

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, October 5, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, County Attorney, Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairperson Rita Johnson.
- II. INVOCATION led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker.
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG led by Commissioner Bart Miller.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Hawbaker to amend agenda to add an item #3 under New Business to discuss the formation of a committee to develop policy for the rental of Park and Recreation Athletic Fields. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – None.
- VI. CITIZEN COMMENT

Speakers must sign up prior to the meeting and provide their names, addresses and topic in which they will speak on. Speakers must direct all comments to the Board only. Speakers will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on their chosen topics and 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 citizens signed up to comment.

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes of the September 21, 2015 Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session, the September 24, 2015 Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting, the September 24, 2015 Board of Commissioners Executive Session and the September 24, 2015 Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session, the September 24, 2015 Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting, the September 24, 2015 Board of Commissioners Executive Session and the September 24, 2015 Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Consider approval on second reading an ordinance to amend Part VI, Chapter 1, Article A, Division 2, Section 6-1009(e)(1)(b) establishing a means by which an applicant for a license to retail sell alcoholic beverages within 101 to 300 feet of a private residence may otherwise be eligible to obtain such license.

SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND PART VI, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE A, DIVISION 2, SECTION 6-1009 (e) (1) b. ESTABLISHING MEANS BY WHICH AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO RETAIL SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN 101 and 300 FEET OF A PRIVATE RESIDENCE MAY OTHERWISE BE ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSE:

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 be amended in Part VI (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 1 (Businesses and Occupations), Article A (Alcoholic Beverages), Division 2 (Licensing), Sec. 6-1009 (Qualifications of applicants) Subsection (e) (1) b., as follows:

Three hundred (300) feet or more from any private residence, unless such residence is itself in a commercial district; provided, however, an original retail or wholesale license may be granted to an otherwise qualified applicant where the premises of the proposed location is situated within One Hundred and One (101) and Three Hundred (300) feet of any private residence where such applicant provides clear evidence that such applicant has provided any bona-fide residential property-owner within such distance (“Affected Owner”) notice of the application and reasonable opportunity to object, and no written objection has been received by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners prior to granting such original retail or wholesale license. At a minimum, such evidence shall consist of (1) proof of receipt of separately addressed, written notice to each and every Affected Owner, by certified- or registered-mail, return receipt requested and proper postage affixed, (a) of the pending application for a retail or wholesale license to sell alcoholic beverages, and that (b) the Affected Owner must submit to the Board of Commissioners, within Thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, any objection to such application in writing, and (2) an original affidavit from the publisher of the legal organ of Spalding County that a notice as described in (1) above was published for Four (4) consecutive weeks in such legal organ. Where any Affected Owner submits to the Board of Commissioners written objection not less than Thirty (30) days after the later of either receipt of the written notice in (1) above, or the fourth publication described in (2) above, the application shall be denied.

Section 2. The within ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by affirmative vote of the 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.

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

Approved on first reading this 21st day of September, 2015.

Approved on second reading this 5th day of October, 2015.

Rita C. Johnson, Chairperson

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

2. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance amending the FY 2016 Budget Ordinance to provide for prior year encumbrances.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE
FOR
SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County have duly adopted an annual budget ordinance for the 2016 Fiscal Year pursuant to the requirements of Title 36, Chapter 81 of the Official Code of Georgia, and Section 2-5003 of the Code of Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Georgia, specifically Title 36, Chapter 81-3, provides that said Board might amend its annual budget ordinance so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners that the annual budget ordinance as approved, adopted and enacted on second reading on June 25, 2015 be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund

A. Revenues	Fund Balance Appropriated		
From	0	to	\$15,502
B. Expenditures			
General Appropriations			
From	\$ 100,000	to	\$101,394
Sheriff Administration			
From	\$ 1,157,113	to	\$1,165,035
Sheriff Criminal Investigation Division			
From	\$ 929,109	to	\$929,511
Code Enforcement			
From	\$ 143,276	to	\$143,844
Recreation			
From	\$ 624,346	to	\$629,562

Section 8. Fire District Fund

A. Revenues	Fund Balance Appropriated		
From	\$ 0	to	\$2,070
B. Expenditures			
Fire Department			
From	\$ 6,216,947	to	\$6,219,017

Section 14. Water System Fund

A. Revenues	Fund Balance Appropriated		
From	\$ 0	to	\$17,447

B. Expenditures
Wastewater Management
From \$ 384,190 to \$401,637

Approved on first reading this 21st day of September, 2015.

