

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 5, 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, June 5, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Bart Miller presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald Hawbaker were present. Commissioner Rita Johnson joined the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson Jr., 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 Gwen Flowers-Taylor.

Commissioner Raymond Ray asked that the Agenda be amended under New Business to include two resolutions authorizing staff to file grant applications with the Atlanta Regional Commission, one for the relocation of SR155 and one for a study on intermodal connectivity that is required as part of the application process for the Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to amend the Agenda to include two Resolutions under New Business authorizing staff to file grant applications with the Atlanta Regional Commission, one for the relocation of SR155 and one for a study on intermodal connectivity that is required as part of the application process for the Transportation Improvement Program. Motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Johnson was absent for the vote).

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

County Manager, William Wilson, introduced the new Human Resources Director, Wendy Law, to the Board and stated that she was here to report on the results of the Biggest Loser competition. He advised that Miles Neville HR Director for the City of Griffin was also present who will report on the City's competition as well. Mr. Wilson stated that the County was in competition with the City of Griffin to see which government entity could lose the most weight in an eight week period.

Wendy Law stated that there were 55 county employees who participated in the Biggest Loser Contest which ran for eight weeks from March 27th through May 19th and during that time Spalding County employees lost a total of 604 pounds. Wendy stated that Miles Neville from the City of Griffin invited the County to participate in the contest and he is

here to advise how the contest came into being and the guidelines that were followed by both of the participating groups.

Miles Neville, Human Resource Director for the City of Griffin, advised that this was an initiative that was created by the Health and Wellness Team at the City of Griffin in an effort to stem the tide of health care cost increases. That team came up with the idea of a biggest loser contest and once we put the details together we decided we would invite the County to participate and have a friendly contest.

The contest involved a percentage of body weight lost over the eight week period. He advised that the City barely beat the County in the competition, it was a very close competition, but that wasn't the real point of the exercise. The point of the exercise was to lose weight and to be healthier. The City had 45 who participated in the contest who lost approximately 538 pounds.

The plans mirrored each other and it was a great motivator for all of the individuals who participated and it was a lot of fun. City employees were motivated to be going against the County and I'm sure that it was the same for the County employees to be competing against the City. He advised that it is their hope to do this again next year. There is a trophy and if the County wins next year, you will get the trophy and bragging rights for the year.

Wendy Law stated that we used the ACCG Wellness Grant money to fund the program and she wanted to add that all 55 employees who participated are winners. She then stated that they would be recognizing the three individual winners and the team who won the largest percent of weight loss. First prize went to Lance Griffin (\$1,500), Second prize went to Robert Sowell (\$1,000) and Third Prize went to Jeff Jones. The team that lost the most weight was headed by Tonja Cobb and that team lost 9.46% and received a \$2,000 prize and each team member received \$400.00.

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

Jeremy Buffington from Paragon Consulting stated that for the past three to four weeks Headley Construction has focused mainly on three items: blocking up and working on the concessions building and at this time all of the block work is complete on the building and the columns. Concrete flat work is complete around the rear six courts and around the eight court configuration. Much of the fencing work on the courts is complete the only remaining fence is the divider fencing which will have to be installed once the coatings have been applied to the courts and is cured.

Mitch Headley, Headley Construction, stated that the weather is not cooperating, but they have made progress. The block is finished and the next step is to set the trusses which are on the job site. The carpenters bolted the plate on top of the block today and they hope to get the trusses started on the building tomorrow. The only problem may be in getting the boom truck back to the building to lift the trusses. He advised that they are probably 35% complete on the sidewalks. He advised that they would be pushing it to the wire to complete the project in time for the tournaments. The asphalt is being

prepped for the coatings, but the coatings cannot be put down until we do not have a significant chance of rain because it will ruin the coating. He is hopeful that the first coating will be applied on Wednesday.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked if the surfacing could be applied to the four courts that are covered regardless of the wet weather.

