

**After
Agenda**

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, May 15, 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, May 15, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Bart Miller presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, 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 Chairman Bart Miller

II. INVOCATION led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG led by Commissioner Rita Johnson

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Wade Hutcheson, UGA Spalding County Extension Coordinator, would like to recognize those 4H members who presented at the Project Achievement competition.

Wade Hutcheson, UGA Spalding County Extension Coordinator, introduced the Junior and Senior 4H members who attended District Project Achievement. This year we carried 39 Juniors and Seniors to the District Project Competition and over 45% of these members placed in the top 3 at DPA. He stated that 15 of the Juniors and Seniors are here tonight and their project work is a culmination of a year's worth of research and preparation for their 9-12 minute presentation. They compete against their peers and at the Senior level if they win they will move on, they will compete at State Congress. He added that three of the seniors will be moving on to State Congress to compete in project work there.

He advised that Spalding County took 95 fifth and sixth graders to the Cloverleaf Project DPA and 95% of those 4H'ers finished in the top 3 in their competitions.

Chairman Miller stated that Spalding County would like to thank the members of 4H because they make Spalding County a better place to live and he thanked them for being a part of the organization and for participating in the competitions.

2. Consider approval of a Joint Proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring the Griffin Exchange Club's "2016 Man of the Year" the Mr. John P. Yates.

William Wilson, County Manager, stated that this was presented by Commissioner Johnson at the Exchanged Club's meeting on May 2nd. Unfortunately Mr. Yates was ill and could not attend the meeting.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the joint proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring the Griffin Exchange Club's "2016 Man of the Year" the Mr. John P. Yates. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of a Joint Proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring Cherry Hovatter for her service a 4-H Agent on her retirement after seventeen years with Spalding County.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Proclamation was presented on Friday to Cherry Hovatter at her retirement party. Ms. Hovatter is here and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor is going to read the proclamation.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the joint proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring Cherry Hovatter for her service a 4-H Agent on her retirement after seventeen years with Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of Joint Proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring the Griffin Utility Club.

Mr. Wilson stated that there are several members of Griffin Utility Club here this evening to accept the Proclamation and Commissioner Johnson will read the proclamation.

Ms. Alice Blake stated that on behalf of the members of the Utility Club who are here tonight and those who are not, she thanked the Commissioners for recognizing the efforts and hard work of several generations of local women to benefit this community.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the joint proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring the Griffin Utility Club. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider approval of Proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring the men and women who work in correctional facilities and declaring the week of May 7-13 as Correctional Officers Week.

Mr. Wilson advised that he, Commissioner Hawbaker and Mr. Mosley attended breakfast at the CI on Thursday, May 11th, at 5:30 a.m., and Commissioner Hawbaker presented both of the proclamations the Correctional Officers Week and the Nurses Week there.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the Proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring the men and women who work in correctional facilities and declaring the week of May 7-13 as Correctional Officers Week. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of Proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring the men and women who have trained and are currently working in the nursing profession and declaring the week of May 7-13 as Nurses Week.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring the men and women who have trained and are currently working in the nursing profession and declaring the week of May 7-13 as Nurses Week. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval of Proclamation honoring Sergeant First Class Sammy Lee Davis Medal of Honor recipient and published author who served in the United States Army from 1967 until 1984.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is part of the KIA program and Mr. John Carlisle is here to receive the proclamation and Commissioner Ray will read the proclamation.

Mr. John Carlisle accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board for their support of this project has received from this group. The moral and financial support received has enabled us to accomplish what we feel is a wonderful project for this community.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the Proclamation honoring Sergeant First Class Sammy Lee Davis Medal of Honor recipient and published author who served in the United States Army from 1967 until 1984. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Presentation of the 2017 Bain Proctor Award for volunteerism by Leisure Services Manager Kelly Leger.

Kelly Leger, Leisure Services Manager, stated it a great honor and privilege to be here tonight to present the 2017 Bain Proctor of the Year Award. In 2004, the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recommended to the Spalding County Board of Commissioners that a Volunteer Award be established, recognizing citizens of Spalding County who have provided significant volunteer services to our community. The award was named in honor of one of Griffin and Spalding County's most well known and remembered volunteers, Bain Proctor.

