

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, August 17, 2015
6:00 PM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, August 17, 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.
- V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
 1. Consider approval of financial statements for the one month ended July 31, 2015.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, stated she would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the financial statements presented to the Board.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve the financial statements for the twelve months ended July 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.

No one signed up to speak.

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes of the August 3, 2015 Board of Commissioners Regular meeting.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Conduct a Public Hearing on Proposed 2015 Property Tax Increase as defined by OCGA 48-5-32.1.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to open the public hearing on Proposed 2015 Property Tax Increase as defined by OCGA 48-5-32.1. Motion carried unanimously by all

Mr. Wilson advised that we had our first public hearing this morning. One of the three meetings must be held between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m. this is that hearing for anyone who wishes to speak on the matter before us which is a Proposed Property Tax Increase as defined by OCGA 48-5-32.1. He wanted to remind everyone that we are retaining the same mileage rate as we had in 2014; therefore, if your property assessment decreased or stayed the same you will not see a property tax increase in 2016.

Mr. Wilson further advised that approximately 91% of the parcels within Spalding County maintained the same value or went down in value for 2015. There were approximately 769 commercial parcels and 1864 residential parcels representing 8.5% of the property in Spalding County were assessed at a higher value than 2014.

No one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing.

Thomas Martin, 312 Stonewood, Griffin, GA the only thing he is concerned is that the County budgeted \$900,000 more in this year's budget over last year's budget. He questioned why if the State requires that the mileage rate be reduced we are accommodating the \$900,000 increase to the budget.

Mr. Wilson advised that the budget was based on a 3% net increase in the digest which meant that we were projected to take in 3% more than we did last year. That digest increase did not materialize and that is where the

\$900,000 shortfall comes from. The County does the budgets in March, April and May of each year and we do not know the exact value of the tax digest until August. We are estimating, based on our best estimate from the Tax Assessors Office who projected that we would have a 3% net digest increase, that is what was utilized, and we did not get that 3%.

Commissioner Hawbaker added that the budget process is based on 100% collection of the digest; however, any appeals through the Board of Equalization could reduce the amount of the digest.

Mr. Wilson confirmed that the budget is based on 100% collection of the tax digest projected and that digest could be reduced by the findings of the Board of Equalization.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to close the public hearing on Proposed 2015 Property Tax Increase as defined by OCGA 48-5-32.1. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider request from Union Baptist Church for an Outside Amplification Permit for their "Fall Festival" at 1405 N. McDonough Road, Griffin, GA on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Wilson advised that all of the necessary paperwork has been completed and no department has objected to this permit.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the request from Union Baptist Church for an Outside Amplification Permit for their "Fall Festival" at 1405 N. McDonough Road, Griffin, GA on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all

3. Consider request of the Humane Society of Griffin Spalding County, Inc. for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Humane Society's Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held on Saturday, October 17th, 2015 at "The Pavilion" from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker approve the request of the Humane Society of Griffin Spalding County, Inc. for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Humane Society's Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held on Saturday, October 17th, 2015 at "The Pavilion" from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider request from the Doc Holiday BBQ & Blues Festival and Concert Committee for \$5,000 for advertising and promotional expenses for the 2015 Doc Holliday BBQ & Blues Festival to be held September 25 - 26, 2015.

Mr. Wilson advised that this item has been withdrawn at the request of the Doc Holliday BBQ & Blues Festival committee.

5. Conduct public hearing for the 2015 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) for Spalding County, City of Orchard Hill and City of Sunny Side.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to open the public hearing on Proposed 2015 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) for Spalding County, City of Orchard Hill and City of Sunny Side. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Chad Jacobs stated that this the annual update to the CIE which is the Capital Improvements Element and the STWP which is the Short Term Work Program that is done every year. The Board has been furnished with a list of projects for this program. Three of the projects have been moved to an ongoing status, one project has been completed and there is one project that we were unable to get momentum on so for the upcoming year we are going to regroup and try to move this project forward.

No one signed up for the Public Hearing.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to close the public hearing on Proposed 2015 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) for Spalding County, City of Orchard Hill and City of Sunny Side. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of Resolution authorizing transmittal to Three Rivers Regional Commission of the 2015 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) and incorporation of these changes into the Spalding County 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve a Resolution authorizing transmittal to Three Rivers Regional Commission of the 2015 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) and incorporation of these changes into the Spalding County 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider authorizing Chairman to execute the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund Safety Discount Verification form.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the annual verification form that has to be completed to qualify with ACCG for the Group Self-Insurance Worker's Compensation Fund Safety Discount Program. Last year the county saved approximately \$19,500 off of our Worker's Comp insurance premium. It states that we have a Safety Officer, we have a Safety Committee and we have an Accident Review Committee and that we take safety seriously here in Spalding County.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to authorize Chairperson Johnson to execute the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund Safety Discount Verification form. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider authorizing Chairman to execute Agreement with LiveHealth Online for the delivery, installation, maintenance and support of a Telehealth Kiosk.

