

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, December 7, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Commissioners Raymond Ray and Gwen Flowers-Taylor were absent from the meeting. Also present were 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

1. Griffin Spalding County Hospital Authority Treasurer, Cal Oxford to make a presentation to the Board of Commissioners.

Cal Oxford, wanted to update the Board and the Community regarding the sale and transfer of Spalding Regional Hospital.

Mr. Oxford then presented a background on the Hospital Authority and the role of this Authority. The Hospital Authority has \$48,199,000 in Trust Funds they administer. This past month the Authority made grants for 2016 in the amount of \$1,039,000 to organizations in Spalding County for the good and health of the community. The two largest recipients were Hope Health Clinic and the school nurse program. Mr. Oxford wanted to assure the Board that the Authority is in good hands, it is being managed properly and the community is benefiting from the work they do.

There is a signed 3-way agreement between the Hospital Authority, Tenant Healthcare and WellStar Health Care to transfer all of the assets from Tenant to WellStar. In 1996, an agreement was signed that stated that should the Hospital ever be sold that the Hospital Authority would have the first right of refusal, so we could either purchase the hospital or advise that we did not want to buy it, before they could sell it.

Mr. Oxford advised that the goal of the Hospital Authority was to see to it that Spalding Regional remained a fully functional, standalone hospital and continue to operate the EMS here in Spalding County. He stated that through the good graces of Tenant, they were able to facilitate a three way agreement between the Hospital Authority, Tenant and WellStar. This agreement protects the interests of this community and provides for growth of the hospital.

The only downside to this is that WellStar is a not for profit hospital and therefore the property will be coming off of the tax records. All of the potential buyers for the hospital were not for profit entities so the property would come off of the tax records no matter who purchased it.

Mr. Oxford then gave a brief sketch of the agreement:

- WellStar will continue all of the core services at the hospital.
- Although WellStar does not own or operate ambulance service they have agreed to continue to own and operate the EMS Service

here in Spalding County and they cannot sell or dispose of it without the approval of the Hospital Authority.

- WellStar has agreed to continue Physician Recruitment.
- WellStar has agreed to expand services where needed.
- They have agreed to a Capital Support Program which involves the investment of \$5M per year into the hospital for the next five years.
- WellStar has agreed to continue the process initiated by Tenant to convert all of the rooms into private rooms and has committed \$15M for that conversion. This is over and above the \$25M they have committed.
- WellStar has agreed to place a representative from the Hospital Authority on their Regulatory Board.
- If WellStar decides to sell the hospital, they have included a provision where if they sell the hospital to Northside, Piedmont or Navicent then this agreement remain in force and binding on the purchaser. If it is sold to anyone other than those three, the Hospital Authority retains first right of refusal to purchase the hospital.
- This agreement is in full effect the day of closure; however, if this deal does not close by April 30, 2016 this deal expires.

Mr. Oxford then addressed the issue of local taxation. He stated that WellStar is a not for profit organization and as such they are entitled to take the property off of the tax digest and he is sure they will do so. He stated that WellStar is the best possible operator of this facility that could have been picked and they are going to be an asset to the community.

Mr. Oxford advised that WellStar has agreed to make voluntary payments to the community in lieu of taxes for the next three years:

- Year 1 pay the full amount of taxes due up to a maximum of \$900,000.
- Year 2 pay \$600,000 flat rate in property taxes.
- Year 3 pay \$300,000 flat rate in property taxes.

Payment will go to the Tax Commissioner as payment of the property tax and the County, City and School System will have to decide on how the money will be split up.

Commissioner Miller thanked the Hospital Authority for the job they did in negotiating and working out the deal for the agreement.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked if the MOU was publically available.

Mr. Oxford advised that they would send a copy to the County for distribution to the Commissioners.

2. Griffin Main Street Program Manager, Kenda Woodard, to present a proposal for a consolidated City/County Destination Marketing Organization for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

Kenda Woodard, Executive Director, and Daa'ood Amin, Chairman of the Griffin Main Street Advisory Board, thanked the Board of Commissioners for allowing them the opportunity to present this evening on Hotel/Motel tax increase and the possibility of a consolidated Griffin-Spalding Business and Tourism Association Board.

Ms. Woodard then gave a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation

on the purpose of a Destination Marketing Organization and the Griffin Business and Tourism Association.

Ms. Woodard stated that once the County's Hotel/Motel tax increases to 8% it is required by Georgia statute that you have to contract with a Destination Marketing Organization to expend those funds. In 2008 HB 1168 changed the hotel-motel tax authorizations and allowed jurisdictions and communities to increase their taxes to 8%. If you do not increase your taxes beyond 5% then you are not required to adhere to the changes implemented by this House Bill.

Ms. Woodard advised that HB 1168 states that at least 50% of the excess funds be expended for the promotion of tourism, conventions and tradeshows by the local Destination Marketing Organization designated by the local government. This is 50% of the taxes collected over the 5% tax rate. It further states that any excess not expended for tourism has to be expended for tourism product development.

Ms. Woodard stated that they are proposing that the new organization be administered by the current Main Street Director, who would become the Executive Director. They would utilize the Main Street approach, there would be a business advocacy component and it would employ a part-time tourism staff.

Ms. Woodard advised that the purpose of this organization would be to promote business, tourism and trade conventions for the City of Griffin and Spalding County. To study, investigate and develop plans for improvement of business and tourism for both the City and County. To implement such plans as to promote business, tourism and conventions to the Griffin-Spalding community. The DMO will also advise and recommend plans to the Board for development of business and tourism and to promote public interest in the general improvement of business and tourism in the City and County.