Approved, adopted and enacted on second reading this 5th day of October, 2015.

Chairman

County Manager

3. **Amendment to UDO #A-15-08:** Article 4. General Procedures - Section 409:E - amend certificate of occupancy requirements.

IN RE:

Text Amendment #A-15-08

AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY

RESOLUTION AMENDING

THE ZONING ORDINANCE 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; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia on January 4, 1994 and has amended said Ordinance subsequently; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator, in conjunction with the Planning Commission, has deemed it advisable to recommend amendment to a portion or portions of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, such proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County was reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the text amendment was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on September 24, 2015, 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; and

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 shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 4. Section 409.E

- E. A temporary certificate of occupancy may be issued by the administrative official for a period not exceeding six months during alterations or partial occupancy of a building pending its completion, provided that such temporary certificate shall include such conditions and safeguards as will protect the safety of the occupants and the public. Only industrial projects exceeding 20,000 square feet of building area are eligible for a temporary certificate of occupancy.

Section 3: The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia is directed and authorized to execute such notice of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia.

Section 4: The Zoning Administrator is authorized and directed to enter such notice of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia accordingly.

Section 5: The foregoing amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 6: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

County attorney, Jim Fortune, advised that the Board can consider all three items on the Consent Agenda at the same time unless there is one item that needs discussion.

Consensus of the Board was to consider all three items on the Consent Agenda at one time.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Consider approval of new 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for Kacey Korner, LLC d.b.a. Cole's Corner located at 7051 Newnan Road, Griffin, GA.

William Wilson, County Manager, stated that all departments have reviewed the application, this is a new license for this location and all criteria has been met for issuance of the license.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve a new 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for Kacey Korner, LLC d.b.a. Cole's Corner located at 7051 Newnan Road, Griffin, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider renewal of County Manager's employment contract for the 2016 Calendar Year.

Chairperson Johnson read a section from the employment contract that states: "In the event that no written notice is given by either

party to this Agreement to the other party prior to September 30, 2012, then this Agreement shall be extended on the same terms and conditions as herein for an additional year beginning January 1, 2013 and continuing to December 31, 2013. Said Agreement shall continue to be renewed each year thereafter unless either party hereto gives written notice to the other by September 30th of any renewal year that the other party does not wish to extend this Agreement for an additional one-year term.”

Mr. Wilson stated that the Board did his evaluation and at that time the Board asked that the item be placed on the agenda as you do intend to renew my contract for an additional year.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked that the minutes reflect that there was no objection nor otherwise indication that the contract would not be renewed as required by the contract and the Board considers it to have been renewed for the calendar year 2016 under the same terms and conditions.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to renew the County Manager’s employment contract with the same term and conditions for the 2016 Calendar Year. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Discuss the possibility of a committee being formed to establish a rental policy for use of Parks and Recreation athletic fields.

Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager, stated that on Friday, October 2, 2015, a group composed of Chairman Johnson, Commissioner Miller, members of our Parks and Rec staff and he met to review the information concerning field rentals as per the Board of Commissioners’ request at the September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Mosley advised that based on that meeting it was decided to move forward with establishing a policy for rental of athletic fields and based on the recommendation of the group it was felt that creating a committee tasked with the creation of the policy would be helpful. This committee would be made up of a member of our Board of Commissioners, a member of the PRAC, members of the Park and Rec staff and also input would be solicited from the Associations currently using the Parks and Rec fields and facilities.