A true volunteer is one who unselfishly shares their personal time and talents to improve the lives of others without compensation or personal gain. Often times the greatest volunteers are those who work behind the scenes and yet manage to leave a lasting imprint upon lives, thus changing them forever. Its people like this who make lasting changes in a community and make it better. This community is blessed with so many individuals who freely give of their time and talents.

Ms. Leger then advised that before presenting the Bain Proctor Award, she wanted to share the wonderful volunteer spirit and passions of two men who were also nominated for the award and whose notable efforts should not go unrecognized.

Mr. Carl E. Bynes, Jr. is a young man who is a people person, he is generous and kind and helps anyone in need. In the community where he lives, he often assists his neighbors by cooking for them, running errands and doing yard work. Ms. Leger stated that in a time when few people even know their neighbors, Mr. Bynes with his volunteer spirit and compassion has created a sense of closeness within his community where residents feel safer and are happy to call their neighborhood home.

Mr. William L. Taylor is a passionate man of service who has been deeply involved in this community for many years. Mr. Taylor is the voice of WKEU radio, has served on the Kiwanis Club and Griffin Tech Board of Trustees and has been a great proponent for making our community better by supporting SPLOST. Mr. Taylor strongly supports education and literacy and was instrumental in forming the SPLOST committee which helped to build the UGA Academics Building. He is well known for hosting the annual Bull Dog Hunts, where 100% of the proceeds go to support Adult Literacy. He is a strong supporter of law enforcement and personally served our county in the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Ms. Leger then introduced the Bain Proctor Award recipient:

Mr. Edward H. Reynolds is a wonderful community volunteer who is passionate in his love of history. He is known in local schools as the Voice of Veterans. Mr. Reynolds has devoted many years to this organization which

goes into the classroom to teach our youth about patriotism, service, sacrifice and our military history. He and Bain Proctor worked countless hours together planning and executing the first appearance of the Traveling Vietnam Wall in Spalding County. Mr. Reynolds is an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and a retired history teacher.

Mr. Reynolds is the favorite teacher at the Senior Center, where he and his wife, Sue, volunteer their time. Anywhere there is a need they are among the first to raise their hands to help. Recently, Mr. Reynolds has been working on a special project with a Gordon College intern at Camp Stephens in Griffin and soon this historic property will have improved exhibits so that guests of all ages can visit and learn from our history.

Mr. Reynolds is most deserving of this award because of his personal sacrifice and commitment to this community. He has dedicated countless hours to teaching, celebrating and preserving the history of our local community and our country.

9. Representatives from Headley Construction and Paragon Consulting are present to update the Board of Commissioners on the progress of the Pickleball Complex.

Jeremie Buffington, Project Manager, Paragon Consulting, and Mitch Headley of Headley Construction to give an update on the progress of the Pickleball Complex.

Mr. Buffington stated that he is pleased to report that Headley Construction has made significant progress since the last meeting. All 18 courts are paved, lighting has been roughed in and completed under the 4 court cover and roughed in to all the remaining courts. The concessions pad is also complete and the methane venting that was incorporated underneath that and currently four sides of the concessions building have been blocked up substantially. Fence posts are going in on all of the courts on the south side of the facility and they have done some fine grading around the site. They have also started on the framework for the flat work going in between the courts in the rear.

Mitch Headley stated that they would be pouring the first sidewalks tomorrow. They are hoping to get about 12,000 square feet poured. The fencing around the pickleball courts should be completed by the end of the month. The next step will be to put the coatings and the coloring on the courts. 12 of the 18 courts get a cushioned surface and all of those should be complete by the middle of June so the courts should be playable by the end of June. Sidewalks are starting now that we have the fence posts in and we can pour the sidewalks up against them. The sidewalks should be complete by June 10th. The concrete block work is continuing as well. The trusses are

scheduled to go up on June 10th and the roof should be going on by June 12th. The concession stand should be looking complete by the middle of June; however, it probably will not be complete on the inside until the end of June. He assured the board that they would continue to make every effort to get this project completed as quickly as possible.

10. Syntel Brown would like to update the Board on the Region VI DHBDD (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities) Planning Board activities.

Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Brown is the County's most recent appointment to this Board and he would like to advise what has been happening during the last five months.

Mr. Brown advised that the Board had outlined four priorities for this fiscal year and plan to work with the legislators and state senators to improve the lives of Georgia citizens. He then outlined the four priorities for this fiscal year: (1) Adult Mental Health; (2) Increase the number of Ready Work programs for the consumers in Region VI; (3) Assure that they are Educating and dealing with emotional disorders and the addictive diseases of adolescents and children; (4) Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

11. Presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 16th consecutive year to Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director.