Ms. Woodard stated that she wanted to make it clear that there is nothing contained within the purposes of this board that shall be construed to abridge or change the powers and duties of other existing authorities, departments, boards or similar sitting county agencies.

She then presented a proposed membership of the Board of Directors for the combined organization which included City and County staff, City and County residents and business owners and other volunteers from both the City and the County. This would be a membership organization and anyone that has an interest in the objectives or the purposes can be a member of this association.

Ms. Woodard stated that as a part of this, they are proposing an intergovernmental agreement regarding the Regional Welcome Center and maintenance and upkeep associated with this Center.

Ms. Woodard then presented a breakdown of the funding received by the City and the County from Hotel/Motel tax and how the proposed additional funds would be utilized by the DMO. She then advised that the proposal is that the City and County combine the funds generated by the Hotel/Motel tax to create combined opportunities to promote tourism in Griffin and Spalding County.

Mr. Amin added that all of the funding that has been discussed is generated by the hotel/motel dollars, none of the funds would be coming out of the County's general fund.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the four months ended October 31, 2015.

Mr. Wilson advised that as of 10/31/2015 or 33% of the year and we are currently at 29% of expenditures out of the General Fund and at 35% of the Fire District Fund.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the financial statements for the four month period ended October 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

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.

David Melton, 27 Westwood Court, Spoke in favor of the sterilization and unaltered animal permit that is on the agenda for second reading this evening and asked that the Board approve this ordinance.

Keri Gebler, 646 McArthur Drive, in favor of the sterilization and unaltered animal permit that is on the agenda for second reading this evening and asked that the Board approve this ordinance. Ms. Gebler reminded everyone that these ordinances were mean for nuisance animals not for responsible animal owners.

Vickie Hennessey, 208 Seminary Ridge, she agrees with and totally supports the sterilization and unaltered animal permit. She also wanted to remind everyone that this is designed as a complaint driven, nuisance ordinance and not designed to punish any responsible animal owner.

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes of the November 16, 2015 Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing and the November 16, 2015 Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session.

Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing and the November 16, 2015 Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Consider approval on second reading Amendment to UDO #A-15-09: Article 22'. A-O Airport Overlay District - replace existing Airport Overlay District requirements with a new Airport Overlay District Ordinance.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that the Board could consider all of the items on the consent agenda at one time unless a member of the Board would like to consider one of the items individually.

Commissioner Miller asked that the first two items on the Consent Agenda be considered together and then the last two items be considered for approval.

IN RE:

Text Amendment #A-15-09

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;

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, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Spalding County for certain text revisions and amendments to be made to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County;

WHEREAS, such text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County were reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on November 16, 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;

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 deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 22' A-O Overlay District.

Section 2: The following provisions shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County to appear as Article 22A. A-O Griffin-Spalding County Airport Overlay District:

**ARTICLE 22A. – A-O GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY AIRPORT
OVERLAY DISTRICT**

Section 2201A: Purpose.

The airport overlay district is an overlay zone which governs the development of property located in and adjacent to certain developed airports located within Griffin and Spalding County. It also governs development of property located within and under flight paths to such airports. The purpose of the overlay zone is to develop standards and criteria for development of property within the zone in a comprehensive manner to protect the safety of persons and property located at or near airports, in, under or near airport flight paths and using the airport facilities within Spalding County.

Section 2202A: Short title.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Griffin-Spalding County Airport Overlay Zoning District.”

Section 2203A: General Definitions.

- A. Airport: The Griffin—Spalding County Airport and any other airport now existing or that may be developed in the future which is subject to the regulations of this ordinance.
- B. Airport elevation: The highest point of an airports usable landing area as measured in feet above means sea level.
- C. Airport Authority: The Griffin – Spalding County Airport Authority.
- D. Approach surface: A surface longitudinally centered on the extended runway centerline, extending outward and upward from the end of the primary surface area at the same slope as the approach zone height limitation slope as set forth in Section 2205. In plan the perimeter of the approach zone.
- E. Approach, transitional, horizontal and conical zones: These zones are set forth in Section 2204A of this ordinance.
- F. Board of Appeals: The Board of Appeals as created in Appendix C of the Unified Development Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia.
- G. Conical Surface: A surface extending outward and upward from the periphery of the horizontal surface at a slope of twenty (20) to one (1) for a horizontal distance of four thousand (4,000) feet.
- H. Hazard to air navigation: An obstruction determined to have an adverse effect on the safe and efficient utilization of the navigable airspace.
- I. Height: For the purpose of determining the height limits in all zones set forth in the zoning map in conjunction with the Griffin - Spalding County Airport Overlay District, the datum shall be the top of any building, structure, or tree expressed in feet above mean sea level, unless otherwise specified.
- J. Horizontal surface: A horizontal plane one hundred fifty (150) feet above the established airport elevation, the perimeter of which in plan coincides with the perimeter of the horizontal zone.
- K. Non-precision instrument runway: A runway having an existing instrument approach procedure utilizing air navigation facilities with only horizontal guidance, or area type navigation equipment, for which a straight-in non-precision instrument approach procedure has been approved or planned.
- L. Obstruction: Any structure, growth, or other object, including a mobile object, which exceeds a limiting height as set forth in Section 2205A.
- M. Person: An individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, or governmental entity; including a trustee, a receiver, an assignee, or similar representative of any of them.