Commissioner Ray asked if the purpose of the committee would be to formalize a rental policy.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she is concerned that a decision was made to create a committee when at the last Board meeting it was decided to send the matter back to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Traditionally the Park and Recreation Advisory Board under the direction of Kelly Leger, Supervisor of Recreation, and T.J. Imberger, Supervisor of Parks, create these policies. She wanted to know why in this instance it is necessary to create a new committee to make a policy for Parks and Rec.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she feels that the decision was made to take a matter that is normally handled by the Park and Rec Advisory Commission as volunteers away from them. Whether or not it is intentional, that is what is happening. Additionally, in the ten years she has been a member of this Advisory Commission, she

cannot remember a single time that a member from an Association has been asked to be involved in creating policy. If that is to be a consideration, then you would need someone to represent each Association. She stated that the County already has a committee of volunteers in place and she doesn't feel that it is necessary to create another committee to do what it is the Park and Rec Advisory Commission was created to do.

Chairperson Johnson stated that when the group met on Friday, they talked about a number of things. She stated that she was there on a fact finding mission to get information and direction from Parks and Rec as to the costs involved in establishing such a policy. After discussion of the direct costs and staff costs that would need to be involved, it was decided that it would be wise to have a committee formed that included the different entities involved with Parks and Rec as a way of making that decision. It was a collaborative effort that decided it would be wise to have input from all entities involved in pulling together this policy.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked why that would be done with Parks and Rec when we don't do it with the Hospital Authority, the Development Authority or the Elections Board. She asked if the Board was insinuating that the Parks and Rec Advisory Board under the direction of the two Supervisors to the Recreation Department were incapable of coming up with a policy to rent the athletic fields even though they have been coming up with policies for the County for years. The direction of the Board at the last meeting was to have the Park and Rec Advisory Commission create a policy.

Mr. Wilson then advised that on the Agenda for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, scheduled for this Thursday, October 8, an Agenda item under Old Business states "Per the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 21, 2015, motion by Flowers-Taylor, second by Johnson to table this request and go back to the Park and Rec Advisory Commission and asked them to look at a policy taking into consideration the costs estimated for renting the fields to other associations."

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that if the Advisory Commission feels that they need expertise from some of the other associations then it is for the Commission to make that recommendation and for them to decide if they need outside help in drafting this policy. She further stated that it is not a sub-committee's responsibility to create a policy when we already have PRAC to do this.

Commissioner Miller stated that the Advisory Commission had stated that the fields would not be rented. He stated that his objective was to enable the kids to play.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor added that the Advisory Commission has made recommendations to the Board in the past that have not been agreed to and directives have been sent back to the Commission. This is no different, than the directive is to create a policy.

Commissioner Miller stated that he has no problem with the Park and Rec Advisory Commission drafting a policy for review by the Board. He stated that he is concerned with the leadership of the commission

and if the commission is going to draft the policy then Mr. Fears should not have a vote on the policy because of his affiliation with the South Atlanta Youth Association.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concern over the fact that another week has gone by and the children involved with the South Atlanta Youth Association still do not have a place to play.

Commissioner Ray stated that we are already into the tackle football season, and SAYA would not be able to recover the games lost within the tackle season. Flag Football season hasn't started; however, and he wanted to go back and address the fact that in March of this year, we voted as a Board to disapprove the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to transfer the youth football program to the South Atlanta Youth Association and the reason for that was their demonstrated inability to prove they could effectively run the program. We had questions that were left unanswered.

Commissioner Ray further stated that in March the leadership for the South Atlanta Youth Association had not demonstrated their ability to handle the finances of the program and instilled the confidence in the Board that was needed for us to turn the wellbeing of the Spalding County Children over to the organization. Commissioner Ray stated that he believe that Mr. Driver wants what is best for the children and does have their best interests at heart; however, SAYA did not prove their ability to effectively run the football program and for that reason the decision was made to deny the request for one year and he feels that the Board should stand behind the decision that was made in March.

