, said there were no problems with the application and all requirements have been met.

Mr. Kenneth Dorsey, 261 Dobbins Mill Road, Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Dorsey, applicant, answered Commissioner McDaniel that the private drive would be paved, and there would be 18 one-acre lots with the remainder in roads (almost 4 acres) and greenspace (approximately 18 acres) that will utilize a thicket of hardwood and natural area. This plan has gone to the Planning Commission and this is the preliminary plat. Minimum house size will be 1500 square feet. There are no accel/decel lanes on Swint Road, but that is just an apparent oversight, and Mr. Dorsey said he will make certain that accel/decel lanes are incorporated. The subdivision will incorporate no curbs or sidewalks. There will be open ditches, which he felt would contribute to a more natural, rural look, and the ditches would be feathered out on a low slope. There are thick trees around the existing pond. As required for a conservation subdivision, there will be a homeowners' association. This type subdivision can be constructed under AR-1 as a matter of right, and this is the Board's singular opportunity

to make recommendations or ask questions before construction begins. Staff and engineering personnel will have additional opportunities to ensure requirements are met. A final plat will come back to the Board after construction.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Sketch Plan as presented for Exact Homes, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

2. Consider appointment to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Frank Chastain to expire 12-31-05.

Jeffery McCullough received 2 votes from Commissioners Freeman and Goss. Don Taliaferro received 2 votes from Commissioners Davis and McDaniel. Commissioners Flowers-Taylor abstained, saying she did not have enough information about one of the nominees to vote, resulting in an unbreakable tie. No action was taken, so the request will be placed on the next agenda automatically.

3. Consider ex-officio appointments to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee.

At the last meeting of the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee, the members voted to amend the bylaws to include four ex-officio (non-voting) members from the City and County. They requested both the City and County each appoint one representative from the area of fire service and one from law enforcement.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint the two representatives as requested, naming the Fire Chief and/or his designee, and the Sheriff and/or his designee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McDaniel and carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

4. Consider appointment of Commissioner Cecil Davis to McIntosh Trail Community Service Board.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Davis to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

5. Consider approval of local project agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for replacement of bridge on Jordan Hill Road over Troublesome Creek.

This is part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The Department of Transportation (DOT) will pay 100% of design and engineering costs and 100% of the construction costs for the project. The County would be responsible for the cost of relocation of utilities and acquisition of rights of way. County Manager Wilson estimated the cost to be about \$50,000 for Spalding County and \$500,000 for DOT. The bridge over Troublesome Creek currently has a sufficient weight rating for school buses, but has been identified as needing replacement in the latest inspection.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the project agreement as presented, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

6. Consider approval of Contract with Geographic Technologies Group, Inc. for geocoding Spalding County road centerlines.

This joint GIS 911 project will be a layer on the County mapping system, but it will also feed into the automated 911 dispatch system. The technology will implement wireless capability so that exact locations of cell phone calls can be identified by longitude and latitude for each road in Spalding County so they correctly dispatch first responder

emergency teams. The cost is less than \$20,000 and monies are budgeted from GIS Department and 911 Telecommunications.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the contract with Geographic Technologies Group, Inc. for geocoding Spalding County road centerlines as presented, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

7. Consider Resolution between Spalding County and the McIntosh Trail Regional Development Center for participation in a Regional 5311 Transportation System.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
BETWEEN
SPALDING COUNTY
AND
McINTOSH TRAIL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER
(MTRDC)

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation in cooperation with the McIntosh Trail Regional Development Center has agreed to participate in the formation of a Regional 5311 Transportation System; and

WHEREAS, Spalding County has agreed to participate in this regional transportation program lead by the McIntosh Trail Regional Development Center; and

THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

Article I.

The McIntosh Regional Development Center will act as the designated agency for the receipt of funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation for the purpose of operating the McIntosh Trail Regional Transit System.

Spalding County will participate in a regional transportation program by entering into an agreement with the McIntosh Trail Regional Development Center, appropriating annual transportation funds as requested, insuring public transportation vehicles assigned to the county, and appropriating funds for vehicle replacement when needed. The McIntosh Trail Regional Development Center will utilize such funds in a manner consistent with state/federal laws and regulations, and existing agreements, for the operation and administration of the McIntosh Trail Regional Transit System.

Article II.

In the event either party wishes to terminate this understanding, the terminating party will give sixty (60) days written notice to the other party.

This resolution shall become effective upon the adoption of such resolution by the governing body of Spalding County.

Edward Goss, Jr. (L.S.)
Commission Chairman

Spalding County has previously had two 5311 programs in two separate years that were unsuccessful, primarily because of how they were funded by the Department of Transportation. McIntosh Trail has assisted the Department of Transportation, and DOT has now changed funding strategies that make the concept more attractive and more assured of success. The 2006 program is now being prepared, along with the 2006 budget, and they need a commitment if Spalding County desires to join. This resolution

needs to be signed in order to allow Spalding County to participate, should it desire to do so, and give McIntosh Trail ample time to begin the process. McIntosh Trail will make a presentation on the Regional 5311 Transportation System at the next Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee meeting on May 18, and both City and County personnel will hopefully attend. If, after the presentation, the County should decide against participation, they can terminate the resolution of support with an appropriate 60-day notice. A GRTA bus may possibly be a requirement should the County not participate in the 5311 program, because of non-attainment and air quality, at an estimated cost of \$800,000 according to other counties who have utilized them, versus the \$60,000 cost for the 5311 system to be shared by City and County. The system will be used primarily for inter-regional transportation.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. If the City chooses not to participate, County Manager Wilson would recommend the County still participate, funding it completely. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

Spalding County sends its condolences to Community Development Director Chuck Taylor and his family on the death of his mother.

