

# After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Extraordinary Session  
Monday, March 20, 2017  
6:00 PM  
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex  
119 E. Solomon Street

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, March 20, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Bart Miller presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald Hawbaker were present. Commissioner Raymond Ray joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson Jr., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham for Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairman Bart Miller

II. INVOCATION led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG led by Commissioner Rita Johnson

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Consider nunc pro tunc a Joint Proclamation with the City of Griffin honoring Mr. Willie James Gault for his athletic accomplishments and the honor that he has brought to his family and his community.

***Motion/Second by Flowers/Taylor/Hawbaker to approve nunc pro tunc a Joint Proclamation with the City of Griffin honoring Mr. Willie James Gault for this athletic accomplishments and the honor that he has brought to his family and his community. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider nunc pro tunc a Joint Proclamation with the City of Griffin honoring Bonita "Bonnie" Pfrogner for the accomplishments and contributions that she has made to Spalding County and the City of Griffin as the Director of the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve nunc pro tunc a Joint Proclamation with the City of Griffin honoring Bonita "Bonnie" Pfrogner for the accomplishments and contributions that she has made to Spalding County and the City of Griffin as the Director of the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider Proclamation designating the week of April 9-15, 2017 as National

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve a proclamation designating the week of April 9-15, 2017 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.***

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor read the proclamation and Barbara Lights, 911 Communication Manager and Erica Callahan, Shift Supervisor, were present to accept the proclamation.

***Motion unanimously by all.***

4. Consider a Proclamation designating the month of March as March for Meals Month in Spalding County, GA.

Commissioner Rita Johnson read the proclamation and Lauren Brown, Senior Center Supervisor, Jacoya Clinkscales, Senior Nutrition Supervisor, Glenda Parker and volunteers for the Spalding County Meals On Wheels program: Debra Brown, Joy Jester and Patricia Hawthorne.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve a proclamation designating the month of March as March for Meals Month in Spalding County, Georgia.***

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she feels that this program over the last year has helped a number of people in our community. Having these volunteers go out into the community and spend time with our senior citizens is very helpful to their wellbeing. She further stated that some of the Meals On Wheels recipients have been encouraged by these volunteers to get out of the house, be more active and actually come to the center for congregate meals. She expressed her thanks to the volunteers who work for the Meals on Wheels program.

***Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the eight months ended February 28, 2017.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the financial statements for the eight months ended February 28, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

***Commissioner Raymond Ray joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.***

## **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.

**Spoke in favor of paving Amelia, Sam Solomon and Apple Roads.**

James Castellaw, 1010 Amelia Road, Locust Grove, GA  
Jim and Brenda Looney, 51 Apple Road, Locust Gove, GA  
James Byron, 56 Apple Road, Locust Grove, GA  
Joyce Alexander/Clyde Alexander 935 & 949 Amelia Road, Locust Grove, GA  
Lloyd Martin, 37 Apple Road, Locust Grove, GA  
Kelly Wallis, 141 Sam Solomon Road  
Tim Mealer, 42 Apple Road, Locust Grove, GA  
Jane Chandler, 50 Apple Road, Locust Grove, GA

**Spoke against Full Blown Firearms**

Christine Thomas, 400 North Rover Road.

Baron Cumming, 1331 Grantland Road, President of Griffin Soccer Club, requested that the County partner with the Soccer Club in acquiring additional field space for soccer practice and play.

Shawn Southerland, 85 Gainer Road, thanked Code Enforcement and Mr. Mosley for the action taken to date in cleaning up the properties he had previously brought before the Board; however, he feels that there is still action that should be taken regarding 75 Gainer Road, this individual needs to be identified as a problem person, this neighbor will go to court, pay the fine and continue to not comply with the law. He stated that he believes that once a property has been cited, the County can take action to go out and move the trash and abandoned vehicles without a Court Order.