Commissioner Ray stated that SAYA and Mr. Driver was told in March that they could not play on the fields in Spalding County. Exceptions have been made and they have been allowed to practice on the fields in order to facilitate their program; however, the Board made a call and for Mr. Driver and the South Atlanta Youth Association to ignore that ruling and take money from parents to sign children up when they had no fields to play on simply reinforces the decision made by the Board in March.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that the decision made by the Board in March was based on the budget presented by this group did not meet the criteria set by Parks and Recreation as to the funding needed to run the program. South Atlanta has contended the entire time that Park and Rec charges too much for children to play which impedes the ability of some citizens in the community to be able to participate and that is why they were insistent that the football program could be run for less. Other than the budget, she was not sure what the other concerns were with the SAYA group.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that Spalding County does not have a football policy, because we do not have a football association and in essence this Board is the Association. When organizations come and want to do a "Turkey Trot" or a "Relay for Life" we don't require them to do all this extra, they are responsible for the people working in their organizations. She stated that she has a problem understanding why we are having such a problem with this group who is a recognized football association through their 501C(3) filed through the Secretary of State, allowing them to use our fields after

our teams have finished playing. We don't have a policy and it is the prerogative of this Board to make those kinds of decisions.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that SAYA shadowed the Parks and Rec group for a year, they know how to run the score board, the clock and the lights and are perfectly able to do this and Mr. Fears who is the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission can be trusted with the keys to be bathrooms and facilities. She stated the cost for the lights would be negligible compared to what we are paying already.

Commissioner Miller shared that one of his concerns is a State Mandate that all coaches have to go through a class and parents have to be made aware of the concussion directives. He further stated that if SAYA is going to use the fields and have keys to the grounds then they need to have all of the training and background checks that are required of the other associations because if we don't, then the liability will come back on us.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that what he is concerned about is the County has a process in place that does apply to SAYA. He further stated that process is important and we should not deviate from the process because of a situation that Mr. Driver, himself, chose and put themselves in. He stated that he feels bad for the children, he does want them to play, but we have to look out for the interests of the County as a whole and if we allow these types of deviations to the process that is in place, it is not going to work out well for us in the future. We are putting the county at risk.

Commissioner Hawbaker advised that he had read over the minutes of the March 2nd meeting where the recommendation concerning SAYA was addressed. At that time, they exhibited deficiencies in multiple areas which would have lead not only to a lot of disappointments, and possibly an outright disaster on the part of the organization. They based their estimates on inflated numbers for example they estimated 300 players for tackle football when historically there have only been 200 to 220 children playing tackle football. The budget estimates and figures were so off that ultimately games would have had to be cancelled, the referees would not have gotten paid and play offs may have had to be cancelled.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that our standing rules and regulations cover the necessary training, certifications and background checks required to work with children in Spalding County. He further stated that we should stand behind the decision made in March of this year, there is a right way and wrong way of obtaining use of our facilities and we need to stand by the rules and regulations that are in place as well.

Mr. Wilson then stated the situation at hand is the Board is not changing our current ruling regarding South Atlanta Youth Association. We are upholding our ruling in March of this year.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to see some action taken on behalf of our Park and Recreation staff to try to get in touch with the parents and the children who have signed up with South Atlanta to see, if there is any parental interest for the kids who have signed up for flag football to be able to participate in some aspect of the county's program.

Mr. Wilson stated that there was a proposal that the children who have signed up for flag football with the SAYA group be allowed to join our program and become a part of that even though our registration deadline has passed to give the children an opportunity to participate. A charge of \$30 per child would be charged if the kids can bring their own jerseys and flags with them to the games.

Motion by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor that the children enrolled in SAYA be allowed to participate in the flag football program at the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Department, with the understanding that the enrollment deadline has passed at an enrollment fee of \$30.

Commissioner Ray stated that Mr. Driver made a decision to move forward without having any fields and after being told that he could not use the fields. The Board is now going to attempt to save flag football because of a decision that he made when in March he was advised that SAYA could not use the fields. He stated that he would be voting against this motion, because this Board has already rendered a decision and he doesn't like having to go back and revisit old ground due to this group's decision. He stated that he is sorry for Mr. Driver and the youth involved in this situation, but that is not a decision that was made by the Board it was a decision made by Mr. Driver and the SAYA leadership. He further stated that if the money has been paid to SAYA for the flag football league then the association should pay Spalding County for these youths to be included in the football program it should not be incumbent on the parents to pay the \$30 fee.