- N. Precision instrument runway: A runway having an existing instrument approach procedure utilizing all Instrument Landing System (ILS) or a Precision Approach Radar (PAR). It also means a runway for which a precision approach system is planned and is so indicated on an approved airport layout plan or any other planning document.
- O. Primary surface: A surface longitudinally centered on a runway. When a runway has a specially prepared hard surface, the primary surface extends two hundred (200) feet beyond each end of that runway. The width of the primary surface is set forth in Section 2204A. The elevation of any point on the primary surface is the same as the elevation of the nearest point on the runway centerline.
- P. Runway: A defined area of an airport prepared for landing and take-off of aircraft along its length.
- Q. Structure: An object, including a mobile object, constructed or installed by man, including and without limitation, buildings, towers, cranes, smokestacks, earth formation, and overhead transmission lines.
- R. Surface(s): An imaginary geometric plan located above the ground through which a penetration would constitute a Hazard to Air Navigation.
- S. Transitional surfaces: These surfaces extend outward at ninety (90) degree angles to the runway centerline and the runway centerline extended at a slope of seven (7) feet horizontally for each one (1) foot vertically from the sides of the primary approach surfaces to where they intersect the horizontal and conical surfaces. Transitional surfaces for those portions of the precision approach surfaces which project through and beyond the limits of the conical surface, extend a distance of five thousand (5,000) feet measured horizontally from the edge of the approach surface and at ninety (90) degrees angles to extended runway centerline.
- T. Tree: Any object of natural growth.
- U. Unified Development Ordinance: the Unified Development Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia
- V. Visual runway: A runway intended solely for the operation of aircraft using visual approach procedures.
- W. Zone(s): All of the land lying beneath the surface(s).

Section 2204A: Surfaces and Zones as Applied to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Overlay Zoning District.

To carry out the provisions of this ordinance, certain zones are established which include all of the land lying beneath the approach surface, transitional surfaces, horizontal surface and conical surface as they apply to the Griffin - Spalding County Airport. Such zones are shown on the map established pursuant to Section 2211A. An area located in more than one (1) of the following zones is considered to be only in the zone with the more restrictive height limitation.

The various zones are hereby established and defined as follows:

- A. Approach Surface: A surface longitudinally centered on an extended runway centerline and extending outward and upward from each end of the primary surface. An approach surface is applied to each end of a runway based upon the type of approach available or planned for that runway end.
 - 1. The inner edge of the Approach Surface is the same width as the primary surface – one thousand (1,000) feet – and expands uniformly to a width of:

- a. Fifteen hundred (1,500) feet for a runway with only visual approaches; and
 - b. Sixteen hundred (1,600) feet for a precision instrument runway.
2. The approach surface extends for a horizontal distance of:
 - a. Five thousand (5,000) feet at a slope of twenty (20) to one (1) for visual runways; and
 - b. Ten thousand (10,000) feet at a slope of fifty (50) to one (1) with an additional forty thousand (40,000) feet at a slope of forty (40) to one (1) for all precision instrument runways.
 3. The outer width of an approach surface to an end of a runway will be that width prescribed in this subsection for the most precise approach existing or planned for that runway end.
- B. Approach Zones: Includes all land lying beneath the Approach Surfaces.
- C. Primary Surface: A surface longitudinally centered on a runway. The primary surface extends two hundred (200) feet beyond each end of said runway and is one thousand (1,000) feet wide.
- D. Transitional Surfaces: These surfaces extend outward and upward at right angles to the runway centerline and the runway centerline extends at a slope of seven (7) to one (1) from the sides of the primary surface and from the sides of the approach surfaces. Transitional Surfaces for those portions of the precision approach surface which project though and beyond the limits of the Conical Surface, extend at a distance of five thousand (5,000) feet measured horizontally from the edge of the Approach Surface and at right angles to the runway centerline.
- E. Horizontal Surface: A horizontal plane one hundred and fifty (150) feet above the established airport elevation, the perimeter of which is constructed by swinging arcs of a specified radii from the center of each end of the primary surface of each runway of each airport and connecting the adjacent arcs by lines tangent to those arcs. The radius of the arc specified for each end of a runway will have the same arithmetical value. That value will be the highest determined for either end of the runway. The radius of each arc at the Griffin-Spalding County Airport is ten thousand (10,000) feet.
- F. Horizontal Zone: All land lying beneath the Horizontal Surface.
- G. Conical Surface: A surface extending outward and upward from the periphery of the Horizontal Surface at a slope of twenty (20) to one (1) for a horizontal distance of four thousand (4,000) feet.
- H. Conical Zone: All land lying beneath the Conical Surface.

Section 2205A: Airport zone height limitations.

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, no structure shall be erected, altered, or maintained, and no tree shall be allowed to grow in any zone created by this ordinance to a height in excess of the applicable height limit herein established for such zone. Such applicable height limitations are hereby established for each of the zones in question as follows:

- A. Runway with a visual approach: This Approach Surface slopes twenty (20) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the end of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of five

hundred (5,000) feet along the extended runway centerline.