Mr. Headley advised that if there is a blowing rain that it would ruin the coating, so he wouldn't recommend trying to coat any of the courts until there is a pretty day without rain. He stated that Signature Tennis has assured him that they are going to everything they possibly can to get these courts done.

Commissioner Rita Johnson joined the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – None.

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.

Johnny Chambers, 35 Edgewater Drive, Griffin, GA advised that the maintenance of Cecil Jackson Road has been getting longer between the times the road is being maintained. He passed out petitions signed by the owners of property on these roads.

Rudy Mendez, 60 Edgewater Drive, Griffin, GA stated that Cecil Jackson Road is a sandy based road which causes it to have a soft surface that deteriorates quickly with rainy weather. He asked if something couldn't be done to improve the surface of the roadway so that it would not deteriorate so quickly.

Tom Tatum, 4 Edgewater Court, Griffin, GA stated that he recently purchased the lake in that area and has spent a lot of time and money on maintaining the lake. He stated that as the road deteriorates, the material from the road goes into the ditches and a hard rain will drain mud and silt into the lake.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed concern regarding the possibility of silt from the roadway damaging the lake. She asked that the County look to see if there is an environmental issue with mud from the road going into the lake.

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on May 15, 2017, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on May 15, 2017 and the Spalding County Zoning Public Hearing Meeting on May 25, 2017.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on May 15, 2017, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on May 15, 2017 and the Spalding County Zoning Public Hearing Meeting on May 25, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second 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.
2. Consider approval on second reading Application #17-02Z: James William Campbell, Jr. and Mandy Latishia Campbell, Owners - 4129 Highway 19/41 (0.46 acre located in Land Lot 108 of the 3rd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from C-1, Highway Commercial, to C-1B, Heavy Commercial.

Chairman Miller asked Mr. Fortune if both of the items on the Consent Agenda could be considered at the same time and Mr. Fortune, County Attorney, advised that unless there is an objection that all items on the consent agenda could be considered at the same time.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Motion carried unanimously by all

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.

X. PUBLIC HEARING -

1. Conduct Public Hearing to receive Public Comment on proposed FY 2018 Budget.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to open a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed FY2018 Budget. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Board of Commissioners BOC met and made several changes to the budget, those changes have been incorporated into the proposed FY2018 Budget. The grand total for all budgets went down \$9.375 million this was predominantly due to expenditures from SPLOST funds.

Next year the recommended budget increases slightly by \$1.6 million or 3.8% in the General Fund, 4% in the Fire District, the 911 Fund remained basically unchanged it is a .38% decrease and Water System remained basically unchanged also at a .2% increase.

Mr. Wilson stated that the biggest change that was made to the FY2018 budget was made by the Board of Commissioners during the budget deliberations and

that is where the Commissioners decided to have the Recycling Centers open only three days per week. Effective July 1 the Recycling Centers will be open on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays. All locations will remain open there will be no closure or consolidation of locations.

Mr. Wilson advised that the budget does include Phase III of our four phase plan to address pay compression. It also includes the increase in the pension, reinstating up to a 3% match.

There were changes inside of the Sheriff's Office where the department has been reorganized and employees have been placed into different divisions, but overall the division remain relatively the same.

Mr. Wilson added that the FY2018 is a balanced budget and does not include a tax increase.

Mr. Wilson then opened the floor for comments from the public.

Larry Johnson, 122 Sherbrooke Way, Griffin, GA asked if there been any consideration given to having more trucks to pick up the containers and empty them more frequently on Saturdays so that the containers are not full. He expressed his concern that the containers are filled to the brim on Saturdays now and with one day less access to the centers the containers will fill even faster.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked the amount of funding for substandard housing abatement in the proposed budget.

Mr. Wilson advised it was the same amount as this year. \$25,000 under Community Development, it is the same amount as we had this year.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to close the Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed FY2018 Budget. Motion carried unanimously by all.

