



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, held their Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, August 1, 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, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Eddie Freeman and Johnie McDaniel present. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, County Attorney Jim Fortune, and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

AGENDA TOPICS

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Edward Goss, Jr.**
- II. INVOCATION - Rev. Michael Moore**
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by James R. Fortune, Jr.**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to add as Item #21 under New Business: Consider approving a request from Fairmont High School Reunion Committee for use of facilities. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor made a motion to move Items #19 and #20 to the front of the agenda for New Business so that many in attendance won't have to sit through a lengthy meeting unless they so desire. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

- 1. Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education Chairman, Raymond Ray, to make a presentation regarding the Georgia School Board Association's Legislative Position.

Raymond Ray, Jr. stated that early in April they began to explore the possibility of making schools and education requirements a part of all planning and zoning growth processes. He referenced a letter he had provided earlier for the Board's consideration. The effect of the legislative priority adopted by the Griffin-Spalding Board of Education brings awareness to the community and states that school facility and educational capability issues are affected by housing growth and should be specifically addressed during the deliberation process by local planning and zoning boards. By bringing school facility and education issues to the forefront in community growth/development decisions, hopefully, more emphasis will be placed on related community funding issues at the state level for local infrastructure and service requirements, as well as other community improvements. He asked that the County support this legislation position through ACCG.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 1. Consider approval of the financial statements for the twelve months ended June 30, 2005.

Ms. Garrison was present to answer questions. The audit began last week and continues. Spending is under control and below budget, and revenues exceeded revenue estimates.

Commissioner Davis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, to approve the financial statements for the twelve months ended June 30, 2005. The motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS – N/A

Cheryl Matlock, 110 Green Acres Road, Griffin, Georgia 30224
John Yates, Birdie Road, Griffin, Georgia

David Knight, Brook Circle, Griffin, Georgia
John Dugdale, 1985 North Walkers Mill Road, Griffin, Georgia
Walter Cliff Futral, 4953 Jackson Road, Griffin, Georgia
Mike Wallace, 371 Wallace Road, Griffin, Georgia
Robert McIntyre, 124 Magnolia Drive, Griffin, Georgia
Marilyn Johnson, 333 County Line Road, Griffin, Georgia
Robert Morgan, Mayor, Orchard Hill, Georgia
All the above citizens spoke in favor of items being presented for consideration on a November 2005 SPLOST referendum.

Dick Morrow, 263 Westchester Drive, Griffin, Georgia
Mr. Morrow commented on the presentation by Raymond Ray, Jr. He felt the School Board was underrepresented for many years in planning and zoning and tried to rectify that with a position on the Board of Appeals. He felt the adverse impact of growth developments on schools should be acknowledged as a basis of denial of such applications if warranted.

James Brooks, 148 Tomochichi Road, Griffin, Georgia
Mr. Brooks stated his opposition to including the UGA facility on the SPLOST referendum.

Keith Jones, 65 Drive, Griffin, Georgia
Mr. Jones urged commissioners to include recreation activities in their consideration of items for a SPLOST referendum, specifically aquatic improvements.

John English, 4748 West McIntosh Road, Griffin, Georgia
Mr. English stated his concern for the corner of south Bendview Road and West McIntosh. He has cut the grass himself for several months now, and he wondered if Public Works would ever be able to help. He also asked about the possibility of repaving West McIntosh as some parts wash out and need repair badly.

Sinclair Hollberg, 1335 Jackson Road, Griffin, Georgia
Mr. Hollberg spoke regarding possible North Griffin sewer projects and the Minerva Spring Lake treatment plant that might be able to help with capacity.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of Minutes for the July 18, 2005 Extraordinary Session, the July 28, 2005 Zoning Public Hearing (morning session), the July 28, 2005 Special Called Meeting, and the July 28, 2005 Zoning Public Hearing (evening session).

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve all minutes submitted, for the July 18, 2005 Extraordinary Session, the July 28, 2005 Zoning Public Hearing (morning session), the July 28, 2005 Special Called Meeting, and the July 28, 2005 Zoning Public Hearing (evening session) seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance to Amend Part VII, Section 7-1007 Traffic Control Devices to add a four-way stop intersection for Mt. Zion Road at Anderson Road.

SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA ADDITION OF A FOUR-WAY STOP ORDINANCE NO. 2005-10

**AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND THE CODE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO PROVIDE
FOR THE ADDITION OF A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION ON A CERTAIN
COUNTY ROAD; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, as the governing authority of said County, as follows:

Section 1. That the Code of Spalding County, Georgia, be amended in Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1007, Traffic Control Devices, by adding paragraph (18) in its entirety.