- B. Runway with a non-precision instrument approach that has visibility minimums greater than 3/4 mile approach zone: This Approach Surface slopes thirty-four (34) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the end of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of ten thousand (10,000) feet along the extended runway centerline.
- C. Runway with a non-precision instrument approach that has visibility minimums as low as 3 / 4 approach zone: This Approach Surface slopes thirty-four (34) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the end of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of ten thousand (10,000) feet along the extended runway centerline.
- D. Runway with a precision approach zone: This precision Approach Surface slopes fifty (50) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the end of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of ten thousand (10,000) feet along the extended runway centerline; thence slopes upward forty (40) feet horizontally for each foot vertically to an additional horizontal distance of forty thousand (40,000) feet along the extended runway centerline.
- E. Transitional zones: Slopes seven (7) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the sides of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and the approach surface, and extending to a height of one hundred fifty (150) feet above the airport elevation which is nine hundred fifty-eight (958) feet above mean sea level. In addition to the foregoing, there are established height limits sloping seven (7) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the sides of and at the same elevation as the approach surface, and extending to where they intersect the conical surface. Where the precision instrument runway approach zone projects beyond the conical zone, there are established height limits sloping seven (7) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the sides of and at the same elevation as the approach surface, and extending a horizontal distance of five thousand (5,000) feet measured at ninety (90) degree angles to the extended runway centerline.
- F. Horizontal zone: Established at one hundred fifty (150) feet above the airport elevation or at a height of feet above mean sea level.
- F. Conical zone: Slopes twenty (20) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the periphery of the horizontal zone and at one hundred fifty (150) feet above the airport elevation and extending to a height of three hundred fifty (350) feet above the airport elevation.
- G. Excepted height limitations: Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as prohibiting the construction or maintenance of any structure, or growth of any tree to a height up to thirty-five (35) feet above the surface of the land.

Section 2206A: Use restrictions.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, no use may be made of land or water within any zone established by this ordinance in such a manner as to create electrical interference with navigational signals or radio communication between the airport and aircraft, make it difficult for pilots to distinguish between airport lights and others, result in glare in the eyes of pilots using the airport, impair visibility in the vicinity of the airport, create bird strike hazards, or otherwise in any way endanger or interfere with the landing, takeoff, or maneuvering of aircraft intending to use the airport.

Section 2207A: Nonconforming uses.

- A. Unified Development Ordinance shall govern: The provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance (Section 403) shall apply to land uses governed by this Article.

- B. Marking and lighting: Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance, the owner of any existing nonconforming structure or tree is hereby required to permit the installation, operation, and maintenance thereon of such markers and lights as shall be deemed necessary to indicate to the operators of aircraft in the vicinity of the airport the presence of such airport obstruction. Such markers and lights shall be installed, operated, and maintained at the expense of the Airport Authority.

Section 2208A: Permits.

- A. Future uses: Except as specifically provided in subparts 1., 2., and 3., hereunder, no material change shall be made in the use of land, no structure shall be erected or otherwise established, and no tree shall be planted in any zone hereby created unless a permit therefore shall have been applied for and granted. Each application for a permit shall indicate the purpose for which the permit is desired, with sufficient particularity to permit it to be determined whether the resulting use, structure, or tree would conform to the regulations herein prescribed. If such determination is in the affirmative, the permit shall be granted. No permit for a use inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be granted unless a variance has been approved in accordance with Subsection D, below.
1. In the area lying within the limits of the horizontal zone and conical zone, no permit shall be required for any tree or structure less than seventy-five (75) feet of vertical height above the Ground, except when, because of terrain, land contour, or topographic features, such tree or structure would extend above the height limits prescribed for such zones.
 2. In areas lying within the limits of the approach zones, but at a horizontal distance of not less than four thousand two hundred (4,200) feet from each end of the runway, no permit shall be required for any tree or structure less than seventy-five (75) feet of vertical height above the ground, except when such tree or structure would extend above the height limit prescribed for such approach zones.
 3. In the areas lying within the limits of the transition zones beyond the perimeter of the horizontal zone, no permit shall be required for any tree or structure less than seventy-five (75) feet of vertical height above the ground, except when such tree or structure, because of terrain, land contour, or topographic features, would extend above the height limit prescribed for such transition zones.

Nothing contained in any of the foregoing exceptions shall be construed as permitting or intending to permit any construction, or alteration of any structure, or growth of any tree in excess of any of the height limits established by this ordinance except as set forth in section 2205A(H).

- B. Required Aeronautical Study: Proponents of any construction of or alteration to a structure located within any zone referred in Section 2205A or falling in to one or more of the following categories must have an Aeronautical Study completed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA):
1. Any construction of or alteration to a structure that is or will be more than two hundred (200) feet above ground level after construction or alternation; or
 2. Any construction of or alteration to a structure that exceeds an imaginary surface extending outward and upward at any of the following slopes:
 - a. One hundred (100) to one (1) for a horizontal distance of twenty thousand (20,000) feet from the nearest point of the nearest runway.
 - b. Fifty (50) to one (1) for a horizontal distance of ten thousand (10,000) feet from the nearest point of the nearest runway.

Additional information, applicable forms and instructions can be found on the internet at <https://oeaa.faa.gov/oeaa/external/portal.jsp>. The FAA response will be one of the following:

Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation; or

Notice of Presumed Hazard.

In such a case, the proponent will have the option of modifying their request, moving forward with their request, or withdrawing their request.

The FAA response and any additional information the Airport Authority, the City of Griffin, or Spalding County, Georgia may require must then be reported to the Airport Authority at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Thereafter, the Airport Authority may act to recommend approval, disapproval, or to table the item until the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to facilitate further study of the proposed structure. In furtherance of the Airport Authority's recommendation, Spalding County will then act on the permit application.