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

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to open a Public Hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree Pod 37C. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Mr. Wilson stated that we accepted the right of way and the deed at the last County Commission meeting and this public hearing was scheduled for the establishment of a street light district. Right now there is only one owner Pulte Homes who requested this action. The annual cost for the street lights will be an annual charge by lot to the homeowners in this pod.

Mr. Wilson then asked if there was anyone who would like to speak regarding the street light district.

There was no public comment.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to close the Public Hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree Pod 37C. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. NEW BUSINESS-

1. Consider approval of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 37C.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve a street light district for Sun City Peachtree –Pod 37C. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider request for amplification permit from Melinda Gomez for wedding to be held at 1039 Vineyard Road on June 17, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson stated that that the Amplification Permit is for a wedding to be held on June 17, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 1039 Vineyard Road. The application has been reviewed by the Community Development Department and the Sheriff's Office and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the Amplification Permit from Melinda Gomez for a wedding to be held at 1039 Vineyard Road on June 17, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider request for amplification permit from Pedro Robles who will be hosting his son's wedding celebration at 1646 Teamon Road on June 17, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson stated that that the Amplification Permit is for a wedding celebration to be held on June 17, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 1646 Teamon Road. The application has been reviewed by the Community Development Department and the Sheriff's Office and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the Amplification Permit from Pedro Robles for a wedding celebration to be held at 1646 Teamon Road on June 17, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider request for amplification permit from Oak Hill Baptist Church for

their annual Freedom Fest Celebration and Festival at 100 Lakeside Road, Williamson, GA on Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the Annual Freedom Fest Celebration and Festival hosted by Oak Hill Baptist Church located at 100 Lakeside Road, Williamson, GA. It is scheduled for Sunday, June 25th, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the celebration will end with a fireworks display and everyone is invited. The application has been reviewed by the Community Development Department and the Sheriff's Office and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the amplification permit for Oak Hill Baptist church to hold their annual Freedom Fest Celebration and Festival at 100 Lakeside Road, Williamson, GA on Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider request for amplification permit from Cornilia Braswell who will be hosting a family gathering at 818 North Pomona Road, Griffin, GA on June 10, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson stated that Cornilia Braswell will be hosting a family gathering on June 10th, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 818 North Pomona Road, Griffin, GA. The application has been reviewed by the Community Development Department and the Sheriff's Office and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the amplification permit for Cornilia Braswell who will be hosting a family gathering at 818 North Pomona Road, Griffin, GA on June 10, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider authorizing Chairman to execute sub-grantee agreement with Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for funding of the Accountability Court for FY 2018.

Mr. Wilson stated that this funding is for the new Accountability Court and advised that Judge Esary is here to answer any questions. He stated this is for 100% funding and the grant will cover July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. We have budgeted these revenues and expenditures in the FY2018 Budget.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to authorize the Chairman to execute a sub-grantee agreement with the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for funding of the Accountability Court for FY 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval of an Amendment to the 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan

to increase the employer matching contribution from 2% to 3% effective July 1, 2017.

Mr. Wilson stated this is a formal Resolution that we have to approve to amend out Defined Contribution Plan for the 3% match effective July 1, 2017. This is budgeted in the FY2018 budget.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve an Amendment to the 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan to increase the employer matching contribution from 2% to 3% effective July 1, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider bids for the Fairmont Community Center HVAC System.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the second time the HVAC System has be let out for bids. Last year the Board rejected all bids and asked staff to rebid the project. The project has been rebid and we received three bids. The low bid is from Powers Heating & Air in the amount of \$89,507. The high bid was from Mid Georgia Mechanical at \$119,734.

Mr. Wilson stated that we had budgeted \$100,000 for this project and we are recommending Powers Heating & Air, low bidder at \$89,507.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that this will actually be some of the first SPLOST dollars spent on the Fairmont Property and she expressed her desire to have as much of the SPLOST money as possible be filtered back into our community. She wants to see a much local participation as possible in these projects.