**VII. MINUTES-**

1. Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on January 20, 2017, the Executive Session on February 20, 2017, the Zoning Public Hearing on February 23, 2017 and the Executive Session on February 23, 2017.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on January 20, 2017, the Executive Session on February 20, 2017, the Zoning Public Hearing on February 23, 2017 and the Executive Session on February 23, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA-**

1. Consider approval on second reading: Application #16-05Z: Shield of Faith

Christian Center, Inc., Owner - Brenda Gibbons, Agent - 920 Harlow Avenue (0.74 acre located in Land Lot 17 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from R-2, Single Family Residential, to C-1B, Heavy Commercial.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve second reading Application #16-05Z: Shield of Faith Christian Center, Inc., Owner - Brenda Gibbons, Agent - 920 Harlow Avenue (0.74 acre located in Land Lot 17 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from R-2, Single Family Residential, to C-1B, Heavy Commercial. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS –**

### **1. Update on Pickleball Complex Construction.**

Jerime Buffington, Paragon Consulting, advised that the infrastructure for the complex has been installed, a retaining wall has been installed and all of the Pickleball pads have been established. The roof system for the four courts has been erected and the foundation for that section of the project and the 8 court cover are ready for paving. They also have the helical piers in place for the concession area.

Mr. Buffington advised that the next thing on the agenda will be to start the foundation for the concession building. They can then go up with that building. After that, they will begin putting the surfaces on the courts, installing fencing and walkways etc. to wrap this up.

Mr. Buffington stated that the substantial completion date for the project is May 15 and they believe they are well on task to get that done. At this time final completion is scheduled for June 14 of this year.

Mr. Wilson then asked how many rain days have delayed the project to date.

Mr. Buffington stated that there have been a series of rain days were 0 in October, 2 in November, 16 in December of last year, 2 in January, 13 in February and 14 in March to date.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked if rain dates could add to the substantial or final completion dates.

Mr. Buffington stated that hopefully they will not; however, the contractor reserves the right to utilize those days in the event they are unable to accomplish their May 15 substantial completion of the project. It will affect it if they do not get enough dry days in April and May to complete the project.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS-**

### **1. Consider health insurance renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Ga for FY 2018.**

Matt Bidwell began with the benefit changes that were made to the plan last year and the resulting coverage and out of pocket expenses for last year. The changes made led to the cost of the employees' healthcare, for the employees,

come down by approximately \$140,000.

He then stated that last year the wellness program was implemented to encourage weight loss and decrease tobacco usage. Last year we had 89 employees who either signed an agreement to quit using tobacco or had a BMI below 25. As an incentive these individuals received \$500 in a health reimbursement account that they could use on deductibles, drugs and copays last year. Through February of this year, \$23,000 of the \$40,000 appropriated in the health reimbursement account had actually be used by the employees.

We have completed the wellness cycle, all of the employees were weighed in November of last year and it looks like approximately 71 employees will qualify for the wellness benefit under the health reimbursement for calendar 2017. We may have a few more left to come in because there is an alternative treatment plan available to employees through their doctor, the employee has until April 1 to get those appeals in, so it will be sometime in April before we will have an exact number. He is anticipating there will be approximately 75 employees who will take advantage of this benefit in 2017.

Mr. Bidwell then reviewed the different variables that determine the cost of the program for the upcoming year. He also pointed out that that the County is totally insured by Blue Cross. Mr. Bidwell stated that the proposed premium increase for Spalding County is 5%, if there is no change in employee contributions then the actual premium increase to the County will be a 6.18% increase which is a total of \$228,000.

Mr. Bidwell stated that in a meeting with County staff and it was decided to increase the Specialist copay by \$10.00 per visit and the brand copay on prescription drugs by \$10.00 per prescription as well. In making these two adjustments, it reduced the premium increase proposed by Blue Cross from 5% to 3% or approximately \$136,000.

Mr. Bidwell stated that they (he and staff) are recommending the renewal option at 3% increase, there is no change in the dental or vision coverage; however, we have a flexible spending account or HRA currently in place with a company by the name of Medcom, they are asking that this be changed to a company by the name of Health Equity as they are tied into the Blue Cross Blue Shield payment system it will reduce the amount of reporting material being requested for payments from the HRA.

