

# After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2017  
6:00 PM  
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex  
119 E. Solomon Street

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, January 9, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald 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 Gwen Flowers-Taylor.
- IV. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

***Chairperson Johnson then turned the meeting over to James Fortune, County Attorney to call for the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2017.***

1. Election of Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2017.

Jim Fortune, County Attorney, then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to nominate Bart Miller for the position of Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar year 2017.***

***Motion/Second Flowers-Taylor/Ray to close the nominations for Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

***Motion/Second Flowers-Taylor/Ray to elect Bart Miller as Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2017 carried 4-0-1 as Commissioner Miller abstained from voting on his election.***

2. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2017.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to nominate Raymond Ray for the position of Vice Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar year 2017.***

***Motion/Second Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to close the nominations for Vice Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to elect Raymond Ray as Vice Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2017 carried 4-0-1 as Commissioner Ray abstained from voting on his election.***

Chairman Miller presented outgoing Chairperson Johnson with a plaque commemorating her two years of service as Chairperson of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Johnson stated that it had been a pleasure serving as Chairperson for the last two years and she looks forward to continuing to serve as Commissioner for District 3. She expressed her appreciation to the citizens and the Board for their support over the last two years.

## **V. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appointment of County Manager for Calendar Year 2017.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint William P. Wilson, Jr. as the County Manager for Calendar Year 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Appointment of County Clerk for Calendar Year 2017.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint William P. Wilson, Jr. as the County Clerk for Calendar Year 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Appointment of Ex-Officio County Clerk for Calendar Year 2017.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Kathy Gibson as the Ex-Officio County Clerk for Calendar Year 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Appointment of County Attorney for Calendar Year 2017.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint James R. Fortune, Jr. as the County Attorney for Calendar Year 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

5. Consider appointment of County Human Resources Attorney for Calendar Year 2017.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to appoint John Lowery as the County Human Resource Attorney for Calendar Year 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

6. Consider appointment of County Zoning Attorney for Calendar Year 2017.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to appoint Newton M. Galloway as the County Zoning Attorney for Calendar Year 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## VI. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Laura Gustavson of the Georgia Emergency Management Association would like to present a check to Spalding County in the amount of \$25,340.00 for a grant to complete the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Ms. Gustavson introduced herself as a GEMA Hazard Mitigation Planner and she presented a check for \$25,340.00 to Spalding County and Spalding County EMA for the successful completion of their Hazard Mitigation Plan.

## VII. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the six months ended December 31, 2016.

Jinna Garrison, Director of Administrative Services, advised that she was available should the Board have any questions regarding the financial statements as presented.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve the November 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016 Financial Statements as presented to the Board. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## VIII. 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.

### **Spoke against the proposed pocket park on Connally Place.**

Charles Releford, 185 Connally Place, Griffin, Georgia.  
Fannie DeLaney, 208 Pine Trace Circle, Griffin, Georgia.  
Tonya Releford, 185 Connally Place, Griffin, Georgia.

Lannie Hook, 148 McKinley Drive, Griffin, Georgia expressed his concern regarding roomers that surrounding the garbage and recycling centers in Spalding County.

## IX. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on December 5, 2016.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the minutes of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on December 5, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## X. CONSENT AGENDA-

1. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance amending the Motor

Vehicles and Traffic Code Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002 to reduce the speed limit on Poplar Drive.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve on second reading an Ordinance amending the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002 to reduce the speed limit on Poplar Drive. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**XI. OLD BUSINESS -**

1. Lift from the table an appointment to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board to fill the unexpired term of Robert "Smokey" Page to expire on December 31, 2016.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to lift from the table an appointment to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board to fill the term of Robert "Smokey" Page. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson advised that there is a nomination in the appointment book for this position, Ms. Sandra Wimbush who is a licensed clinical social worker who worked for the local DFCS for 10 years before moving to a state position in Atlanta. Ms. Wimbush has expressed a strong interest in being active in this community.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Sandra Wimbush to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board to replace Robert "Smokey" Page for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider alternate design review for a new building to be erected by Pilkenton Construction located on O'Dell Road.

Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director, stated that this request was presented to the Board at their meeting in December for consideration of an alternate design asking to vary from the Ordinance with regard to the requirement that all industrial metal buildings to incorporate other materials such as brick, stone or hardy board incorporated into the design of the exterior. Their request was denied in December.