"(18) Mt. Zion Road at Anderson Road."

Section 3. The within ordinance shall be and become effective August 1, 2005.

Section 4. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved on first reading, this eighteenth day of July 2005.

Approved on second reading, this first day of August 2005.

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

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the four-way stop intersection for Mt. Zion Road at Anderson Road, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel. The motion passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

2. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance to Amend Street Use Ordinance, Part VI, Chapter 2, Section 6-2004, No Thru Trucks for: Walkers Mill Road.

**SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
STREET USE ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2005-09**

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE CODE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO PROVIDE FOR NO THROUGH TRUCKS ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, as the governing authority of said County, as follows:

Section 1. That the Code of Spalding County, Georgia be amended in Part VI, Chapter 2, Section 6-2004, relating to no through trucks on streets, by changing paragraph (24) as follows:

Delete: "(24) North Walkers Mill Road, from High Falls Road to Jackson Road."

Replace with: "(24) Walkers Mill Road from Lamar County Line Road to the dead end of North Walkers Mill Road."

Section 2. The within ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon its adoption by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, present at two meetings, as provided in Section 2-1005 of the Code of Spalding County, Georgia; and upon the erection of signs as required herein by the public works forces of Spalding County, Georgia.

Section 3. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved on first reading this eighteenth day of July, 2005.

Approved on second reading this first day of August, 2005.

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

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve Walkers Mill Road as a No Thru Trucks zone, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider finalizing the project list for a November 8, 2005 SPLOST referendum.

Commissioner McDaniel said he felt the consensus was to keep it simple and he wanted to have the referendum include two items: the University of Georgia Griffin Campus learning center and the 800 MHz communications system.

Commissioner Freeman said he wanted to see the SPLOST referendum include expansion to the Senior Center in addition to the two items stated by Commissioner McDaniel. Some discussion followed on the Senior Center renovation, cost involved and the CDBG grant money that could apply, as well.

County Manager William Wilson noted the total would be \$20,672,500 for all three projects and a collection over 30 months should fund all three items. The 800 MHz system would be \$10,072,500; the UGA learning center would cost \$10,000,000; and the Senior Center expansion would be \$600,000 (\$1,100,000 less the CDBG grant funding of \$500,000).

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor said she was unsure as to a general consensus at the joint meeting held with the cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side. She felt nothing was actually decided at that meeting regarding SPLOST.

Commissioner Davis said he would also like to see the Senior Center added to the SPLOST referendum for 2005, noting that 28% to 32% of this tax would be paid by out-of-county people who shop here. This is fairer than adding this to the share of the property taxpayer.

Commissioner McDaniel said he did not want to add the Senior Center if it weren't considered a county-wide project. City Commissioner Doug Hollberg said he would support it but could not answer for the remaining commissioners.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor said she had no problem with any project except the UGA Griffin Campus learning center. She felt the Board of Commissioners would not be good stewards of the county's money to provide this facility and not maintain ownership of the building. She quoted from the opinion provided by the firm of King and Spalding. She asked if the University could lease the facility from Spalding County and have the county own the building rather than the other way around. The County has ample property across the railroad tracks to be used for this purpose. She hoped more teachers and instructors would move here and spend money as Ms. Johnson alluded to earlier, because she understood not many of the instructors at the Experiment Station actually lived here.

Mr. Fortune said this may not be acceptable to the University as he did not think they had been approached with the concept. He noted the University would be taking care of building maintenance, and that should be taken into consideration. He also wasn't sure if the tract she was referring to was available for this purpose. Much more research would have to be done, and he was not sure if UGA would be amenable. Discussion followed.

Representative John Yates detailed the plan used to build the facility which was similar to the method used in Tifton for the facility on adjacent property at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The benefits of this educational facility would be wide-ranged and far-reaching. More discussion followed.

Representative David Knight said at the meeting in Athens with Provost Arnett Mace and Senior Vice President Hank Huckaby, comments were made concerning this option and they felt the lease option was the route they would like to take. A Master Plan for this campus has already begun and there is a definite commitment on behalf of UGA for this project. It is a project about which they seem to be genuinely excited.

Commissioners McDaniel and Davis agreed the building would be more effective on the actual Griffin Campus. Commissioner Davis asked why a building for UGA Griffin Campus would be constructed elsewhere than the campus.