Mr. Wilson advised that staff is recommending the Board approve the Renewal Option of 3% as discussed, the County will absorb the 3% and the changes for the employees would be an increase in the Specialty copay and the Brand/Formulary prescription copay.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Ga, 3% Renewal Option as recommended for FY 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider resolution authorizing the issuance of purchasing and/or credit

cards for Spalding County Elected Officials and adoption of a Purchasing Card and Credit Card Policy.

Mr. Wilson stated that this was presented to the Board at the retreat. Ms. Garrison has implemented the purchasing card policy with a “test department” and it has worked out very well and we are now ready to move ahead with rolling this program out to the Sheriff’s Department.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Construction and Maintenance Department has been utilizing the purchasing cards for about 60 days and it has worked out very well. All transactions are electronic, it allows for consolidated purchasing and we have the benefit of rebates at the end of the year.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of purchasing and/or credit cards for Spalding County Elected Officials and adoption of a Purchasing Card and Credit Card Policy. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider approval of lease with Griffin First Assembly for space to be utilized by the Spalding County Accountability Court for counseling.

Mr. Wilson advised that Judge Esary with the Accountability Court and Judge Thacker with State Court are here if there are any questions. He stated that Mr. Fortune has reviewed the lease for content and legal accuracy, there is no charge for the space and we have found that our insurer will insure the building for the use as required by Griffin First Assembly.

Mr. Wilson stated that this space will be at no cost to the County and will provide Judge Esary with needed space for counseling services.

Judge Esary advised that they are offering group sessions in the evenings for people who work and all of the County buildings that we could have used are not available. Additionally, First Assembly has a very strong program in support of veterans and they have graciously agreed to provide us with a classroom two nights a week. The insurer required that we have a contractual arrangement with them so we have developed a one page lease that can be cancelled by either party at any time.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve a lease with the Griffin First Assembly for space to be utilized by the Spalding County Accountability Court for counseling. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Consider approval of a contract with S.A.F.E. (Saving Animals From Euthanasia, Inc.) for Spay/Neuter and Vaccination services to the Spalding County Animal Shelter.

Mr. Mosley stated that that this will continue the contract that we currently have in place. Staff did review other options with other companies providing services in the area, but found the other providers to be cost prohibitive. There are increases to a few of the services in this contract, but they are minimal. He then advised that staff recommends approval of this contract.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve a contract with S.A.F.E. (Saving Animals From Euthanasia, Inc.) for Spay/Neuter and Vaccination services to the Spalding County Animal Shelter. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

5. Consider approval of the Griffin + Spalding Archway Partnership Memorandum of Understanding for FY18.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the yearly MOU with UGA for the Archway Partnership. The City of Griffin had it on their agenda last Tuesday night and it was approved. The County has budgeted the funding of this Partnership for FY2018. This is a three way contract between the City Of Griffin, Spalding County and the Board of Education. Staff recommends approval.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve renewal of the Griffin + Spalding Archway Partnership Memorandum of Understand for FY 18. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

6. Consider a resolution to clarifying the right of way on Hollonville Road.

Mr. Fortune stated that the County had been contacted by an attorney who stated that Hollonville Road has numerous right-of-way requirements. They were trying to get clarification on what could be claimed for title insurance purposes. We are being asked to adopt this resolution which the title insurance company has approved. He stated that the resolution simply states that Spalding County is claiming a 60' right of way except on the tracts that approach the bridge where there is a 100' right of way. He further stated that if the County already has a right of way easement on the road for more than 60' we will not be giving up or reducing those easements.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve a resolution clarifying the right of way on Hollonville Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

7. Consider approval of revised contract detail officer agreements for FY 2018.

Warden Humphrey stated that they have made some minor adjustments to the contracts to include some of the requirements from the Department of Corrections which includes signage on vehicles and dedicated communications with the officer in charge of the detail. We have also look at

the costs for monitoring those details, and there is a large number of resources and time dedicated to these details to insure that we are in compliance.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve revised contract detail officer agreements for FY 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

8. Consider approval of submission of a grant application to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank for improvements to the East McIntosh/Hill Street Intersection.