Robbie Milner stated that that the teams have already been established, and the children from SAYA would have to be brought over as a full team. The Spalding County flag football teams have already been established and any additional participants will need to come over as a team and will have to bring their own jerseys as we have already ordered for the teams we have established. Individual players will not be able to come over, they will have to be established teams. The coaches would also have to meet all of the Parks and Recreation requirements.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that he completely agrees with Commissioner Ray's points on this matter, they were well made and he has no problem with what has been said. He further stated that he made the motion to spare a finite part of that program that can be most easily absorbed and accommodated with the least amount of disruption. He stated that he would like to send a message that there is a right way and a wrong way to go about doing this and the approach taken is the wrong way. You don't go out and take peoples' money and basically sell a product that you can't deliver and then depend on the Board of Commissioners to come back and save the day for you.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated she agreed with what both Commissioner Hawbaker and Commissioner Ray had to say, but she can't get over the look on the children's faces who were at the last meeting. She stated that those children did not make the bad decision, that decision was made for them and obviously parents

were misled as well and these Commissioners are right, but I can't stand to see children hurt and disappointed.

Commissioner Miller stated that he feels exactly the same way, it is the kids that he is concerned about, the parents made the decision based on what they were being told by this group. He also stated that when he and Commissioner Johnson met with Mr. Driver back in February of this year he asked him to wait until next year and we would see what we could do. Mr. Driver made the decision to do it on his own.

Mr. Wilson then asked for clarification on the motion, as Commissioner Ray stated that SAYA should pay the \$30.00 and should it be staff contacting SAYA and advising the directives of the Board or should it be the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. We really would like to extend the offer as soon as possible and have a deadline for an answer so staff will know whether to schedule these teams into the rotation.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she did speak with Mr. Rodney Jester who was at the last meeting and he was agreeable to any type of arrangement that would allow the kids to play. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she could provide Mr. Jester's current information to Parks and Recreation so that they can contact him. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that she feels that the parents need to deal with Mr. Driver, if the parents want their kids to play, then sign them up if they have the jerseys and the flags and let them worry about getting their money back from SAYA.

Mr. Fortune reiterated that the group will have to come over with complete teams, a minimum of 8 children per team will need to come over and that may need to be coordinated through SAYA. This will negate the opportunity for children to come over individually as Parks and Rec can't "Sign them up" unless they have a minimum of 8 players to constitute a team.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked Parks and Recreation what should be the "drop dead date" for the children to sign up.

Robbie Milner stated that the season will be over the end of this month so if the teams can be in by Monday, October 12, of next week he can work them into the schedule for the remainder of the month.

Commissioner Ray stated that in order to facility the need, we need to identify the number of teams with a minimum of 8 for each teach team. He further recommended that the request be made to Mr. Driver that he provide the names and the money to Parks and Recreation by Friday, October 9th. He stated that the reason he wants it to go to Mr. Driver is he already has the money from the parents and it would be easier for him to make one payment than to try to collect individually from each parent. The parents have already been inconvenienced, the children have already been inconvenienced. It is time Mr. Driver is inconvenienced.

Mr. Wilson confirmed that staff is to contact Mr. Driver tomorrow morning. Consensus of the Board is that staff is to contact Mr. Driver and advise him of the directions of the Board.

Restatement of motion:

Motion by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor that children enrolled in the SAYA Flag football program be allowed to participate in the Spalding County Flag Football program provided a fee of \$30 per each player be paid by SAYA to Spalding County (if players have t-shirts/jerseys and flags). Only complete teams will be allowed to participate and a team is a minimum of eight (8) players. Coaches must meet Spalding County standards. Concussion training for coaches and parents is required. SAYA must provide names and program fee to the Parks and Recreation Department by Friday, September 9, 2015.

Motion carried 4-1 (Ray).