Mr. Wilson advised that Powers Heating & Air is considered a local company under our current ordinance and purchasing policy as they are located in Fayette County which is adjacent to Spalding. Furthermore they are a minority owned business as the owner of the business is female. He further stated that the current ordinance does not have any requirements for minority participation, Disadvantage Business Enterprise participation or things like that. We could go back and revise the ordinance and bid this out for a third time if that is the wishes of the Board.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she feels the community of Spalding County would appreciate us actually having our ordinances more defined so that local companies are able to participate in some of these bids. She believes that this is a necessary conversation.

Commissioner Ray stated that the Contractors have to meet certain requirements in order to bid, they have to be licensed, insured or other requirements as stated in the bid. Many of the local companies simply do not

qualify and if they want to qualify they will need to go the extra steps to become qualified in order to be able to bid.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that her concern is that money collected inside of this County should benefit the businesses in this County. Spalding County residents and small business owners should be given the opportunity to bid on these projects and keep as much of this money as possible in our community. She added that when we sold the SPLOST to the people of Spalding County we stated that we were going to try to spend that money here.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she is researching surrounding Counties to see how their ordinances provide for bids within their communities.

Mr. Wilson advised that he had talked with Powers Heating & Air earlier this week and there are representatives from Powers present if you would like to ask them any questions.

Michael Powers, Commercial Project Manager for Powers Heating & Air, 258 Matthews Road, Fayetteville, GA. Corporate headquarters in Peachtree City and our office is located there. We have been in Peachtree City for nearly 40 years. He stated that they have always been based in Fayette County and in Peachtree City and he grew up in Brooks. Many of their employees are actually Spalding County residents, we also have Coweta County residents and Fayette County residents that we employ. We are a locally source company all of our employees are in a 3-4 county radius of Peachtree City.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if he was aware there was a local company who bid to subcontract on this project.

Mr. Powers stated that he is aware that there was a local bid for the subcontract on the project, but they cannot commit to a subcontract on a bid that they haven't been awarded. As a rule of business, until we have a contract in hand we do not make decisions on who would get a subcontract, that is a process that takes place once the contract is awarded.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked if Mr. Powers was aware of the policy in place where hiring local subcontractors will give you a better chance of getting the bid.

Mr. Powers stated that he had read the entire bid contract in the purchasing documents. He is aware of this policy and is likely a probability and possibility, but until we have a contract he can offer anyone a subcontract. It places his company in an uncomfortable position should they not be awarded a contract and they have already offered work to a subcontractor.

Mr. Powers then stated he would like to address the gap in the pricing between his bid and the bid of the other two contractors. The contract allowed for the

controls to be utilized in a way that was more open, gives you more access to the controls and moving away from a mandated Johnson Controls system. That in itself was a large chunk of the project.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to accept the bids for the Fairmont HVAC and that Powers Heating & Air as low bidder be awarded the contract in the amount of \$89,507. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of a contract with Wilburn Engineering, LLC for traffic signal maintenance services.

Mr. Wilson advised that there are currently two traffic signals and several flashing signals that the County Construction and Maintenance Department have been “maintaining” over the past several years. The City of Griffin contracts with Wilburn Engineering for their streetlights and Wilburn has agreed to honor their bid price for us. We only call them out when we need them. Staff recommends approval, it should be less than \$10,000 per year.

Currently we are using the company that installs the lights for perform maintenance and they charge \$250/hour from the time they leave their yard in North Atlanta until they get here.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve a contract with Wilburn Engineering, LLC for traffic signal maintenance services. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider approval of a contract with Three Rivers Regional Commission for the FY 2018 Public Transportation Program.

This is the Three Rivers Regional Commission Public Transportation Program commonly known as the 5311 Public Transportation that is intended to service non-urban communities. The estimated total to be included in our budget along with the City of Griffin is \$6,650. This is budgeted in FY2018 and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the contract with Three Rivers Regional Commission for the FY2018 Public Transportation Program. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider approval of a Cooperative Working Agreement between Two Rivers RC&D Council, Inc. and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners to provide equipment to stripe roadways in the County.