Mr. Wilson stated that in 2015 we applied for a GTIB grant for Intersection #3 which is East McIntosh at North Hill Street. This requires a 20% match, we applied at that time; however, we were not awarded the grant. The City of Griffin; however, was awarded a grant for Intersection #2. The City is not applying this year.

Mr. Wilson advised that we are applying for Intersection #3 and should we get the grant, there will be a 20% match which will be funded by the 2008 and 2016 SPLOST funding.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve submission of a grant application to the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank for improvements to the East McIntosh/Hill Street Intersection. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

9. Consider approval of Spalding County Policy for Competitive Negotiation Qualifications-based Selection for Projects Using Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP) Funding.
10. Consider approval of Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Spalding County for FAHP funded projects.

Mr. Wilson stated that Items 9 & 10 are related to Federal Aid Highway Programing dollars. He then advised that in order for Spalding County to have LAP (Local Administered Project) certification adoptions of these policies must occur. If any part of a Federal Project is performed by the County, someone has to be LAP certified and for Spalding County it is Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson then advised that there are 8 very lengthy courses that must be completed to be LAP certified, these courses are given over a 2 ½ to 3 week time period and there is a test at the end of the courses. He stated that he and Anthony Dukes attended these courses approximately three years ago and he will have complete the courses again this year to be recertified.

Mr. Wilson advised that the County will need this certification because the Jordan Hill Road Bridge at Troublesome Creek is a federal project using federal dollars. For this project, the County has agreed to acquire the right of way. Even though all of the right of way is going to be donated, we are required to go through the federal aid right of way procedure (Title VI) to make sure that we follow these steps.

Mr. Wilson advised that B.J. Martin our Paragon Transportation Consultant is certified as well and in the past the LAP certification held by our consultant was acceptable; however, the rules at GDOT and the Federal Highway Commission have changed and it must be a named employee of the County. This is why we need to adopt these two agenda items that only apply to FAHP funds.

Commissioner Ray asked the county attorney if these two items could be approved at the same time.

Mr. Fortune advised that the two items could be approved by the same motion.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the Spalding County Policy for Competitive Negotiation Qualifications- based Selection for Projects Using Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP) Funding and approval of Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Spalding County for FAHP funded projects. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

11. Discussion of T-SPLOST referendum in November.

Commissioner Hawbaker advised that there are 46 Georgia counties whose sales tax, as of April 1, 2017, will be at 8% which includes a T-SPLOST. Most of these counties were part of the regional, multi-county T-SPLOST that passed in 2012. This is to let everyone know that if Spalding County were to pass a T-SPLOST, we would not be the highest sales tax county in Georgia by any means.

In November, 2016, the City of Atlanta, MARTA and Fulton County held T-SPLOST elections. Those jurisdictions were the only ones allowed by the 2015 law (HB170) to hold a T-SPLOST prior to July 2017. The City of Atlanta proposed a 4/10 cent sales tax; MARTA proposed a ½ cent sales tax; and Fulton County proposed a ¾ cent sales tax increase.

The City of Atlanta and MARTA proposed sales tax increases passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 70% to 30% making sales tax in the City of Atlanta \$.089 cents. Fulton County's proposed tax increase passed by a narrower margin of 53% to 47% making the sales tax in Fulton County (excluding the City of Atlanta) \$.0775 cents.

T-SPLOST is simply another tool provided by the state legislature made available to voters to fund transportation projects. These projects can be funded sooner with funds that will be made available through a SPLOST.