Chairman Goss asked, and County Manager Wilson confirmed, that a substitution could be made for the vendor of the 800 MHz communication system should one be found with a

system as good or better than Motorola for perhaps less money. He wanted to state an amount in the SPLOST referendum without mentioning a specific vendor.

County Manager Wilson said the advice from the investment banker and bond counsel was to issue bonds for the communications system and utilize a pay-as-you-go basis for the other projects. The deal can be structured for the 30-month period and issue bonds with payments in arrears to allow some of the money to come up front for start-up funds for UGA Griffin Campus and the Senior Center. He has conversed with Dr. Arkin and UGA administration who provided a drawdown schedule for the learning center, which has been worked into the equation.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to finalize the project list for a November 8, 2005 SPLOST referendum to be collected for 30 months with three items: 1) 800 MHz radio system with no vendor named, with bonds issued only for the radio communications system at a cost of \$10,072,500 after utilization of the grant for \$500,000, 2) a University of Georgia, Griffin Campus learning facility on a pay as you go basis for \$10,000,000, and 3) expansion to the Spalding County Senior Center on a pay as you go basis for \$600,000. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor said she was appalled that it was not the concern of anyone on the Board of Commissioners except herself that there was irresponsibility as far as looking out for the taxpayers in terms of their income going to increased sales taxes. Everyone else seems to be okay with giving away the taxpayers' property to the University.

Commissioner Davis said the taxpayers would make the final decision with their vote.

Commissioner McDaniel hoped the taxpayers would not throw out the baby with the bath water. Commissioner Freeman agreed, saying they should now begin supporting the issue.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor voting in opposition.

2. Consider reimbursement resolution for proposed SPLOST referendum.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the reimbursement resolution for the proposed SPLOST referendum, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, and the motion carried by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor voting in opposition.

3. Consider approval of a Resolution expressing support of the proposed Atlanta-Lovejoy commuter rail line.

Anthony Dukes, Urban Transportation Planner, addressed the issue and recommended approval of the resolution. The State Transportation Board requested that cities and counties pass resolutions of support. He explained that Lovejoy appeared to be the glue that held the project together as far as operational cost since Clayton County brought a great deal of funding to the table.

**A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ATLANTA-LOVEJOY
COMMUTER RAIL LINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has developed commuter passenger rail service to travel on an Atlanta-to-Macon line, commencing first between the cities of Atlanta and Lovejoy and serving other cities in the south metro Atlanta region, including Griffin and Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service along this route will relieve traffic congestion in the Atlanta metropolitan area by providing a reliable alternative to motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service will benefit economic development, tourism and job creation in the areas it serves; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service from Atlanta to Lovejoy is essential to expand service to other areas throughout middle and south Georgia; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service would help promote efficient land use and transit-oriented housing developments in Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, Spalding County has already developed a Comprehensive Land Use Plan that identifies areas of residential, commercial and industrial development, transportation, and future population growth that would greatly be enhanced by commuter rail service on an Atlanta-to-Macon line;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that this body hereby expresses its support for the Atlanta-Lovejoy commuter rail line and further expansion of the commuter rail line to the City of Griffin and Spalding County.

Adopted this 1st day of August, 2005

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

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution of support for the commuter rail line, seconded by Commissioner Freeman and motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

4. Consider Ordinance amending the FY 2006 Budget Ordinance to provide for prior year's incomplete projects.

County Manager Wilson detailed the incomplete projects that necessitated this amendment.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for the prior year's incomplete projects, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

5. Consider Ordinance amending the FY 2006 Budget Ordinance to provide for prior year's encumbrances.

County Manager Wilson detailed the encumbrances, purchase orders outstanding at year-end, which necessitated this amendment.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance to provide for the prior year's encumbrances, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by vote of 5-0.

6. Consider granting permission for Griffin Area Arts Alliance to approach local businesses for support of Christmas-light scenes at Airport Road Park during holiday season.

Mrs. Sandra Cropsy, 1001 Maple Drive, Griffin, Georgia

Mrs. Cropsy, president of the Griffin Area Arts Alliance, addressed the group's request for this project. She also invited all to attend on Sunday, September 11, from 1 to 4 p.m., the second annual Arts Alliance celebration. She said residents have enjoyed for years the beautiful light scenes at Orchard Hill Park, and they would like to see the same type displays at Airport Road Park. The group plans to approach local businesses and clubs to request donations for the light displays. Signs would indicate donors' names at their respective light displays. They respectfully requested permission to proceed.