Mr. Wilson stated that this contract will be with Two Rivers Resource, Conservation and Development Council. This group has a striping system that they can offer. They have upgraded the truck, but currently they are unable to find an operator for that truck, so what they are doing is working with Counties and agreeing to lease that equipment to us and the County will provide the drivers, putting out the cones and traffic control. Two Rivers will provide the paint, the vehicle and maintenance on the vehicle and we will be charged a per mile charge for the use of the truck. The cost for striping under this contract will be approximately 25% of the costs if we go with a conventional striping company.

We would like to give this a try, the contract can be cancelled with 30 day notice. We believe we have people to operate the machinery and we know that we have the staff to provide traffic control and we would like to stripe our roadways ourselves.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve a contract with Three Rivers Regional Commission for the FY2018 Public Transportation Program. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Consider approval of contract with the State of Georgia, Department of Human Resources for Spalding County to provide Janitorial Services for the Department of Family and Children Services Offices located at 411 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Georgia.

This is our annual contract for Janitorial Services and it is budgeted in FY2018.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve a contract with the State of Georgia, Department of Human Resources for Spalding County to provide Janitorial Services for the Department of Family and Children Services Offices located at 411 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.

13. Consider adoption of resolution authorizing declaration of taking for permanent and temporary easement rights, including the right of immediate possession for construction on Right Of Way for the North Hill Street at Northside Drive and Tuskegee Avenue intersection improvements and bridge projects.

Mr. Fortune stated there is a Bank in California that we cannot get any cooperation on a piece of property approximately 581 square feet in size and we are going to move forward with a Declaration of Taking. He asked that the Resolution be adopted so that the construction can continue.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to adopt a resolution authorizing declaration of taking for permanent and temporary easement rights, including the right of immediate possession for construction on Right Of Way for the North Hill Street at Northside Drive and Tuskegee Avenue intersection improvements and bridge projects. Motion carried unanimously by all.

14. Consider a Resolution to acquire property from the State Property Commission.

Mr. Wilson stated that historically deeded the property for the RYDC across from Public Works and the Diversion Center located across from the Sheriff's Office to the State of Georgia in the 70's and 80's. The land was deeded at no charge for them to construct the buildings that are currently on the property. Since then the State of Georgia has vacated the premises and rather than the state selling them off to somebody that we don't know we would like to reacquire those properties since they are adjacent our facilities.

Mr. Wilson advised that the RYDC would probably be torn down because it has been vandalized over the years, but the Diversion Center could be utilized. Waypoint Griffin has expressed an interest in utilizing that facility.

The State will transfer these properties back to the County upon receipt of the resolution.

Mr. Fortune advised that the Resolutions have been drawn in a way to satisfy the requirements of the State of Georgia and we will pay them \$10.00 and they will deed back the two tracts of property to the County.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to adopt a Resolution to acquire property from the State Property Commission. Motion carried unanimously by all.

15. Consider request to declare surplus 60.52 acres off Hollonville Road.

Mr. Wilson stated that we have been approached by someone who would like to acquire the 60.52 acres of land locked property owned by Spalding County on Hollonville Road. He stated that he had provided a synopsis on the property, it originally had been where the Water Authority was going to construct a water treatment facility and draw water out of the Flint River we are no longer able to do that and we have given up the rights to withdraw water from that river.

Several years ago L&S Land Company who had granted us approximately 6 acres of right of way to access this property asked for the easement back since we had never developed a road and the Commissioners gave the property back

to them. The person who purchased all of the property around this parcel from L&S Land Company has asked to purchase this property.

Mr. Fortune then address the steps for declaring the property surplus. Once the property is declared surplus the Tax Assessors Office will determine the value of the property and that will be the minimum bid for the property on the courthouse steps. The perspective purchaser will be required to provide a check in the amount of the minimum bid in order for the property to be offered on the courthouse steps. We will then advertise and sell the property on the courthouse steps to the highest bidder.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to declare surplus 60.52 acres off of Hollonville Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

16. Consider cancellation of the July 3rd, 2017 Board of Commissioner's meeting due to the observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to cancel the July 3rd, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting due to the observance of the Independence Day holiday. Motion carried unanimously by all.