Mr. Jacobs advised that this piece of property is located at the corner of O'Dell and O'Dell Industrial and is owned by Mr. Harvey Pilkenton. He stated that they have requested another proposal to be considered by the Board this evening. He stated that the ordinance requires that any exterior walls that are parallel to the right of way cannot be all metal unless approved by the Board of Commissioners, they must incorporate at least one of the materials previously mentioned into the design of these exterior walls.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the new design includes and all brick front on the front of the building that will face O'Dell Road and a three foot brick façade going down the side of the building that will be facing O'Dell Industrial Way. Mr. Jacobs advised that staff is recommending approval of the revised design as he feels this is a good compromise to accommodate the ordinance.

Mr. Harvey Pilkenton, 111 Cheshire Drive, Griffin stated that they plan to

put their new building on the corner lot as indicated by Mr. Jacobs and they are intending to brick the front of that building and they have agreed to brick three foot high down the side of the building in order to get the approval this evening; however, they would prefer to simply brick the front of the building.

Commissioner Ray stated that several years ago the Board had received and approved basically the same request from Luke Evans and he agreed to brick three feet up on the sides of his building. He stated that he feels they the board should keep everything on that corner consistent.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the alternate design as recommended and presented by the Community Development Department. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS-**

1. Consider request of the Pinetree Hills Home Owners Association to rescind the decision of the Board of Commissioners made at their December 5, 2016 meeting to establish a park within the cul-de-sac in the right of way of Connally Place as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that as a member of the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, they had made a recommendation to this Board and subsequently approved by this Board to place a Pocket Park in the cul-de-sac on Connally Place. The Commission investigated and found that the circle belonged to the County and was not being maintained. The request was made by the President of the Home Owners Association so the Commission had no reason to believe that it had not been vetted through the organization. The goal is to place as many parks within communities a possible; however, when there is an abundance of residents in the Community who do not agree, it is incumbent upon us to listen to those residents.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to rescind the actions of the Board of Commissioners establishing a Pocket Park in the cul-de-sac located on Connally Place that was approved by the Board on at the December 5, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
  - (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Chairperson Rita Johnson for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she would like to remain on the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

***Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Johnson to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (b) To succeed County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr. for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

***Motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint William P. Wilson, Jr. to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a one year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- 3. Consider appointment to the West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board to succeed Chairperson Rita Johnson for a term to expire 12/31/2017.

Mr. Wilson advised that per the by-laws of the West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board the Chairman is the only one who can be appointed to this Board; therefore, Bart Miller, as Chairman will be appointed to this Board for a one year term to expire 12/31/2017.

- 4. Consider appointments to the Two Rivers R C & D Council.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Donald Hawbaker for a one year term to expire 12/31/2017.

Commissioner Hawbaker advised that he would like to remain on this Council for a one year term.

***Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Donald Hawbaker to the Two Rivers RC & D Council for a one year term to expire 12/31/2017.***

- (b) Alternate member to succeed Eric Mosley for a one year term to expire 12/31/2017.

Mr. Mosley advised that he would like to continue to serve on this Council as an alternate member.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Eric Mosley to the Two Rivers RC & D Council for a one year term to expire 12/31/2017 as Spalding County's alternate member. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- 5. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Bart Miller for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed to desire to serve on this Authority.

**Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Gwen-Flowers Taylor to serve on the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.**

- (b) To succeed Fannie DeLaney for a six year term ending December 31, 2022.

**Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Fannie Delaney to the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority for a six year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

- 6. Consider appointments to the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Raymond Ray for a one year term ending 12/31/2017.

Commissioner Ray advised that they would like to continue to serve on this Commission.

**Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Raymond Ray to the Council of Three Rivers Regional Commission for a period of one year ending 12/31/2017.**

- 7. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to continue on this Commission.

**Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Gwen-Flowers-Taylor to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.**

- 8. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board.

- (a) To succeed Edward Goss for a three year term ending December 31, 2019.

Mr. Wilson advised that there were two individuals that had been placed in the book for this appointment Dan McLean and Edward Goss.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to appoint Dan McLean to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried 3-2 (Johnson/Flowers-Taylor).**

- (b) To succeed Bill Kelley for a three year term ending December 31, 2019.