- C. Existing uses: No permit shall be granted that would allow the establishment or creation of an obstruction or permit a nonconforming use, structure, or tree to become a greater hazard to air navigation than it was on the effective date of this Ordinance or any amendments thereto or than it is when the application for a permit is made. Except as indicated, all applications for such a permit shall be granted.
- D. Nonconforming uses abandoned or destroyed: Whenever the administrative officer determines that a nonconforming tree or structure has been abandoned or more than eighty (80) percent torn down, physically deteriorated, or decayed, no permit shall be granted that would allow such structure or tree to exceed the applicable height limit or otherwise deviate from the zoning regulations.
- E. Variances: Any person desiring to erect or increase the height of any structure, or permit the growth of any tree, or use property, not in accordance with the regulations prescribed in this ordinance, may apply to the Board of Appeals for a variance from such regulations. The application for variance shall be accompanied by a determination from the Federal Aviation Administration as to the effect of the proposal on the operation of air navigation facilities and the safe, efficient use of navigable airspace. Such variances shall be allowed where it is duly found that a literal application or enforcement of the regulations will result in unnecessary hardship and relief granted, will not be contrary to the public interest, will not create a hazard to air navigation, will do substantial justice, and will be in accordance with the spirit of this ordinance. Additionally, no application for variance to the requirements of this ordinance may be considered by the Board of Appeals unless a copy of the application has been furnished to the Airport Authority for advice as to the aeronautical effects of the variance. If the Airport Authority does not respond to the application within fifteen (15) days after receipt, the Board of Appeals may act on its own to grant or deny said application.
- F. Obstruction marking and lighting: Any permit or variance granted may, if such action is deemed advisable to effectuate the purpose of this ordinance and be reasonable in the circumstances, be so conditioned as to require the owner of the structure or tree in question to install, operate, and maintain, at the owner's expense, such markings and lights as may be necessary. If deemed proper by the board of appeals, this condition may be modified to require the owner to permit the Airport Authority at its own expense, to install, operate, and maintain the necessary markings and lights.

Section 2209A: Enforcement.

It shall be the duty of the administrative officer to administer and enforce the regulations prescribed herein. Applications for permits and variances shall be made to the administrative officer upon a form published for that purpose. Applications required by this ordinance to be submitted to the administrative officer shall be promptly considered and granted or denied. Application for action by the Board of Appeals shall be forthwith transmitted by the administrative officer.

Section 2210A: Conflict with other development regulations.

Where there exists a conflict between any of the regulations or limitations prescribed in this ordinance and any other regulations applicable to the same area, whether the conflict be with respect to the height of structures or trees, and the use of land, or any other matter, the more stringent limitation or requirement shall govern and prevail.

Section 2211A: Adoption of the Spalding County Airport Overlay District Map.

The A-O district consists of the area located within the airport overlay zone, as established by the criteria set forth in Section 2204A, are shown and designated on a certain map identified as the "A-O District, Spalding County Airport Overlay Map," which map is adopted hereby into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth. Such map shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County and bear the seal of the county or that of a notary public under the following words: "This certifies that this is the Official A-O District Airport Overlay District Map, referred to in Article 22A of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County."

Section 3: The foregoing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, to appear as Article 22A. A-O Griffin-Spalding County Airport Overlay District shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 4: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby, repealed.

Approved on first reading November 16, 2015
Approved on second reading December 7, 2015

2. Consider approval on second reading an ordinance to amend Division II, Part IX, Section 9-3112: Judicial proceedings.

**RESOLUTION AMENDING
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES 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, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Spalding County, Georgia for certain amendments to be made to the Spalding County Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that an amendment to the Spalding County Code of Ordinances is of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, it is found by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that there is within Spalding County, Georgia the existence and/or occupancy of buildings and structures which are unfit for human habitation or for commercial, industrial or business occupancy use and which are otherwise not in compliance with the applicable minimum codes as adopted by Spalding County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, such dwellings, buildings and structures constitute a general nuisance and a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Spalding County, Georgia, such that a public necessity exists for the repair, closing and/or demolition of such dwellings, building or structures;

WHEREAS, it is found by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that there are locations within Spalding County, Georgia on which the existence of a condition or use of real estate renders adjacent real estate unsafe or inimical to safe human habitation, such use being dangerous and injurious to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Spalding County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, it is found by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that a public necessity exists for the repair of such conditions or the cessation of such uses which render the adjacent real estate unsafe or inimical to safe human habitation;

WHEREAS, it is found by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that there exists within Spalding County, Georgia dwellings, buildings or structures which are unfit for human habitation or for commercial, industrial or business uses due to dilapidation and failure to comply with applicable codes; and which have defects which increase the hazards of fire or accidents or other calamities, which lack adequate ventilation, light or sanitary facilities; and/or where other conditions exist rendering such dwelling, building or structure unsafe or unsanitary or dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety and welfare or otherwise inimical to the welfare of the citizens; and vacant, dilapidated dwellings, buildings or structures in which drug crimes are being committed;

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia to fully exercise its power to address such conditions pursuant to the authority granted to Spalding County, Georgia by O.C.G.A. §§ 41-2-7 through 41-2-17;

NOW THEREFORE, it shall be and is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that the Spalding County, Georgia Code of Ordinances shall be and is hereby amended, as follows:

Section 1: The following provision of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances shall be deleted: Section 9-3112(a)

Section 2: The following provision shall be enacted to appear in the Spalding County Code of Ordinances as Section 9-3112(a):

Section 9-3112: Judicial Proceedings

(a) *Charge and summons:*

1. If any owner, tenant or other person violates the provisions of this Chapter, the zoning administrator shall be authorized to issue thereto charges and summons directing their appearance before the State Court of Spalding County at a specified time to answer such charges. Service of process of the charges and summons shall be accomplished as provided by state law, including O.C.G.A. § 41-2-12.
2. If any owner, tenant or other person violates the provisions of Section 9-3104(e) of this Chapter, the zoning administrator shall be authorized to issue thereto charges and summons directing their appearance before the Magistrate Court of Spalding County at a specified time to answer such charges. Service of process of the charges and summons shall be accomplished as provided by state law, including O.C.G.A. § 41-2-12.

Section 3: It is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of Spalding County, Georgia, and that the sections of this Ordinance be numbered to accomplish such intent.