17. Consider a resolution to submit an application for consideration to the Atlanta Regional Commission to fund the relocation of SR155 from Jackson Road down CR498/McDonough Road to SR16 Corridor and reroute truck traffic from the historic downtown district of the City of Griffin.

This is a joint application between the City of Griffin and Spalding County for relocation of SR155 from Jackson Road down CR498/McDonough Road to the SR16 Corridor and will reroute truck traffic from the downtown district of the City of Griffin. This is part of the Atlanta Regional Commission Transportation Improvement Program call for projects. We have two projects that we have submitted and this is one of them to be jointly funded 50/50 by the City and County.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor a resolution to submit an application for consideration to the Atlanta Regional Commission to fund the relocation of SR155 from Jackson Road down CR498/McDonough Road to SR16 Corridor and reroute truck traffic from the historic downtown district of the City of Griffin. Motion carried unanimously by all.

18. Consider a resolution to submit an application for consideration to the Atlanta Regional Commission to fund a study of transportation connectivity, traffic operations and safety, critical intersection identification and assessment, traffic/crash data related to freight movement in Spalding County.

The State of Georgia is working on a designated truck lane from Savannah to Atlanta and we would like to be part of that transportation study which would also include a possible interchange at Jenkinsburg Road.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor a resolution to submit an application for consideration to the Atlanta Regional Commission to fund a study of transportation connectivity, traffic operations and safety, critical intersection identification and assessment, traffic/crash data related to freight movement in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Lanier Boatwright, Executive Director of Three Rivers Regional Commission is retiring after 40 years. His retirement Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, June 8th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room at the Griffin Welcome Center.
- 4H Youth in Governance was held in the Meeting Room this morning. He thanked Vice Chairman Ray and Sheriff Dix for attending. There were approximately 22 -4H members who attended.
- Doug Krepps resigned from the Water Authority and we need nominations to fill his appointment. His term will expire on December 31, 2021.
- Dr. Bruce Reid who is on the Board of Health has retired from practice and therefore is no longer a practicing physician. We will need to replace Dr. Reid.
- Kenda Woodard, Main Street, has resigned her position and will be leaving on June 16th and Kenwin Hayes, COG DDA Director will be leaving his position on June 30th. The City of Griffin is having a Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, at 8:00 a.m. to discuss these positions and the Chamber Executive Director position.
- SPLOST Collections - 13 month average is \$712,161 we are hitting and exceeding that goal. Moving forward with the SPLOST projects he will have an update at the end of this month.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Donald Hawbaker

- Congratulated the Biggest Loser winners, stated that the contest was a lot of fun and he looks forward to doing it again next year.
- Thanked Public Works for their responsiveness and good work on Cecil Jackson Road. He further stated that if the TSPLOST passes this road will be ranked high on the list of dirt roads to be paved.
- Thanked Kathy Gibson for being on top of things that need to be done all of the time.
- Stated that he was proud to participate in the events around Memorial Day.

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor

- No Comment.

Commissioner Raymond Ray

- Thanked Parks and Rec, the VFW and all of the organizations involved in setting up the Memorial Day Celebration. It was an honor to attend.

Commissioner Rita Johnson

- Looking forward to the Pickleball complex being completed and the first tournaments getting underway.

Chairman Bart Miller

- Congratulated Wendy Law on her promotion to Human Resource Director.
- Thanked the Public Works Department for all that they do on maintain the dirt roads, especially in his district.
- Thanked Kathy Gibson for all of her assistance in preparing for the meetings.

Mr. Wilson reminded everyone of the meeting with the Cities on June 19th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss TSPLOST. The Board of Commissioner's Workshop to discuss TSPLOST projects is scheduled for June 21st at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***