Citizens need to be aware that SPLOST taxes are the fairest form of tax currently available in this country, voters – not elected officials- impose the tax or deny it and anyone who purchases goods and services inside the county pay these taxes, it is not just the property owners.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that he performed an informal survey of the residents of his community by distributing an email to approximately 1,100 homes and asking for feedback. The results were that approximately 330 residents responded representing approximately 20% of the total residents queried and approximately 60% of those responses favored paying the tax for funding of road improvements.

Commissioner Hawbaker advised that he had introduced the possibility of a T-SPLOST at the GSATC meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> and consensus of the committee was to recommend to the City of Griffin and Spalding County Board of Commissioners to move forward with action that may lead to placing a T-SPLOST on the November 2017 ballot.

Commissioner Hawbaker recommend that the County hold public meetings over the next three months to give the citizens an opportunity to express support or descent on a T-SPLOST. That surveys or similar opportunities (other than public meetings) be made available for citizens to have input on the matter and that the County engage professionals to prepare reliable cost estimates for the road and bridge projects designated for funding by the T-SPLOST should it be passed.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor that in the next two months this board hold 3-5 public hearings and provide an on-line survey that residents and businesses may complete indicating their preferences on a T-SPLOST. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

12. Establish dates for future workshop to discuss possible transportation projects utilizing 2016 SPLOST proceeds.

Mr. Wilson advised that we need to see how much we are going to collect, how much we have already committed and what is left. He stated that we have an evaluation of unpaved roads that was done in 2011, he advised that he could get this updated, but it would take time. He advised that we could probably go with this evaluation as Apple, Amelia and Sam Solomon are all within the top twenty of this evaluation and given the location of these three roads, it doesn't make sense for us to not do all three at the same time because the equipment will be there, it's just a matter of doing the work.

Mr. Wilson then advised that there are roads on the list like #1 Pineview which we already have the right of way; the right of way is 60' not 80' and it does have a stream crossing the road which is going to possibly require a culvert which is going to be expensive. In Commissioner Miller's district there is Quail Road, West Williamson, Rawls and Bethany Roads all of which are dirt and need paving. Mr. Wilson advised that he would be sending out the 20 step process required for paving of a dirt road.

Mr. Wilson recommended April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> or May 22<sup>nd</sup> as possible dates to hold this workshop.

***Consensus of the Board is to schedule a workshop to discuss possible transportation projects utilizing 2016 SPLOST Proceeds on April 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.***

13. Consider appointment to Post 3 of the Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Yolanda Holmes for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

***Mr. Wilson stated this is a Post 3 appointment and Commissioner Johnson has appointed Tangela Williams for the unexpired term of Yolanda Holmes for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.***

14. Consider declaring surplus weapons that have been forfeit to the Spalding County Sheriff's Office and county owned weapons that have become obsolete.

Sheriff Darrell Dix stated that once these weapons are declared surplus they will be traded to a federal firearms licensed dealer. There will be a date set for interested parties to come out and view the weapons and they will submit a bid on them. This will be a purchase of the entire lot, it is not an individual guns sale to anybody.

Sheriff Dix advised that he had done this at the Griffin Police Department

and the result was enough money raised to purchase new weapons for everyone in the department.

Sheriff Dix further stated that with the number of weapons currently being considered, it expected to raise well over \$50,000 to put toward the purchase of new weapons for the Sheriff's Department. Some of these were service weapons during the 1980's, we have boxes of pistols that were in storage and it is simply time to clean out some of these excess weapons.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to declare surplus weapons that have been forfeited to the Spalding County Sheriff's Office and county owned weapons that have become obsolete. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

15. Consider request from the Spalding County Sheriff's Office to declare surplus K-9 Rex and K-9 Luck.

Sheriff Dix stated that a number of years ago the Sheriff purchased with seizure funds some K-9's to be used out on the road for narcotics enforcement, criminal apprehension and handler protection. These dogs have served the County faithfully, K-9 Luck has given 8 ½ years of service and K-9 Rex has given 8 years of service. What traditionally happens is when a service dog is declared surplus, the dog is turned over to the handler and the dog is able to live the remainder of their life with their handlers who will be responsible for them from that point on. We are asking that both of these K-9s be retired and turned over to their respective handlers.