County Manager Wilson said light poles at the park are equipped to handle these displays. He felt this would really complete Airport Road Park. During the Christmas Season, the regular lights would be off and the display scenes only lit for effect. Commissioner Freeman offered a Leyland Cypress Christmas tree if the group desired.

Commissioner McDaniel and others were in favor of this concept, and Parks and Recreation are in support, as well. He recommended they ensure the lights would not adversely affect traffic control at the adjoining airport. County Manager Wilson said he would resolve this issue the following day.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the Griffin Area Arts Alliance request to proceed with the Airport Road Park holiday light scene program, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

7. Consider approval of a revised design for previously approved special exception for Lee Wall, Kenneth D. Dorsey, John Wall and Tammy Wall (Lake Forest Subdivision).

Senior Planner Chad Jacobs said this revision was necessitated by the Georgia Department of Transportation realignment and widening, which removed 17 acres from the layout of the subdivision. This new design dropped acreage from 91 to 73 and decreased the number of lots from 54 to 43. Open space acreage is still above the required 25%. The revised plan still meets all the design criteria for Country Club subdivision theme. As far as the homes and amenities package, nothing has changed. The shared driveways, one of the conditions from the previous approval, are still in place with three driveways for the six homes facing North McDonough Road.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the special exception revised design for Lake Forest Subdivision, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, and motion carried by vote of 5-0.

8. Conduct Public Hearing to consider the establishment of a street lighting district for The Enclave at Heron Bay Subdivision.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to conduct the public hearing for a street lighting district for The Enclave at Heron Bay, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

County Manager Wilson pointed out there would be a total of thirteen lights at \$22.00 per month each. The Electric Membership Corporation bills to the County throughout the year and the County will bill at year-end the property owners in The Enclave at Heron Bay at \$59.18 per lot.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

9. Consider approval of a street lighting district for The Enclave at Heron Bay Subdivision.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the street lighting district for The Enclave at Heron Bay, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

10. Consider recommended fee schedule from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for pavilion use at Dundee Lake Park.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the recommended fee schedule for Dundee Lake Park pavilion, at \$50.00 per half day (8 am to 1 pm or 2 pm to 7 pm) and \$100.00 per entire day (8 am to 7 pm). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion passed by unanimous 5-0 vote.

11. Consider appointment to Spalding County Board of Family and Children Services for Ms. Portia Lacy, whose term expired June 30, 2005.

Mr. Walker of DFCS has recommended Ms. Lacy who has consented to continue to serve.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to reappoint Portia Lacy to the Spalding County Board of Family and Children Services for a term to expire June 30, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

12. Consider appointment to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of Phil Shaw, to expire December 31, 2007.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor noted she would abstain from the vote as one of the nominees was her employer.

John Abbott – submitted by Chairman Goss

Tommy Hopkins – submitted by Cecil Davis

John Abbott was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Phil Shaw on the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority, for a term to expire 12-31-07, by a vote of 3-1-1 with

Chairman Goss and Commissioners Freeman and McDaniel voting for, Commissioner Davis against and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor abstaining.

13. Consider approval of funding from the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority for Project Lifesaver for the Griffin-Spalding Narcotics Task Force.

County Manager Wilson noted this was a \$550 grant to the Narcotics Task Force for this project, which will enable them to more quickly locate lost persons, particularly targeted for Alzheimer's patients and Downs syndrome children.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve funding from the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority in the amount of \$5500 for Project Lifesaver, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of 5-0.

14. Consider approval of TIP submission to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) as recommended by the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee.

This submission is due by September 2 at ARC. Both City and County have budgeted funds to reserve the placeholder amount for this area over the next three years as our matching portion for this regional transportation plan. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan, the Teamon Road corridor study and the joint Griffin Bypass Study are the three major projects on this prioritized list. Some intersection improvements are included. Anthony Dukes, Urban Transportation Planner, explained the projects and the process. The most important item is the Comprehensive Transportation Plan which will play a critical role in generating projects for the County. Mr. Dukes will take care of TIP submission. Mr. Dukes said the ARC is including a study of the Southern Regional Transportation Accessibility Study which reviews SR 16 from Coweta County to Spalding County. They will make recommendations for improvement projects to this corridor. Some discussion followed regarding diverting truck traffic from the downtown area. They will also be studying the 19/41 corridor, extending this study's boundary to include Spalding County.