Section 4: The within and foregoing amendments to the Spalding County, Georgia Code of Ordinances shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Ordinance.

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

 Approved on first reading the 16th day of November, 2015.
 Approved on second reading the 7th day of December, 2015.

 Rita C. Johnson, Chairperson

 William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve on second reading Amendment to the UDO#A-15-09: Article 22'. A-O Airport Overlay District - replace existing Airport Overlay District requirements with a new Airport Overlay District Ordinance and an ordinance to amend Division II, Part IX, Section 9-3112: Judicial proceedings.

Commissioner Miller asked for clarification on the Airport Overlay District.

Motion carried unanimously by all

3. Consider approval on second reading an ordinance 2015-10 to amend the Spalding County Code of Ordinances by adding a new subsection to section 12-1016 to be designated as subparagraph (C) Sterilization Requirement.

**SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
 ANIMAL CONROL ORDINANCE
 ORDINANCE NO. 2015-10**

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND PART XII, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 12-1016 TO AMEND THE SPALDING COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION TO SECTION 12-1016 TO BE DENOMINATED AS SUBPARAGRAPH (C) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 12-1016(c) Sterilization Requirement

Any person owning, keeping, harboring, or having custody of any dog or cats six (6) months of age or older is required to have said animal surgically sterilized, except that this ordinance shall not apply to:

- (1) Individuals who are non-residents of Spalding County and reside temporarily in Spalding County for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days within a 12-months period;
- (2) Lawful humane societies/animal shelters licensed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture whose principal purpose is to secure the adoption of animals or offering sanctuary for dogs and cats. Nevertheless, such organizations must comply with the mandatory sterilization requirements applicable to animal shelters and rescue organizations pursuant to the regulations of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, OCGA 40-13-13 et. Seq., the Georgia Animal Protection Act. OCGA 4-11-1 et., and other applicable laws;
- (3) Veterinary hospitals;
- (4) Persons who own, keep, harbor, or have custody of registered service dogs or working police dogs;
- (5) Persons who own, keep or have custody of actively competitive or retired show dogs or cats. To qualify for this exemption, the dog or cat must be of a breed recognized by and registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), United Kennel Club (UKC), American Dog Breeders Association (ADBA) or Cat Fanciers Association (CFA), and meets one of the following requirements:
 - i. The dog or cat has competed in at least one show or sporting competition sanctioned by a bonafide nationally registry within the past 365 days. Written confirmation by the sponsor that the dog or cat has competed is necessary to satisfy this requirement;
 - ii. The dog has earned conformation, obedience, agility, carting, herding, hunting, protection, rally, sporting, working or other titles from a pure bred dog registry, as referenced above and confirmed in writing by the organization.
 - iii. The dog or cat is registered with a bonafide pure bred dog breed club or cat fanciers association, which maintains and enforces a code of ethics restricting breeding dogs or cats with genetic defects and life threatening health problems that commonly threaten the breed and confirmed in writing by the organization.
 - iv. The owner of the animal signs a statement under oath attesting that the dog or cat is being trained to comply with and qualify for the exemption set out subsections i or ii above.
- (6) Persons who own, keep, or have custody of a dog or cat and who are in possession of a written certification provided by a licensed veterinarian stating that the animal has a serious health condition

which renders the animal unfit to undergo the required surgical procedure.

- (7) Persons who are Georgia State Department of Agriculture licensed breeders.
- (8) The within ordinance shall become effective March 1, 2016.

Approved on first reading this 16th day of November, 2015.
Approved on second reading this 7th day of December, 2015.

Rita Johnson, Chairperson

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

- 4. Consider for approval on second reading an amendment 2015-08 to Part XII, Animals, Chapter 1, Animal Control, of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances by adding a new section to said chapter to be denominated as Section 12-1007 - Unaltered Animal Permit.

**SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART XII-ANIMALS,
CHAPTER 1 ANIMAL CONTROL OF THE SPALDING COUNTY
CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO
SAID CHAPTER TO BE DENOMINATED AS SECTION 12-1007
TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

Sec. 12-1007 Unaltered Animal Permit.

- (a) Animal owners who wish to maintain an intact animal must apply for an unaltered animal permit with Spalding County, Georgia. Spalding County Animal Control will issue a permit if the owner complies with the requirements set forth in this article and pays the permit fee established by the Board of Commissioners. A certificate will be issued identifying the animal as a permitted unaltered animal and must be made available for inspection at all times.
- (b) Owners who apply for an unaltered animal permit must provide proof of rabies vaccination of the animal prior to issuance of the permit. An unaltered animal permit is valid for the same term as the rabies vaccination.
- (c) An unaltered animal tag will be provided to the owner of every unaltered animal. The owner of the unaltered animal is required to ensure that the unaltered animal tag is securely fastened to the animal's collar or harness at all times.
- (d) The cost of an animal permit shall be fixed by the Board of Commissioners.
- (e) The within ordinance shall become effective on March 1, 2016.

Approved on first reading this 16th day of November, 2015.
Approved on second reading this 7th day of December, 2015.

Rita Johnson, Chairperson

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve on second reading an ordinance 2015-10 to amend the Spalding County Code of Ordinances by adding a new subsection to section 12-1016 to be designated as subparagraph (C) Sterilization Requirement and an amendment 2015-08 to Part XII, Animals, Chapter 1, Animal Control, of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances by adding a new section to said chapter to be denominated as Section 12-1007 - Unaltered Animal Permit.

Commissioner Miller stated that he wanted to make sure that these ordinances would not require any additional employees be hired in order to enforce them.