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- ✓ The Senior Nutrition Program has completed its second month and for the month of September they served 3111 meals served for a total of \$6,666.08. For the two month period August 3rd to the end of September the program has served a total of 5398 meals for a total of \$12,481.43.
- ✓ The Senior Nutrition Program has started serving breakfast as of today, and is offered from 8:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. We invite you to go by and get breakfast.
- ✓ The Griffin-Spalding Kiwanis Fair will begin this Friday, October 9th and anyone needing a mega-ticket can purchase them from Mr. Mosley.
- ✓ Georgia Recreation and Parks Association 4th District Banquet will be held in Clayton County on Wednesday, October 21st. Parks and Recreation will be using Big Blue for transportation to the banquet if any of the Commissioner would like to attend please let Kathy know if you plan to attend.
- ✓ Last week the County held Unlawful Harassment Training for Managers and Supervisors, a total of 73 supervisors/managers attend one of the three classes offered on September 29th. Julie Decker who is with One Beacon, our insurance carrier, lead the training session and will be coming back after January 1st to conduct another session for those who were not able to attend this time.
- ✓ Mr. Wilson stated that he was going to turn the floor over to Eric Mosley to talk about recognition received from GEMA.

Mr. Mosley stated that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency had notified Spalding County that we have met all of the incentive standards outlined in the Georgia Emergency Management Agency-Homeland Security Federal-State Local Disaster Match Policy. By achieving this level of preparation, the County qualifies for a reduced local match for Public Assistance programs should we experience a major Presidential Disaster Declaration. He stated that the Fire Department has done an outstanding job in keeping up with all of the paperwork required to attain this level of standard to qualify for the reduced local match.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hawbaker

- A week ago Friday, he had lunch at the senior center and it was awesome. He stated that he could not believe the amount of great food you can get for \$5.00. It is the best deal in town.
- Regarding the school shooting in Oregon, he stated that he said before and he will say it again, the answer to this problem is not gun free zones it is more guns. He stated that he had inquired of Sheriff Beam if he thought Spalding should have the same sort of ordinance as the City of Kennesaw that require all homes have a gun, the Sheriff was not in favor of that, but the Commissioner stated that he is in favor of guns. He further stated that Israel has not had a shooting since 1974 and that is because all of their teachers are armed.
- He has talked with the gentleman who runs the Transportation Department for the school district asked him if he could estimate how much it has cost the Board of Education over the last 10 years to bypass the bridge over Cabin Creek in the flats. He was advised that the restriction on the Hill Street bridge impacts 43 separate bus routes which include both general education and special education buses.

He stated that the result is approximately 86 additional detour between the 43 routes and is recognized two times per day, in the mornings and in the afternoons. It can include more miles if you include route travel to and from scheduled routes. He stated that he was given the example: If you base the average speed of a route bus at 20 m.p.h. the school district is accruing approximately 9 additional paid hours each day as a result of the required detours, calculating the average per hour pay and benefits for the drivers this results in an additional expenditure of approximately \$190 per day. Which amounts to over \$34,000 each operational year, added to that is the additional fuel costs at today's posted rates that is another \$3,650 for an annual cost of approximately \$37,650 just because school buses can't access that bridge.

He stated the reason for this information is if SPLOST funding can be utilized for this project, the bridge can be replaced much more timely than having to utilize State and Federal funding to replace this bridge. We have requested that funding be moved to replace the bridge, but we are having to meet State and Federal requirements before the funding can be released. If the SPLOST were to pass this bridge could be funded locally and the bridge can be replaced much faster.

- Commissioner Hawbaker stated that he thought the Doc Holiday BBQ & Blues Festival was successful, despite the rainy weather.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor

- Stated that she wanted to know if Spalding County tags houses when there is a Commissioner complaint and it is sent to Community Development and someone goes out to look at the

house, if the house is considered substandard, do we put anything on the house to identify that we have been there and the house was found to be substandard?

Mr. Wilson advised that he was not sure if a property is tagged when the initial visit is made. He stated that when we go through the inrem process the house is posted, because we have to give notice to the property owner. Unless we are going through the inrem process we physically do not put anything on the premises.

She advised that she had noticed that in the City of Griffin the houses that are listed as their substandard housing have a red tag on them. She stated that she is calling about the same house over and over because she has no way of knowing if we have gone out and looked at the house. She stated that she feels that marking the houses would help two fold: (1) it would give a date and a time that the house was placed on our list and provide a reference base date to start the one year process and (2) people, like her, will stop calling in regarding the same house.