Doug Hollberg, 812 Maple Drive, Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Hollberg elaborated on the City's and the County's projects selected. The City funded a transportation study several years ago, and the Comprehensive Transportation Plan being requested for the County in this TIP is most important. Mr. Hollberg provided an overview of some of the projects. Mr. Hollberg complimented Mr. Dukes' performance since coming on board as the joint City-County Urban Transportation Planner.

A motion to approve the TIP submission to the ARC was made by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

15. Consider approval of agreement with the Griffin-Spalding County School System for a School Resource Officer.

This agreement will supercede the one already in place. County Manager Wilson noted the Sheriff and the County Attorney have recommended approval. This agreement is for the Resource Officers at the newly opened Moreland Road School and Spalding High School. The Sheriff and the principal of the school can agree to remove any unsatisfactory officer. The School System will reimburse the County for 70% of this officer's salary. This position is already included in the Sheriff's Department budget.

Commissioner McDaniel, although he feels it is a sad commentary to have to place armed law enforcement personnel in our schools, made a motion to approve the School Resource Officer agreement, with the System's share at 70% and the County's share at 30%. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried unanimously at 5-0.

16. Consider bids for incinerator for the Spalding County Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve low bidder for the incinerator for the Spalding County Animal Shelter, Bestech Environmental Resources, Inc. at \$48,769. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, carried unanimously at 5-0.

17. Consider request from the National Weather Service to place a repeater on the Spalding County radio tower located on Williamson Road.

County Manager William Wilson said the series of weather reporting stations being developed, called the Georgia Mesonet, would be a tremendous boon to the emergency weather reporting process in case of a catastrophic natural disaster. Any solar panels used will be placed on the building and not on the tower itself.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the request of the National Weather Service to place a repeater on the County tower at Williamson Road, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

18. Consider approval of lease agreement for 917 Memorial Drive property.

This agreement, effective September 1, 2005, is for Griffin Flea Market, Inc. presently located at the corner of Solomon and Fifth Streets. Some discussion followed on roof repairs to the entire complex and rental history for this portion of the building.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the 12-month, renewable lease agreement of Griffin Flea Market, Inc. for 917 Memorial Drive, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

19. Consider on first reading an Ordinance amending Part VII Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 1 General Traffic Regulations, Section 7-1004, No-Parking Zones on Streets.

On a motion by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, to approve the Ordinance amendment making Ninety-Two Place and Ninety-Two Court both No-Parking Zones, the vote was unanimous at 5-0.

20. Consider approval of revised water rate schedule recommended by the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority.

County Manager William Wilson said on July 20, 2005 the Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority recommended the rate increase to \$3.53 per thousand gallons for customers up to 10,000 and to \$4.10 per thousand gallons for over 10,000 gallons. This increase, in response to an increase in wholesale water rate by the City of Griffin, will become effective September 1, 2005, if approved.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor did not agree with the Authority's recommendation to raise the County's rate to its customers by \$.13, when the City's rate increase was for \$.08 per thousand gallons.

At Commissioner Flowers-Taylor's request, County Manager Wilson explained the additional costs that must be borne by the Water Authority, such as engineering and design fees incurred each time water lines are run. These are being implemented since Spalding County now, because of its number of customers, is a permitted entity. These fees average between \$2,500 and \$10,000 depending on the length of the road. These state regulations are mandated. Additionally, the NPDES stormwater personnel are funded out of these monies. The backflow preventer device installation project has also been a drain on Water Authority funds. This backflow prevention program should be completed in December. There is also a multi-maintenance agreement at a cost of about \$100,000 per year in the Water Authority budget for the two water tanks in Sunny Side and on Highway 362 West. The County is responsible for this maintenance under the contract with the City of Griffin. This increase will provide a surplus of \$45,000. This additional \$.05 increase recommended by the Water Authority will add about \$.31 per month to each customer's bill.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor felt these costs should have been projected in the budget and not passed along to water customers. They will have to bear increased water rates in the future, and she did not see the need to increase rates now just because the County can.

Commissioners McDaniel and Davis felt it was appropriate to pay these costs out of consumption rather than property taxes, which are the two available options.

The County hasn't laid any water lines recently, other than Futral Road. The County works with developers with regard to subdivision water lines.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the revised water rate schedule, as recommended by the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority, effective September 1, 2005 as follows: 0 – 10,000 gallons will increase from \$3.40 to \$3.53 per

thousand gallons, and over 10,000 gallons will increase from \$4.10 to \$4.23 per thousand gallons. The motion, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, carried by a vote of 3-2 with Chairman Goss and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor opposing.