Mr. Wilson advised that the only name placed in the book for this appointment was Mr. Bill Kelley.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to appoint Bill Kelly to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).***

9. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services Board to succeed Janice Bogan for a five year term ending December 31, 2021.

Mr. Wilson advised that there were two names for consideration; Janice Bogan and John Plageman and they would be considered in the order that they were placed in the book.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to appoint Janice Bogan to the Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services Board for a five year term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

10. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees:

- (a) To succeed Barbara Jo Cook for a four year term to expire 12/31/2020.

Mr. Wilson advised that there were two names for consideration: Barbara Jo Cook and James E. Kirby and they would need to be considered in the order that they were placed in the book.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Barbara Jo Cook to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees for a four year term ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

11. Consider the appointments to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children.

- (a) To succeed Bart Miller for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she would like to be considered for this appointment.

***Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Rita Johnson to***



***the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Family & Children for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (b) To succeed Irma Lewis (Law Enforcement Representative) for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Mr. Wilson advised that Sheriff Dix had approved Irma Lewis to remain on this Authority for another term.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Irma Lewis to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Family & Children for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

12. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Board of Health:

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Raymond Ray for a one year term to expire December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Ray expressed his desire to remain on this Board for another year.

***Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Raymond Ray to the Spalding County Board of Health for a one year term to expire December 31, 2017.***

- (b) To succeed Teresa Buchanan for a six year term ending 12/31/2022.

Mr. Wilson advised that there were two names for consideration: Teresa Buchanan and John Plageman and they would need to be considered in the order they were placed in the book.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Teresa Buchanan to the Spalding County Board of Health for a six year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (c) To succeed Dr. Bruce Reid for a six year term ending 12/31/2022.

Mr. Wilson advised that Dr. Reid was the only nomination for consideration.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Dr. Bruce Reid to the Spalding County Board of Health for a six year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

13. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board.

- (a) To succeed Brent Foster as the Animal Shelter Supervisor appointment for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Brent Foster as the Animal Shelter Supervisor to the Griffin-Spalding Animal Care & Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (b) To succeed Karri Gebler (Post #2) for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

***Commissioner Ray appointed Karri Gebler to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (c) To succeed Vickie Hennessey (Post #4) for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

***Chairman Miller appointed Vickie Hennessey to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (d) To succeed Gayle Hawbaker (Post #3) for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

***Commissioner Johnson appointed Gayle Hawbaker to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (e) To succeed Wade Hutcheson (Post #1) for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

***Commissioner Flowers-Taylor appointed Wade Hutcheson to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (f) To succeed Daryl Williams (Post #5) for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Donald Hawbaker asked that this appointment for Post #5 be tabled until the next meeting.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to table the Post #5 Appointment to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board until the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

14. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority.

- (a) To succeed Commissioner Rita Johnson as the Chairman's appointment for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Hawbaker expressed his interest in being appointed to this Authority.

***Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Donald Hawbaker to the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (b) To succeed Johnny Goodrum for a three year term ending December 31, 2019.

Mr. Wilson advised that there are three names that have been submitted for consideration: Ballard Brooks, Brent Bell and James Kirby and they would need to be considered in the order they were placed in the book.

***Motion Second by Hawbaker/Ray to appoint Ballard Brooks to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).***

- (c) To succeed Robert Parker for a three year term ending December 31, 2019.

Mr. Wilson advised that there were two names that have been submitted for consideration: William Burns and Dr. Randall L. Peters and they will need to be considered in the order they were placed in the book.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Johnson to appoint William Burns to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for a three year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion failed 1-4 (Ray/Johnson/Flowers-Taylor/Miller).***

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to appoint Dr. Randall L. Peters to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for a three year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

15. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Raymond Ray for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Ray expressed his desire to continue on this Authority.

***Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Raymond Ray to the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (b) To succeed Bonnie Pfrogner for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.

Mr. Wilson advised that there are three names that have been submitted for consideration: Dr. Randall L. Peters, Bonnie Pfrogner and John Kirby and they will need to be considered in the order they were placed in the book.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to appoint Dr. Randall L. Peters to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority for a four year term ending December 31, 2020. Motion failed 1-4 (Johnson/Flowers-Taylor/Miller/Hawbaker)***

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to appoint Bonnie Pfrogner to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority for a four year term ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- 16. Consider appointment to the Griffin Downtown Council-Main Street Advisory Board.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Chairperson Rita Johnson for a one year term to expire December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Johnson expressed her desire to remain on this Board for another year.

***Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Rita Johnson to the Griffin Downtown Council-Main Street Advisory Board for a one year term to expire December 31, 2017.***

- 17. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee.

- (a) To succeed Commissioner Bart Miller for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

***Chairman Miller stated he would remain on this Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (b) To succeed Fire Chief Kenny West for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Mr. Wilson advised that this appointment is for the Fire Chief or his designee.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to appoint Fire Chief Kenny West to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (c) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Donald Hawbaker for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Hawbaker expressed his desire to remain on this Committee.

***Chairman Miller appointed Commissioner Donald Hawbaker to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.***

- (d) To succeed Eddie Freeman for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Mr. Wilson advised that Mr. Freeman had express his desire to remain on this Committee and his is the only name in the book.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to appoint Eddie Freeman to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (e) To succeed Todd Harris for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Mr. Wilson stated that this position is designated for a Griffin-Spalding School Representative.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to appoint Todd Harris to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (f) To succeed Chad Jacobs for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the County Staff position for this Committee.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to appoint Chad Jacobs to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (g) To succeed William P. Wilson, Jr. for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the County Manager designated position for this Committee.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to appoint William P. Wilson, Jr. to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

- (h) To succeed Sheriff Wendell Beam for a one year term ending December 31, 2017.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the County Sheriff or designee position for this Committee.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to appoint Sheriff Darrell Dix to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

- 18. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority.

- (a) To succeed Mr. Carl Pruett as the Post 7 appointment for a six year term ending December 31, 2022.

Mr. Wilson advised that there were three names that have been submitted for consideration: Carl Pruett, Dr. Randall L. Peters and Blake Locke and they will need to be considered in the order they were placed in the book.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to appoint Carl Pruett to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority Post 7 for a six year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

- 19. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding Land Bank Authority.

- (a) To succeed County Appointee, Newton Galloway, for a four year term ending 12/31/2020.
- (b) To succeed County Appointee, Shirley Gardner, for a four a four year term ending 12/31/2020.

**Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to table both appointments to the Griffin-Spalding Land Bank Authority until the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

- 20. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals.

- (a) To succeed W. Ed Brown, as the Post #4 appointment, for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.

***Chairman Bart Miller appointed W. Ed Brown to the Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals as the Post #4 appointment for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.***

- (b) To succeed Michelle Cannon, as the Post #3 appointment, for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.

***Commissioner Rita Johnson appointed Yolanda Holmes to the Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals as the Post #3 appointment for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.***

- (c) To succeed Robert Lattimore, as the Post #1 appointment, for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor requested that the Post 1 appointment to the Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals be tabled until the next meeting.

***Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to table the Post #1 appointment to the Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

21. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Planning Commission.

- (a) To succeed Sonny Eubanks, as the Post #4 appointment, for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.

***Chairman Bart Miller appointed Sonny Eubanks to the Spalding County Planning Commission as the Post #4 appointment for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.***

- (b) To succeed B. Frank Harris, as the Post #1 appointment, for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.

***Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor appointed B. Frank Harris to the Spalding County Planning Commission as the Post #1 appointment for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.***

- (c) To succeed John Youmans, as the Post #3 appointment, for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.

**Commissioner Rita Johnson appointed John Youmans to the Spalding County Planning Commission as the Post #3 appointment for a four year term ending December 31, 2020.**

22. Consider appointment to the Council on Aging to fill the expired term of Janie Clark for a three year term ending 12/31/2019.

Mr. Wilson advised that Janie Clark is the only name in the book for consideration.

**Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Janie Clark to the Council on Aging for a three year term ending 12/31/2019.**

23. Consider approval of a resolution adopting the Spalding County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for FEMA inclusion for plan formal federal review and approval.