Mr. Wilson advised that the effective date of the ordinances is scheduled for March 2016, to give the public time to be education on the requirements of this Ordinance. These two ordinances will be imposed on a complaint basis, so no additional staff should be necessary.

Commissioner Hawbaker advised that the Board would have to set a fee for the Unaltered Animal Permit at a later meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Consider approval of the 2016 Alcohol License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for Jay Vasudev, Inc. d.b.a. Expressway Food Mart located at 2903 North Expressway, Griffin, GA.

Mr. Wilson advised that all of the departments have reviewed this request and all criteria has been met. Recommendation of staff is to approve this request.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the 2016 Alcohol License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for Jay Vasudev, Inc. d.b.a. Expressway Food Mart located at 2903 North Expressway, Griffin, GA. Vote: 3-0

2. Conduct public hearing to consider the establishment of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 37A.
3. Conduct public hearing to consider the establishment of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 38A.

Mr. Wilson suggested that the public hearing for items 2 and 3 be conducted at the same time.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to conduct a public hearing to consider establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pods 37A and 38A. Motion carried unanimously by all

Mr. Wilson then asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the establishment of street light districts in Sun City Peachtree Pods 37A and 38A. No one present indicated they would like to speak.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to adjourn public hearing to consider establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pods 37A and 38A. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 37A.
5. Consider approval of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 38A.

Motion/Second Hawbaker/Miller to approve the street light districts for Sun City Peachtree – Pods 37A and 38A. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider request from the American Cancer Society to hold their Relay for Life event at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park walking track on May 13 and 14, 2016.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission was polled on this request and seven out of the nine members were able to be contacted and all were in favor of allowing the Relay for Life event to be conducted at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park. He advised that we have let other organizations utilize the park for fund raising, so we are not setting a precedent. The Cancer Society has agreed to abide by all of the rules and provide security, insurance and provide clean-up for the event. Staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to approve a request from the American Cancer Society to hold their Relay for Life event at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park walking track on May 13 and 14, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval of a contract with Auctions, Inc. to conduct an auction for the sale of equipment and vehicles declared surplus by Spalding County.

Mr. Wilson advised that the County Attorney has reviewed this agreement and approved it as to form. The County will be conducting an auction of items declared surplus by the County and this vendor is going to advertise the event for us. It will be a live auction. He advised that in the past the auctions were conducted as a sealed bid and employees were not allowed to participate. Since this is a live auction, with permission of the Board, the employees will be able to bid.

Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to approve a contract with Auctions, Inc. to conduct an auction for the sale of equipment and vehicles declared surplus by Spalding County.

Commissioner Johnson asked if there had been a date established for the auction.

Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager advised that the Auction is scheduled for Saturday, January 9th, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider approval of the 2016 LMIG (Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant) request.

Mr. Wilson stated that the County receives funding from the State of Georgia for maintenance of roads and the County has to match a percentage

in order to receive these funds. This year we received a little over \$550,000 from the State and with the County match it brought the total to \$775,000. He advised that it costs the County approximately \$100,000 per mile to resurface existing roadways.

Mr. Wilson then advised that the 2016 LMIG has four roads to submit to the State this year: Teamon Road (from Jordan Hill Road to Highway 155) approximately 3.8 miles, Dutchman Road (from North Walkers Mill Road to North McDonough) approximately 1.12 miles, the remainder of Vaughn Road (from W. McIntosh to Highway 92) approximately 1.9 miles and Harris Street off of West Ellis, it is a short .5 mile road that is in terrible shape. Total for these improvements will be \$744,000 to complete our match for the resurfacing. These are the worst roads in the County as determined by the Paser System which is how we have been assessing the roads for the last five years.

Mr. Wilson stated that next year we will be asking for the remaining portion of Teamon Road, Dutchman Road along with the next eligible roads on the Paser System list.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked where our matching funds would be coming from.

Mr. Wilson advised that they would be coming from the 2015 SPLOST proceeds.

Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to approve the 2016 LMIG (Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant) request. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of the calendar year 2016 Holiday Schedule.

Mr. Wilson stated that the list consists of the approved Holidays that are designated in the County's personnel ordinance.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the Holiday Schedule as presented for 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider cancellation of the Board of Commissioner Extraordinary Session scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2016, as the County Offices will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to consider cancellation of the Board of Commissioner Extraordinary Session scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2016, as the County Offices will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider approval of contract with Wanda Sisson for Personal Property Tax.

Mr. Wilson advised that we had budgeted for a full time person in the Tax Assessors office to handle Personal Property Tax. He advised that the Tax Assessors Office would like to contract with Ms. Sisson who has over 20 years of experience, she is retired and she is willing to assist in training the staff in Personal Property Tax evaluation. We currently have six months of lapse salary funds available which is more than enough to fulfill the contract with Ms. Sisson.

Donald Long, Chief Appraiser, advised that if we hire someone new into this position, they would not be able to get the information pulled together by April 30th which is the deadline to get all of the Personal Property returns completed.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve a contract with Wanda Sisson for Personal Property Tax. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Consider approval of lease purchase agreement with Municipal Asset Management Inc. for replacement of 80 tasers, battery packs and holsters for the Spalding County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Wilson stated that the tasers currently utilized have been phased out by the manufacturer, these tasers are unserviceable and we are unable to purchase batteries for them. This will allow us to purchase 80 new tasers over a five year period. The contract will include all of the maintenance for the equipment for the five year period. The Sheriff's Department has moved funds in their budget this year to cover the first payment for the tasers.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the lease purchase agreement with Municipal Asset Management Inc. for replacement of 80 tasers, battery packs and holsters for the Spalding County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Use of the Old Senior Center – staff proposes that we utilize the old senior center as an administrative building for the Spalding County Fire Department Administration. We have explored the possibility of renting the building; however everyone who has approached us to rent the building has wanted it for “little to nothing” rent and have requested that the County to do any needed renovations. The County has put aside \$100,000 in the Fire Department Budget for the several years to add on to and expand the Carver Road Station, rather than do that we are proposing that we utilize the original Senior Center behind the Health Department for Administrative and Training purposes.