21. Consider recommendation of Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to allow Fairmont High School Reunion Committee the use of facilities.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to approve the request of the Fairmont High School Reunion Committee to use the facilities on August 20 and 21, 2005, as recommended by Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission with the stipulations that no alcohol will be allowed, security must be provided by reunion committee, and cleanup must be performed each day after event activities. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, carried by a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Davis being temporarily out of the room.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Dundee Lake Park ribbon cutting and grand opening will be tomorrow, August 2 at 3 p.m. He urged commissioners to be there by 2:45 as they will close the gates at 3 p.m.
- Hampton Inn would like to do a fundraiser for the Fire Department in August and September with designated \$1 donations, and funds will go toward the fire safety education program.
- Inmate work release program – This program is working well at the Sheriff’s Department. As mentioned when this program was implemented, the part-time employee can now be elevated to the status of full time, and there are sufficient monies to accomplish this. The program is more than paying its way.
- There will be a Fairmont High School parade on August 21. He reminded commissioners that if they want to participate in the parade, they should contact him or Teresa Watson.
- At the next agenda on August 15, 2005, there will be an item regarding the September 5 meeting, which would fall on the Labor Day holiday. Commissioners can be thinking about whether they would like to reschedule or cancel the meeting. He urged commissioners to remember that a meeting will need to be called by September 6, 2005 in order to call for the SPLOST referendum.
- On September 10, 2005, there will be a joint work session/retreat with the Board of Commissioners and Water Authority members, scheduled at the request of Commissioner Flowers-Taylor who serves on that Authority. This is a Saturday meeting, and lunch will be provided.
- Some commissioners have requested a review of the Ordinance regarding the requirement of second readings. Mr. Wilson said he had checked with attorneys Galloway and Fortune. The Board can modify the Spalding County Code to eliminate second readings, but he urged them to give it careful thought. If the Ordinance should be adopted to require only one reading, there is no mechanism in place to correct something that might have been done in error. After much discussion, no general consensus was reached to change the Ordinance.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Freeman – He was comfortable with the vote tonight to finalize the SPLOST referendum and he urged commissioners and citizens to support the referendum.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor – She has received a letter from a Correctional Institution inmate whose family was requested to buy him shoes. She was concerned if the County could not supply, and she wasn’t sure if his feet were too large or if he had simply worn out what they had initially provided. Mr. Wilson said he would investigate and follow up on the situation if she would bring him a copy of the letter. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor was also concerned over Mr. Jason Lewis’ statement at the last Zoning Public Hearing that the City of Griffin was requiring him to provide a lift station for the 500-acre McIntosh basin. Sewer accessibility for this large an area will promote more density and affect applications to the County for more dense developments. She wanted to look into the City requiring this in direct conflict with the Spalding County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Additionally, it required Mr. Lewis to install and pay much more than he should have to just for his development.

Chairman Goss stated that Mr. Lewis was simply extorted in this situation. They will have to change the Land Use Map or go into litigation and subsequently cost the County more money.

Commissioner McDaniel said he had conversed with one City Commissioner and registered the displeasure of the County Board of Commissioners on this matter already.

Commissioner Davis – The sewerage question definitely needs to be addressed, and the issue needs to be approached very carefully because it changes rights to land. In all of his twelve years of public office, he felt the best vote he had cast in that time was for the SPLOST referendum tonight. He was certain this would be an opportunity that would be positively viewed years down the road.

Commissioner McDaniel – He had received compliments on the manner in which the Board conducted the zoning meeting with mediation between developers and neighbors. He hoped there would be opportunities for more of that type cooperation.

Chairman Goss – He asked about the situation with Alan Hood filling in for Bob Stapleton and the projections for filling the vacancy created by Mr. Stapleton's retirement this week. Alan Hood will be leaving in a month for a new position. The Airport Advisory Board meeting this coming Monday at 6 p.m. should better advise the target type person they desire for this position. He urged the County to participate in providing some vision for this area since the Airport is a joint City/County venture.

XIV. CLOSED MEETING

1. County Manager requests a Closed Meeting to discuss acquisition of real estate and pending litigation.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to adjourn to Closed Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Davis at 9:00 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to reconvene to Open Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor at 9:13 pm. Motion passed unanimously at 5-0.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor at 9:14 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous 5-0 vote.