Mr. Wilson stated that attached to the agenda is a Press Release that states that Ms. Garrison for the 16th year in a row has presented an award winning CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for Spalding County. The CAFR is located on the website.

Ms. Garrison stated that she has a great staff and County Manager to work with and she has a great Board who is committed to excellence, so you make my job easy.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the ten months ended April 30, 2017.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve the financial statements for the ten months ended April 30, 2017. 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.

Spoke against Full Blown Firearms

Debbie Daniel-Bryant – 282 N. Rover Road.

Bill Bryant, 282 N. Rover Road, thanked the Board for their continued interest in the impact this business is having on the community and he thanked the Board for the Skype presentation and the informative meeting that was held this morning.

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on April 17, 2017.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on April 17, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA-

1. Consider approval on second reading: Application #17-01Z: Wayne K. Duncan, Owner - Owen D. Snow, Agent - 2870 North Expressway (10.435 acres located in Land Lot 103 of the 3rd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from C-1, Highway Commercial and AR-1, Agricultural and Residential to C-1B, Heavy Commercial.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is second reading the Board approved this application on first reading at the Public Hearing on April 17, 2017.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve on second reading: Application #17-01Z: Wayne K. Duncan, Owner - Owen D. Snow, Agent - 2870 North Expressway (10.435 acres located in Land Lot 103 of the 3rd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from C-1, Highway Commercial and AR-1, Agricultural and Residential to C-1B, Heavy Commercial. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Consider a Resolution to extend a moratorium on the approval of construction plans for improvements and the issuance of any permits or licenses for equestrian and rodeo facilities on certain real property within Spalding County to June 30, 2017.

Mr. Wilson stated that the moratorium had been approved by the Board earlier this year and requested an extension of the moratorium to allow enough time

for the Planning Commission to review as it will require a text amendment. It is scheduled to for consideration by the Planning Commission on April 25th and it will come before you on June 5th for final approval.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve a Resolution to extend a moratorium on the approval of construction plans for improvements and the issuance of any permits or licenses for equestrian and rodeo facilities on certain real property within Spalding County to June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

X. NEW BUSINESS-

1. Consider approval of the following amplification permits as requested by Chris Smith of the Griffin Moose Lodge for various outdoor events to be held on the following dates at the Griffin Moose Lodge located at 1435 Zebulon Road:

1. May 29, 2017 Memorial Day Family Pool Event from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
2. June 24, 2017 Annual Pool Luau from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
3. July 4, 2017 4th of July Pool Event from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
4. Sept. 4, 2017 Labor Day Pool Event from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the annual request that is received from the Moose Lodge, the amplification request has been reviewed by Community Development and by the Sheriff's Office and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson the amplification permits for the Griffin Moose Lodge located at 1435 Zebulon Road, Griffin, as requested by Chris Smith for May 29, June 24, July 4 and September 4, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider request for amplification permit from Kevin Davis who will be hosting a Graduation Party at 104 Huntington Terrace, Griffin, Georgia on May 20, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson stated that this was amplification permit request has been reviewed by Community Development and by the Sheriff's Office and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the amplification permit from Kevin Davis who will be hosting a Graduation Party at 104 Huntington Terrace, Griffin, Georgia on May 20, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor)

3. Consider approval of final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision - Pod 37C.

Mr. Wilson stated that the final plat has been reviewed by all departments and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision - Pod 37C. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider acceptance of Right-of-Way Deed for Pod 37C (Sun City Peachtree Subdivision).

The right of way has been inspected by the Public Works Department, the Community Development Department and the Water Department and they recommend approval.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray accept the Right-Of-Way Deed for Pod 37C (Sun City Peachtree Subdivision). Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Set a date for a Public Hearing to establish a street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 37C.

Mr. Wilson advised that Sun City Peachtree-Pod 37C have petition the County for a street light district. Staff recommends the June 5th, 2017 meeting for the public hearing. We will accept comments during the public hearing and consider approval of the street light district at that same meeting.

Consensus of the Board is to hold a Public Hearing on establishing a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 37C at the June 5th, 2017 meeting.