Mr. Wilson advised that he and Chad Jacobs, Director of Community Development have met with the Archway Committee and are requesting assistance with a housing stock inventory like the City performed a few years ago. This request is going before the Executive Committee on Wednesday and it is hoped that either Winter or Spring semester we can get students to come in and perform a housing stock analysis like the City of Griffin did. He stated it took the City three years and costs a couple hundred thousand dollars. He is hoping that we can do it with students from UGA and in the process tag the substandard houses.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that tagging the home will put the owner on notice that that will either have to come in and bring the house up to standard or they won't. Either way, it will start the time line to allow the County to do something about the house if the home owner refuses to address the problem.

- She stated that she was excited to hear about the harassment training that the managers and supervisors attended and she is glad that there is a plan for them to return in January. She wanted to know if the training in January would be the same training or if it would be different.

Mr. Wilson advised that the session in January would be make up training for those who were unable to attend the training at this session and the training will be offered twice a year from here on out.

She then asked if additional employees would have the opportunity to take the class. Employees other than the managers and supervisors.

Mr. Wilson stated that the goal is to have every supervisor and department head attend the training. There will be more supervisors come in with folks leaving, getting promoted or whatever. This training was intended for supervisors and department heads to assist them in identifying the steps to take for any type of harassment.

She stated that if there is space in the meetings she would like for employees to have the opportunity to attend as well.

- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would be coming to the Board to request that sidewalks be included in the CTP for sidewalks from the city limits in East Griffin to AMBUCS Park, to make it possible for more children and adults to have walking access to the facilities.
- She asked if there was any additional information regarding the Sheriff's Department with regards to a possible violation of the Sunshine Law.

Commissioner Ray

- Asked the Board to offer condolences and sympathy to the family of Ms. Carol Harvey. Ms. Harvey served on the school board for a number of years and also served as the Chairperson for the Board of Education. Ms. Harvey passed recently and she will be missed in our community.
- He congratulated the County Manager on a successful evaluation. He further stated that when you have five separate bosses it can be a difficult process.
- With regard to the alcohol ordinance that was passed this evening, he has talked with Commissioner Hawbaker and would like to come back before the Board to address some of the administrative time frames that the applicant will need to meet in order to be in compliance with this amendment to the ordinance.
- He then confirmed with Mr. Mosley that CERT training at the Moose Lodge is scheduled for Wednesday night, October 7. Mr. Mosley advised that the training is scheduled. Commissioner Ray advised that he has a conflict and will contact Glen Polk to see if he can move the time he is to appear.

Bart Miller

- Commissioner Miller asked if it is a state mandate that you have to charge for storm water.

Mr. Wilson advised that the City of Griffin did adopt a Storm Water Ordinance per State law so they can charge that on any property located within the City limits.

He stated that once the City takes over the property for the new airport, he will ask the Board to send a letter to the City of Griffin asking that they not charge Storm Water for the airport property. We will no longer receive property tax on that property, so we shouldn't have to pay the City a Storm Water tax on the property that we have lost property tax revenue on.

He stated that the City charges \$30,000 at the current airport for Storm Water and the County has to pay part of those charges. The difference in the size of the two airports will be approximately 600 acres, which will be a significant increase in

the storm water charges for the new airport. The City will be taking in that money, which will assist them in expenses for the airport, but there will be nothing to assist the County.

Chairperson Johnson

- She stated that she had heard that the Archway Young Professionals meeting that was held was successful.
- She advised that she, Commissioner Hawbaker and Eric Mosley attended the KIA photo session last week. She stated that it was a great opportunity to meet with some of the families of these KIA members.
- She stated that she had attended the Main Street play “To Kill a Mockingbird”. Kenda Woodard, our Main Street Executive Director, was in the play and she was excellent. It was a great production by the Main Street Players, it was an awesome experience and she encourages everyone to support the Main Street players. They are a very talented group of individuals who know how to put on a great production.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Hawbaker requests an Executive Session for a consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to table the executive session to enter until more information is available. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

/s/ _____
Rita Johnson, Chairperson

/s/ _____
William P. Wilson, Jr., Clerk