Mr. Fortune stated that this is a kiosk that will be located in Memorial Drive Plaza in a HIPAA approved facility and will allow Spalding County Employees to access this kiosk on a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week basis for minor medical consultation with a doctor or nurse practitioner, one on one through this device.

Mr. Wilson advised that access to this kiosk will give the employees an alternative to the \$25 co-pay for a doctor's visit. He stated the believes the copay for using the kiosk is \$10.00.

Commissioners asked where the kiosk would be located.

Mr. Wilson advised that Veterans Services would be moving and the kiosk would be located where Veterans Services currently occupies. We should be finished with Veterans Services new offices by the end of the month and it will probably be 30 days after that before the kiosk is in and ready for use.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to authorize Chairperson Johnson to execute Agreement with LiveHealth Online for the delivery, installation, maintenance and support of a Telehealth Kiosk. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of a Resolution to Authorize the Use of Judicial In-Rem Tax Foreclosures Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-4-76.

Mr. Fortune advised that generally when the Tax Commissioner sells property for taxes, it is known as a non-judicial foreclosure for taxes. The problem that arises from that sale is that it takes time for that title to ripen into a good deed. A judicial tax foreclosure is known as a Quiet Title action which gives you a much better degree of title if you purchase it on the

courthouse steps. This requires additional up front work to get the Court to approve the sale. If we are going to utilize the Judicial In-Rem Tax Foreclosure statute set forth in OCGA 48-4-76 we need to approve the resolution. He advised that this would not be used except when it is necessary.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve a Resolution to Authorize the Use of Judicial In-Rem Tax Foreclosures Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-4-76. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider authorizing the Spalding County Fire Department to submit applications for grants during FY 2016.

Mr. Wilson stated that Glen Polk, Deputy Chief of Administration for the Fire Department has developed a spreadsheet with a listing of all of the grants applicable to the Fire Department for FY2016. Rather than coming before the Board on a monthly basis to get approval to apply for a grant, every time it is their hope to get the Board's blanket approval to apply for these grants.

Mr. Wilson advised that the County budgets \$50,000 per year as matching funds for the grants, should the Fire Department be fortunate enough to receive a larger grant and additional funds be needed for a match, they would come before the Board to request additional funding from the Fire District fund for the match.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller authorizing the Spalding County Fire Department to submit applications for grants during FY 2016 with the limitations identified by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider bids for the 2014 and 2015 LMIG resurfacing projects.

Mr. Wilson advised that no resurfacing was done last year so we have both the 2014 and 2015 LMIG for your consideration. We are recommending low bidder in the amount of \$1,567,054.07 by E.R. Snell and Company. Of that amount GDOT will provide \$1,112,752.02, but we have to match that a minimum of 30% which is coming from the 2008 SPLOST. We will match on these projects \$454,304.05. This will resurface approximately 14.7 miles at approximately \$100,000 per mile.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve the bids for the 2014 and 2015 LMIG resurfacing projects. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Roundabout on SR16 at the 85 connector and Hollonville Road is operational. They are finishing up with landscaping and lighting.
- Construction has started at SR362 at Moreland Road and Rover Zetella the Water Authority has let a contract for water main relocation. The DOT contractor is clearing right of way out there for a full blown intersection with a traffic signal and turn lines.
- September 7th Board meeting is cancelled due to observance of the Labor Day holiday so our first meeting in September will be the 21st.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hawbaker on August 6th the Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs meeting, held at Southern Crescent Technical College, had a fascinating presentation by the Scott Votaw, Executive Director of the new Georgia Film Institute. Commissioner Hawbaker feels that this is going to be a great addition to Southern Crescent is going to be a fantastic addition for Spalding County.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that funding from the 2008 SPLOST purchased property to house the Georgia Film Institute. This institute will be training all of the behind the scenes people for the television and film production industry.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor had no comment.

Commissioner Ray asked if there is any word on how Ms. Jo is doing.

Mr. Wilson advised that he hadn't heard any more than he reported to the Board earlier.

Commissioner Ray asked Mr. Wilson to keep the Board posted. He also wanted to remind everyone that in late September the Board of Health usually has a drive through flu shot exercise on Memorial Drive. There will be approximately 1500 flu shots available to Spalding County citizens for free.

Commissioner Ray introduced Michael Gooden, 107 Ola Circle here for his Citizenship Merit Badge for Boy Scouts and presented Mr. Gooden with a Spalding County pin..

Bart Miller had no comment.

Chairman Johnson on September 3rd the Executive Archway Committee will meet and she will be giving the Board monthly reports on where we are heading.

Mr. Wilson stated that he failed to mention that the newest program at the Senior Center, the Senior Nutrition Program has been open for 11 days and in that time

has served 1070 meals and that includes 98 today. Today was also the first day that county employees could participate in the meals today.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Miller Hawbaker to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.