6. Consider approval of the 2018 Spalding County Leisure Services Department fee schedule as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended, as discussed last week during the budget hearings, some reductions for pavilion rentals and some slight increases in a few areas. The fee schedule comes as a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for consideration.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the 2018 Spalding County Leisure Services Department fee schedule as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Georgia to provide County Extension Services to Spalding County.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the annual agreement with the Board of Regents/University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service for personnel at the Spalding County Cooperative Extension Office. This is budgeted in the FY18 budget and staff requests approval.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Georgia to provide County Extension Services to Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider approval of contact with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service to provide for one FACS (Family & Consumer Sciences) Agent for FY 2018.

Mr. Wilson stated that this was a new position that was added to the budget in FY17. Cynthia Sweda is the Family & Consumer Sciences Agent for Spalding County the contract reflects the portion of her salary that the County is responsible for along with the associated Social Security and Medicare costs.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the contact with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service to provide for one FACS (Family & Consumer Sciences) Agent for FY 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of FY 2017 year end budget amendments.

Mr. Wilson stated that these are the annual, end of the year, budget amendments. As stated during the budget hearings, we purchase vehicles, equipment, etc. all during the year and at the end of the year we reimburse ourselves for lease purchase agreements and set up those lease purchase agreements. This represents a bulk of these amendments, there are also items that are required at the end of the year that we do not budget during the year as was brought up in budget review earlier this month. This is where we move the money out of one single line item to the additional line items as are appropriate at the end of the year.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the FY 2017 year end budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the contracted care and custody of State Offenders at the Correctional Institute in Spalding County for FY 2018.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the annual agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the care and custody of the 384 inmates that we maintain at the Spalding County CI. This is budgeted in FY2018, it is roughly \$2.8 million in revenues. They pay us \$20 per day for each inmate that is housed at the CI.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve an an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the contracted care and custody of State Offenders at the Correctional Institute in Spalding County for FY 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider recommendation from the Board of Elections to increase the salary for Poll Workers effective July 1, 2017.

Mr. Wilson advised that Marcia Ridley, Elections Supervisor and Helen Grayson our Board of Elections Chair are her to answer any questions the Board may have. These increases in election expenses were included in the recommended FY 2018 budget. The total is estimated at \$12,000 in FY18 if we have the 3 elections that we are anticipating. This is a request from the Board of Elections, is has been 10-15 years since the County has increased the poll workers pay.

Ms. Grayson advised that there will be a reduction in the number of precincts that will help to reduce the impact of the increase because staffing for those three precincts will not be necessary. Ms. Grayson advised that they are consolidating several precincts. The one that was at the Third Ward School will be consolidated with the existing precinct at the Senior Center. The precinct at the Community Church will be consolidated with the precinct at Gary Reid Fire Station. The precinct that was at the Blalock Fire Station will come in and be at Liberty Church.

Ms. Grayson stated that the reason for the consolidations is due to early voting, some of the precincts only have about 100 people and many of them are early voting. Additionally, the State of Georgia is encouraging Counties to consolidate their precincts. Spalding County currently has 21 precincts, we will consolidate that down to 18.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the recommendation from the Board of Elections to increase the salary of Poll Workers effective July 1, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Consider approval of an agreement with Expert Discovery, LLC to perform a forensic audit to detect, document and arrange for collection of unpaid 911 and/or E911 fees that should have been remitted by telecommunication providers.

James Fortune, County Attorney, advised that this is part of the class action lawsuit that Roy Barnes law firm initiated. Commissioner Hawbaker brought this matter to our attention. We have met with their representative and have reviewed their documents. The bottom line is they are recovering quite a bit of money for other counties and municipalities who have been short changed for 911 services. Telecommunication providers have only been claiming a small number lines when, in fact, they are having many more lines than is reported. He advised that the total amount that Spalding County could recover is approximately \$800,000 less a 35% fee.

Mr. Fortune advised that this company will be funding all of the expenses, there will be no out of pocket for Spalding County, if they recover funds then they will get their money from the recovered funds. It is recommended after review of the documents that this would be a good thing for Spalding County.

Motion/Second by Flower-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve an agreement with Expert Discovery, LLC to perform a forensic audit to detect, document and arrange for collection of unpaid 911 and/or E911 fees that should have been remitted by telecommunication providers. Motion carried unanimously by all.

13. Consider approval of resolution authorizing declaration of taking for the following properties as requested by the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority: 200 Banks Road, 193 Sapelo Road and 237 Sapelo Road.