Mr. Wilson reiterated that these animals were purchased with seizure funds not with county funds.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the request of the Spalding County Sheriff's Department to declare surplus K-9 Rex and K-9 Luck. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- ARC (Atlanta Regional Commission) has issued a call for projects: GSATC has recommended two projects and we will be working on a recommendation to the Board. Those projects will require 20% grant matches which will have to come out of the 2016 SPLOST.
- We have two projects out for bid that are due March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. City of Griffin: Project A – Intersection #2 Improvements and Spalding County Project B – Hill Street Culvert over Cabin Creek. We did include sidewalks on both sides of the culvert and the roundabout.
- We have received our Health Promotion and Wellbeing Grant, this is how we

- fund the Employee Appreciation Health and Fitness day event.
- The Southern Crescent Technical College – Ellis Shopping Center groundbreaking is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This is a 2008 SPLOST Project
  - We are accepting nominations for the Bain Proctor Award through March 31, 2017.
  - As an incentive for our employees the County is holding a Biggest Loser Competition that will begin on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and will end on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We had over 80 people attend informational meetings regarding this competition.
  - City of Griffin is annexing the property that the County sold to Bill Landrum, we are not protesting the annexation as there are no County utilities of any kind on that property.
  - Commissioner Hawbaker will be discussing the possibility of soliciting sponsorship for the Pickleball Facility.

## **XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Commissioner Donald Hawbaker –**

- Stated that since the last meeting he had attended the Willie Gault induction ceremony in Macon and Bonnie Pfrogner's retirement party. He wanted to acknowledge Ms. Pfrogner's contributions to the Griffin-Spalding community and he is happy to know that she will continue to be involved in the community.
- Many of the citizens who attended the meeting tonight to speak regarding the paving of Amelia, Sam Solomon and Apple Roads also attended the GSATC meeting last week.
- Regarding the T-SPLOST, ever since he learned that a county could hold their own individual T-SPLOST it has been of interest. He brought it up at the Archways Retreat and his hope was that this could possibly pave all 87 miles of dirt roads currently in the County. His heart goes out to the people who live on dirt roads in the county and this is why he has no problem at all paying an additional 1 cent in sales tax to help to pay for these folks to have a better quality of life. This was considered as a short term objective at the Archway Retreat and he hopes that the City will also start the process of discussion as we did here tonight.
- Mr. Wilson mentioned the possibility of a corporate sponsor accessing naming rights as per our current naming policy and putting its' name on the Pickleball Facility. He asked the Board if this is something that they would like to continue to explore with corporate donors who have the means to make a \$400,000 investment to put its name on the Pickleball Facility.

Mr. Wilson stated that Commissioner Hawbaker and several members of the Pickleball Association would like to continue to search for a sponsor for naming rights.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that to get the naming rights per the policy the

donation would be 25% of the cost of the project which is approximately \$400,000. It could be that the donor would make a donation of \$50,000 over a period of 8 years.

Consensus of the Board is to go ahead with the solicitation of corporate sponsorship for the Pickleball Facility as long as it conforms to the County's naming policy.

- Commissioner Hawbaker thanked Public Works and the Sheriff's Department for their response to the citizens' complaints that were expressed at the GSATC meeting.

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

- She wanted someone to let the people know who were at the meeting tonight regarding the dirt roads that the Board will definitely be looking at what are options are for getting these roads paved.
- She agreed with the soccer coach who spoke during citizen comments that it would be great to have additional soccer fields to accommodate this growing sport inside the County.

**Commissioner Raymond Ray** – None.

**Commissioner Rita Johnson** – None.

#### **Chairman Bart Miller**

- Asked if the football fields could be used by the soccer fields when they are not being used.

Commissioner Ray asked if we could check on utilizing the football fields at the schools for soccer in their off season.

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION** – None.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously by all.***