Several nominations have been received for the Bain Proctor Award. The next meeting agenda will request appointments to a selection committee to determine a recipient.

An email was received from Kenny Smith requesting a work session on Tuesday, 3-15-05, at 8:30 a.m., in which County commissioners and staff can participate. The Board of Commissioners asked Mr. Wilson to explore the possibility of scheduling the meeting for either Tuesday evening, 3-15-05, or Thursday evening, 3-17-05.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Freeman – no comment.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor – no comment.

Commissioner Davis – no comment.

Commissioner McDaniel – Last month's zoning public hearing saw the Board get caught in a procedural error. The Board can request reconsideration of the application that was denied in error at a more restrictive zoning classification. Mr. Galloway said the Board can so request and Mr. Wilson can file for consideration of application in the morning. The process will start over and go through public hearings again for the Pomona Road area petition by GTW Properties, Inc. by Mr. Pruitt. The consensus was to proceed with getting this reconsideration scheduled, and the Board instructed County Manager Wilson to make the request.

In late summer 2004, the Spalding County Board of Health made a proposition to separate from District IV Health Services. Benefits were tied to proposal, one of which was to have a doctor and medical staff on site and to save money for inmate medical care. The Board of Commissioners supported the proposal, as did the Hospital Authority who committed grant money for two years to get this up and running. To validate the proposed approach, the Health Department established a committee to determine if this should be the best option of several available. For whatever reason, this process is now completely bogged down with no activity. They contend they can't get necessary information from District IV and the Department of Human Resources and Public Health Officials. They can't set up State level meetings because state level officials won't schedule them. It appears the pettiness of internal politics is stifling the flow of information and bottlenecking the procedure, and Commissioner McDaniel felt the community deserves better. Committee members have told

Commissioner McDaniel that these state level meetings won't happen without the request of our local delegation. So, he requested the Board of Commissioners to authorize Chairman Goss to write letter requesting the help of Representatives Yates and Knight, as well as Senator Chance, to arrange meetings and improve the supply of requested information. Whether the process should prove desirable or undesirable is not the issue; they cannot make any determination at all if access to crucial information is denied or delayed. No action is, in itself, a bad decision, and the best decision is an informed one. Commissioner McDaniel implored the Board to do what they could to ensure that critical information be made available to facilitate an informed decision. This request would not register a position or an opinion on behalf of the Board of Commissioners one way or the other; it would simply facilitate the process and allow the right decision to be made.

Chairman Goss said this matter had been ongoing since last November. Appointments and reappointments to Board resulted in tabling the issue from both January and February calendars, and he was not sure if a majority of the Board was still even interested. Getting the requested information won't be a problem if a majority of the Board supports the action. He noted that the committee that existed was appointed by then-Chairman Dan Dunson and was never approved by the full Board. He requested the Board of Commissioners wait until after the Health Department Board meeting Thursday and allow them to make their own decision.

Commissioner McDaniel said there was apparently a majority of the Board previously, but Commissioner Flowers-Taylor disagreed, saying this committee was selected by the Chairman. She has reviewed the minutes and there was never an official meeting where the remainder of the Board voted to create this committee.

Commissioner McDaniel said then perhaps they should request that the Health Board do approve a committee and charge it with getting all the information needed to make a decision.

Commissioner Freeman felt the operation of that department should be up to its Board.

Chairman Goss stated that District IV told him all the information they had requested had been provided. He said if the majority of the Health Board wanted to execute this request to get legislators involved, he had no problem and saw nothing wrong with it, but he again requested the Board of Commissioners wait until after the next Health Board meeting this coming week.

Commissioner McDaniel responded if there is an opportunity to save Spalding County money and provide more direct services to the citizens of the County, it ought to be explored without the politics of this Board or the Board of Health as contributing factors.

Commissioner Davis questioned what it would hurt to simply ask for help in getting information. Spalding County contributes a fair amount of taxpayer money to this Board, and if the cost of operations can be significantly reduced, there is an obligation to pursue that course of action with due diligence and with all the necessary information.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor felt that some had been misinformed. She reiterated that the committee was not approved by the full Board, and she urged commissioners to not go over the Board of Health's head but rather let them handle their own matters. She noted the County did not attempt to micromanage other departments and entities, such as the Development Authority, and she suggested they should not do so with regard to the Health Department. She failed to believe that information from the Department of Human Resources would not be forthcoming if properly requested. She had real concerns for how this committee was organized initially.

Commissioner Freeman asked Chairman Goss if the County had received any unsatisfactory services from the Health Department or if there had been any complaints.

Commissioner McDaniel responded that was not the issue and should not be the question. The question should be if Spalding County can ensure a better, more efficient and less expensive way to run the County Health Department, then why would it not do so? To not explore that would be unfair to Spalding County taxpayers. Commissioner McDaniel said the Board of Commissioners would like to depend on Chairman Goss' leadership to make sure this issue is not swept under the rug or buried under politics. If it's a good idea, then proceed with getting information. Otherwise, tear the idea up and discard it.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor said someone had already made a financial commitment to bring a doctor and X-ray room with the assumption they would be able to strong arm the County into bringing the inmates there for service, and this had not happened. So, part of the possible \$350,000 in anticipated revenue to the Health Department has not materialized. She felt it should be a decision relegated to the Board of Health and not the Commissioners.

Commissioner Davis surmised there could be negative feelings if the Board of Health should return to the Board of Commissioners later for more money should they not reach their projections.

Commissioner Goss said if the majority of the Board at Thursday's meeting wanted to proceed in this direction, they would.

Commissioner Goss had no comments for Commissioner Comments.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Davis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous at 5-0.

County Clerk

Chairman

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