Mr. Fortune stated that the Airport Authority does not have condemnation powers and as part of the intergovernmental agreement the County would handle the condemnation of any parcels that are necessary. There will be no expense for the County, everything will be paid by the Airport Authority. We are requesting resolution authorizing declaration of taking for these three parcels. One of the properties we will probably have to file the declaration of taking on; however, the company who is acquiring the right of way is still working with two of the land owners. They are asking that these resolutions be adopted tonight because this has to be done before they can do a declaration of taking. This is the first step in that process. If we are able to come to terms with the land owners then we will not need to utilize these declarations.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the resolution authorizing declaration of taking for the following properties as requested by the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority: 200

Banks Road, 193 Sapelo Road and 237 Sapelo Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

14. Consider adoption of resolution authorizing declaration of taking on Parcel No. 7- Right Of Way for the North Hill Street at Northside Drive and Tuskegee Avenue intersection improvements and bridge projects.

Mr. Fortune advised that this is a very small piece of property, approximately 567 square feet, what has complicated matters is we are having to deal with a bank in California who has been very unresponsive. After numerous attempts we have decided that it would be best to file the declaration of taking as the project is due to start on Wednesday.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to adopt the resolution authorizing declaration of taking on Parcel No. 7- Right Of Way for the North Hill Street at Northside Drive and Tuskegee Avenue intersection improvements and bridge projects. Motion carried unanimously by all.

15. Consider request for payment from Geraco Grocery 1245 N Hill St for lost income due to construction of roundabout and bridge on North Hill Street.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the little Grocery Store going north on North Hill Street, that is closest to the creek. We had approached the owner about the possibility of purchasing this property and the owner advised he was not interested in selling. Initially the owner had expressed a desire to utilize the time that access to the store would not be available to renovate the structure; however, that has now changed and we have been presented with an estimate of potential income and inventory loss.

Mr. Wilson advised that there are approximately \$1,500 in perishable goods that the owner is asking the County to purchase.

Mr. Fortune advised that the owner had supplied his office with tax returns which indicate that the loss of income for the store would be approximately \$5,439.83 per month. It is recommended that the County pay loss of income for two months and pro-rate any additional time according to actual construction completion and his not being able to open his store. With regard to the perishable items it is requested that the County purchase from the owner the items that he is unable to sale and distribute these items to the CI and the Jail where they can be used.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve the request for payment from Geraco Grocery, 1245 N. Hill Street, for loss of income of \$5,439.83 for two months with any remaining time being prorated to the actual construction completion and that he be reimbursed up to \$1,500 for perishable goods that will

be turned over to the County for distribution to the CI and the Spalding County Jail. Motion carried unanimously by all.

16. Consider approval on first reading an amendment to the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part VII - Animals Sections 12-1001 - 12-1020 to bring ordinance into compliance with state law with regard to dangerous dogs.

Mr. Fortune stated that we have been asked to review our Animal Control Ordinance because there have been significant changes in State law that are not reflected in our ordinance. Mr. Fortune advised that due to the number of changes the Board will have to review the Ordinance in its entirety and if they have specific questions we will answer those. The proposed Ordinance has been designed to mirror state law as closely as possible.

Mr. Wilson stated that this came about because we found out there were changes to the Animal Control laws in 2016 that were never incorporated into our Ordinance making the Ordinance not current with state law. Commissioner Ray still has questions and Mr. Wilson asked that he address those questions.

Commissioner Ray stated that the law does not require that an affidavit be signed or executed. The law states that an animal control officer can determine if an animal is vicious or dangerous and at that time action is taken against the animal and the owner.

Brent Foster, Animal Control Supervisor, stated that the Affidavit is not required by State Law; however, it was implemented in Spalding County due to the number of complainants who would file a complaint and then not show up for court. By getting a complainant to sign an Affidavit, we can force them to be at the hearing. As time goes by the people who are initially upset that they were bit by the neighbor's dog and over a period of time they talk with the neighbor and they choose not to pursue the complaint and they will not show up at the hearing to have the animal declared.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked what happens if a dog bites another dog, the ordinance addresses if a dog bites a human, but what about when a dog bites another dog.

Mr. Foster advised that that would be a civil matter where the owner of the dog that was attacked would have to address the issue in a civil court, not a criminal court.

Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager, stated that this is the first reading for the Ordinance, additional changes can be made to the final Ordinance prior to second reading so if we want to further enhance this Ordinance this would be the time to do so.