Mr. Wilson advised that we received the check tonight for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Spalding County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed by McIntosh Trail and all of the entities involved and has been approved and this is the final resolution sending it for final federal review. Staff recommends approval.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve a resolution adopting the Spalding County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for FEMA inclusion for plan formal federal review and approval. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

24. Consider approval of resolution authorizing adoption of the 2016 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) and incorporation of these changes into the Spalding County 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

**Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the 2016 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) and incorporate these changes into the Spalding County 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

25. Consider approval of submission of grant to the Central Georgia EMC Foundation for the Fairmont Community Center.



Mr. Wilson advised that all grant applications have to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. This is a \$5,000 grant that requires no match and it will be used for the Fairmont Community Center – Success Center to purchase computers, tablets, materials and supplies to be utilized by the Success Center.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve the submission of a grant to the Central Georgia EMC Foundation for the Fairmont Community Center. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

26. Consider Change Order Request received from Headley Construction to adjust quantities and for blasting and trench work required on the Pickleball Complex at Wyomia Tyus Park.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is Change Order #2, the first change order was to change the color of the roof on that facility to blue. This Change Order for a little over \$28,000 is a result of to rock that required us to blast and the rock then had to be removed. He also advised that this includes piping that had to be extended to accommodate stormwater drainage and other drainage for the complex.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the Change Order request received from Headley Construction to adjust quantities for blasting and trench work required on the Pickleball Complex at Wyomia Tyus Park. Motion carried 4-1 (Ray).***

27. Consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the Tax Commissioner to receive personal, company, certified, treasurers or cashier's checks, or bank, postal and express money orders and ACH electronic transactions, web payment e-checks and credit/debit card payments in payment of all taxes and license fees. Additionally, it authorizes the disbursement of said funds to the Spalding County General Fund on a monthly basis.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is a Resolution that has to be approved by the Board of Commissioners upon the election or re-election of the Tax Commissioner authorizing receipt of payment of taxes by the many methods currently available and disbursement of these funds on a monthly basis to the General Fund.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve a Resolution authorizing the Tax Commissioner to receive personal, company, certified, treasurers or cashier's checks, or bank, postal and express money orders and ACH electronic transactions, web***

***payment e-checks and credit/debit card payments in payment of all taxes and license fees. Additionally, it authorizes the disbursement of said funds to the Spalding County General Fund on a monthly basis. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Commissioner Hawbaker had left the meeting.)***

28. Consider increase in Bailiff's Per Diem compensation.

Mr. Wilson advised that a representative of the Bailiff's was here at the last meeting to ask that their per diem be increased from \$70 to \$80 per day. Currently this is a \$50,000 per year expense for the Bailiffs for the entire year, the increase will represent approximate 14% increase and result in an additional \$7,800 in annual expenditures. He added that it has been over a decade since they received their last increase. Staff recommends approval of this request effective January 9, 2017.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to increase the Bailiff's Per Diem compensation by \$10 per day effective January 9, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

### **XIII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- Advised that he had sent the board an email regarding the Alcohol Ordinance and we need to get direction from the Board on an oversight that Mr. Fortune will address.

Mr. Fortune advised that under Section 6-1020. Which outlines "Days when sales prohibited". Item (a) states that "No retail package dealer shall open his place of business, or furnish, sell or offer for sale or distribution any liquor at any of the following times: ..." which does not apply to wine and beer. Newton Galloway and Chad agree that this was simply an oversight, a mistake, and that the word "liquor" be replaced with "alcoholic beverages" in order to correct this oversight. It currently makes no sense that it would only apply to liquor.

Mr. Wilson advised that there will be a Resolution on the next agenda to correct this oversight.

- He wanted to remind everyone of the MLK Parade is Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. we have four commissioners: Ray, Johnson, Hawbaker and Flowers-Taylor, have advised that they would like to ride on the fire trucks and we will make those arrangements. According to the Melanie West, the fire trucks will be positioned on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street across from Chick Fil A down the alley of what use to be Atlanta Gas Light building.
- We have been able to line up the facilitators and presenters for Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Senior Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- He wanted to remind everyone that the Archway Retreat is February 1, 2 and 3 and we have made hotel reservations for all of the Commissioners, so if anyone

cannot attend please let Kathy Gibson know so that we can cancel the room. Also we will be taking Big Blue to this meeting.

- The Archway Summit is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Georgia Center in Athens. Anyone who would like to attend the Archway Partnership will cover the Registration and Hotel Rooms for this Summit. Participants will be responsible for the travel. Mr. Wilson stated that he would be attending the Summit.