Mr. Wilson further advised that this building is ADA accessible, has two large rooms that can be used for training and would move the Fire Department forward.

Consensus of the board is to utilize the Old Senior Center as administrative offices for the Spalding County Fire Department.

- Christmas Appreciation – It has been suggest that we have a desert bar at the Carver Road Fire Station for employees and that the Commissioners deliver cookie trays to the CI, the Jail and E911. He advised that he had broached the subject with Chairman Johnson and she was amenable to the idea.

Consensus of the Board is to have the CI prepare the cookies and the Commissioners will be at the Carver Road Station to thank employees and will deliver cookies to the different locations.

- Chuck Copeland, Chairman of the Griffin Spalding Development Authority was named 2015 Volunteer of the Year by the Georgia Economic Developers Association.
- Press Release: GEMA/Homeland Security recently awarded a \$39,358 federal

grant top Spalding County for the purchase and installation of two outdoor warning sirens. As you may recall, Sunny Side and Orchard Hill put in their SPLOST two sirens, so we are going to try to purchase 4 at one time and save everyone some money and get them installed the first quarter or at least during the first six months of 2016.

- 2016 MLK Celebration Parade scheduled for January 18, 2016. Please let Kathy know if you plan to attend.
- Archway Partnership will be hosting a “Calling All Young Professionals” meeting on December 10, 2015 at Safehouse Coffee Roasters.
- The Spalding County Fire Department, Spalding County Sheriff’s Department, Homeland Security and E911 will be working to establish an Active Shooter Protocol for the Spalding County Offices given the tragedy in California last week.
- The Lakes at Green Valley – Named Market Ready Site by the State of Georgia.
- Date for In-Rem Hearings - need to set a date during the day sometime in January. Mr. Wilson suggested the week of the 25th of January and asked the Board to look at their calendars and let staff know.
- With regard to the 2015 SPLOST, many of the projects were based on the assumption that Spalding County would be responsible for the construction of the projects with our existing crews. We have a chance to get mobile construction crews to assist in construction of some of the 2015 SPLOST projects. We need the Board’s permission to ask our legislators to ask the Department of Corrections Commissioner if he can assist us over the next two years with a mobile construction crew to aid the County with some of the construction for the 2015 SPLOST projects. This is an inquiry to see if this is a possible avenue for assistance with construction. The Board consented to Mr. Wilson contacting the local legislators and requesting assistance from the Department of Corrections.
- We are on line to have the local legislation passed for the hotel/motel tax increase to 8%.
- He advised that he and Judge Esary are working with our local legislative delegation to make Solicitor General a full time position, January 1, 2017.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hawbaker

- Great news regarding the Lakes at Green Valley getting certified as a market ready site by the Georgia Department of Economic Development. This means the park is market ready and opens up additional tools to market the site through the State. This program benefits include highlight listing on the industrial site databases of major utility websites. The Griffin-Spalding Development Authority has reason to be proud of this accomplishment and the time and effort that went into achieving this status. He added that the Lakes at Green Valley was part of the 2008 SPLOST.
- Today is December 7th and he wants to acknowledge Pearl Harbor Day and the sacrifices that were made by the many veterans on this day which resulted in America’s entering into World War II.
- He wanted to report that based entirely on the drawings and proposed renditions for the Pickleball Facility in Spalding County, he has tentatively already booked two Pickleball Tournaments for that Facility.

We did a lot of work to get the SPLOST passed and Pickleball was the orphan on the list and took a lot of abuse; however, there is a lot of tournament activity out there for the largest growing sport in America. Based only on the drawings, the State Director/Ambassador for Pickleball Development in Georgia has already directed the Georgia State Games our way in mid-2016 and the Southeast Regional, which will be huge, for 2017.

- He was glad to learn about the longevity distributions to be made to long term county employees. He wanted to thank of the recipients of this distribution for their service to the community.
- In closing he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Miller

- Regarding the Stormwater charge for the new airport property, he stated that he had received replies from Kenny Smith, Brant Keller and Drew Whalen who said that there could be something done.
- He wanted to thank the employees for all that they do and wish them all a Merry Christmas. He wanted to wish the Commissioners and those attending the meeting a Merry Christmas also.

Chairperson Johnson

- Wanted to comment on an email received from Eric Mosley regarding a good call made by one of our employees, Stephanie Phillips, who is a dispatcher at the E911 Center. She wanted to add her thanks for being proactive to a situation that could have saved someone's life.
- Wants to sit down in January to discuss the SPLOST projects and determine a priority of construction.
- She wanted to "ditto" the congratulations regarding the longevity pay for folks who have been with the County for so long and she wanted to thank the employees for the hard work that they have done.
- She stated that this may be her last meeting as the Chairperson for the Board of Commissioners and it is her hope that she has conducted herself in a professional and orderly manner and she hopes that she has lived up to the Board's expectations.
- She closed by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Hawbaker then extended his appreciation to Chairman Johnson on a job well done this year and he has been very impressed with the way she has stepped up to fill the position this year.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION - None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***

/s/_____
Rita Johnson, Chairperson

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