Commissioner Ray asked that the Ordinance include that if a dog kills another animal that it be considered a dangerous dog be included in the ordinance.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve approval on first reading an amendment to the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part VII - Animals Sections 12-1001 - 12-1020 to bring ordinance into compliance with state law with regard to dangerous dogs and incorporate the changes to include if a dog kills another dog or another owner's pet be consider a dangerous dog. Motion carried unanimously by all.

17. Establish dates for public input/hearings/listening sessions for the possible implementation of a T- SPLOST.

Mr. Wilson stated that attached to the agenda is a calendar prepared by King & Spalding with regard to what has to be done for a TSPLOST. The first thing that needs to be done is a date needs to be set with the municipalities and this has to be done before June, then we have to meet before July.

Consensus of the Board is to set up a Work Session for Wednesday, May 31st at 10:00 a.m. to finalize projects for consideration and set a meeting for June 5th or 6th at 5:00p.m. for a meeting with the Cities.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- June 5th is 4-H Youth in Governance Day we will be meeting in the Board Room beginning at 9:30 a.m. if any Commissioner would like to attend.
- Honor Our KIA Ceremony, Sunday May 28th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Griffin Auditorium.
- The Memorial Day Ceremony will be Monday, May 29th, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
- Construction on the North Hill Street Intersection #2 and the Bridge over Cabin Creek will begin on Wednesday, May 17th the intersection will be closed beginning on Wednesday for approximately four months. This is a 2008 and 2016 SPLOST project.
- Archway Young Professionals will be holding a "Calling All Young Professionals" at The Lewis Mills House at 406 North Hill Street in Griffin. Sponsored by Galloway & Lyndall on May 23rd from 5-7 p.m.
- Dollar General Distribution Center will be hosting a Hiring Event on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. at 300 Franklin Street, Jackson, GA 30233
- Business After Hours will be on Tuesday, May 16th from 5-7 p.m. at CareMaster Medical Services, 240 O'Dell Road, Griffin.

- The CAD system went on line May 5th. It is up and running and is operational.
- Change of assessment notices were mailed last Friday. Don Long provided with information there are 31,548 parcels in all classes for Spalding County. 4,910 parcels increased in value, 2,130 parcels decreased in value and 24,508 parcels had no change.
- Over the past two weeks Mr. Wilson has interviewed candidates for Human Resource Director, as you know, Bill Gay will be retiring on June 2nd. I am proud to announce that we are going to do a promotion from within and Ms. Wendy Law will become the new Human Resource Director effective May 23rd.
- He thanked the Commissioners for the meeting this morning, it went very well. He commended both Steven Jones and Chad Jacobs for the outstanding job that they did this morning. We will be taking public comment on the 25th which will be a long meeting. We do have a Zoning Public Hearing on the 25th as well.
- Over the next few weeks he will be interviewing candidates for a permanent Public Works Director and he hopes at the next meeting to present the Board with the appointment of the Public Works Director.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Donald Hawbaker –

- Asked if B.J. Martin has everything that he needs to submit the TIP projects.

Mr. Wilson advised that to his knowledge Mr. Martin does have everything that he needs. We will be submitting two projects for the TIP. Jointly with the City of Griffin we will be submitting the rerouting of SR155 down McDonough Road to 16. Additionally, the County will be submitting an interchange justification/truck route study for the Jenkinsburg Road Intersection.

- HB434 was enacted and will provide additional tools for Counties to address blight. Powers of condemnation and eminent can now be utilized.
- He wanted to say congratulations and thank you to our Correctional Officers, Police Officers and Nurses.

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor – None.

Commissioner Raymond Ray

- He wanted to congratulate the 4H'ers that were here this evening for doing such a great job representing Spalding County and to Cherry Hovatter on her retirement.
- Sad to hear that Code Enforcement Officer Jim Green is retiring this week and he wanted to thank him on behalf of Spalding County for his diligent efforts on behalf of Spalding County. He did want to say Great Job and Thank you for your service to Spalding County.

Commissioner Rita Johnson

- Wanted to thank the Consultants for their report and staff for the meeting this morning.
- Congratulated everyone receiving a proclamation this evening.

Chairman Bart Miller

- Officer Green has been an asset to the County and he will be missed when he retires and he is going to be hard to replace.
- He wanted to thank Chad for the job that was done earlier today.

Mr. Wilson expressed his condolences from the Board and the staff on the death of Chairman Miller's brother in law and asked to let him know if there is anything we can do .

XIII. CLOSEDSESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***