Commissioner Ray asked what the purpose of the Summit would be.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Summit is where all of the Archway Professionals and Archway Communities meet. Generally the Executive Committee of each Archway Community will meet with the Executive Committees of other communities to brainstorm to exchange ideas and see what is happening in their community. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to attend the Summit.

#### **XIV. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

##### **Commissioner Donald Hawbaker**

- He wanted to express his personal thanks to Commissioner Rita Johnson for her service as Chairperson for the Board of Commissioners for the last two years. He feels she did an excellent job and grew into the position.
- He saw a notice in the newspaper about a free spay and neuter at the Newnan Clinic the whole month of January for Spalding County Residents. The article had telephone numbers so he hopes that everyone who qualifies and has an animal that needs to be spayed or neutered will take advantage of this opportunity.
- He then wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

##### **Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor**

- She would also like to thank Commissioner Rita Johnson for her service and her time as Chairperson and to tell the new Chairman that it gets better. The first night is always the worst. Repetition will make it easier and ACCG has a very good class on Managing Meetings and that will make all the difference in the world, it did for her.
- She would like to consider a series of short workshops, 1-2 hour meetings, to establish ground rules on where we are.
  - ✓ One of the items to be discussed will be the gun range, where we are and future steps.
  - ✓ Recycling, during the retreat we only have a limited amount of time so some of the items we need to do more ground work on, so it is not so hard to establish a direction once the ground work has been done.
  - ✓ The revenue losses that we will have as a result of WellStar purchasing the hospital.

- ✓ The upcoming responsibility we have with the new airport.

She stated that she doesn't like meeting any more than anyone else, but some of these things need to be discussed prior to sitting in a retreat room and trying to solve the issue in one day.

- She did go to visit Santa when the Parks and Recreation Department provided "Breakfast With Santa". She visited two of the recreation centers that day; Ambucs and Fairmont. She stated that she actually brought three children with her to the event and she and the children had a great time. She stated that Parks and Recreation "goes all out" and she stated that she wasn't much in the Christmas Spirit before that day, but after attending those events, she was very much into the Christmas Spirit. The event was well attended and the parents that she talked with were very happy that the County offered the "Breakfast With Santa."
- She stated that she really appreciates being on this Board and is grateful to have the opportunity to continue to serve. She is looking forward to our making steady progress on the things that we have promised to the community with the last SPLOST that was done. The community is just like us, they want to see progress and movement toward the goals that have been set.
- She would like to see more minority representation on the Airport Authority, she has talked with constituents in her district and none of them know anything about the Airport Authority. She stated that she feels that the Airport Authority is a big enough thing that we really need as many people as possible in the County to know how good this is going to be for our community. We need to be all inclusive in making sure that we get as much information as possible out to the community regarding the airport.

#### **Commissioner Raymond Ray**

- He wanted to say congratulations to the elected officials who are returning to their seats and to the new elected officials who are taking on their roles.
- He thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work on acquiring the Grant from FEMA for \$25,000 for our community.
- He asked that the Board look at if a business in the County does not pay their taxes, that we do not issue a business license. Coweta County has implemented this policy and it is getting the attention of quite a few businesses and it is lowering their non-payment rate. He would like for us to contact Coweta County and see what we can do to bring this to Spalding County.

#### **Commissioner Rita Johnson**

- Congratulated Chairman Bart Miller on being chosen as the new chairman, she stated that she knows that he is going to do a fantastic job.
- She passed out the Archways 2017 calendar so everyone will have it and she

wanted to encourage everyone who can to attend the meetings. Especially with the Retreat scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>, we have a lot of people who have signed up for the Retreat and it will be a good opportunity to have lots of dialogue and discussion and ideas on what we can do together to improve our cities and County. Bring your ideas and bright your thoughts to this Retreat.

- She wanted to give a shout out to those commissioners who participated in the Employee Appreciation Day at Christmas. Santa was there, the gift cards were successful, the employees appreciated the food. It was a long day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. but it was a fun, fun time and we hit all of the departments.
- She thanked the Board for her plaque and stated it had been an honor to serve as Chairperson the last two years.

**Chairman Bart Miller**

- Thanked the Board for having enough confidence to appoint him as Chairman.

XV. **CLOSED SESSION** - None

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***