

MINUTES

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.

Joint Proclamation

Honoring

Willie James Gault

WHEREAS, Willie James Gault was born in Griffin, Georgia on September 5, 1960 to James and Willie Mae Gault; his character, strong morals and competitive nature were part of the family values that his parents instilled in him at a young age. Willie's early years as a student athlete made him a true asset to his community in football and baseball. He was a standout member of the Griffin Elks Club Little League team at ages 10-12, and his coaches remember that more than his natural ability and skill set made Willie very coachable. He instinctively sought to improve his game and parlayed constructive criticism into personal and physical growth which nurtured his positive attitude; and

WHEREAS, Willie Gault's career as a Griffin High Bear Football and Track Star are still legendary; he was also a leader on this renowned team, coached by Lloyd Bohannon, that sent many players on to college scholarships and eventually the National Football League. Coach Bohannon proudly remembers "As his high school coach, he was one of the classiest young men I have ever coached or met. His smile lights up a room." This wonderful young man's performance led to his selection as an Atlanta Journal Georgia High School All State Team member for 1978 and 1979 and as a standout on the Griffin High Bears 1978 Co-Champion Team (with Valdosta).

WHEREAS, Two of Willie Gault's Griffin High track mentors, Coaches Johnny Goodrum and Erwin Ross, noted that Willie was part of two state championships, winning as a junior the 120 high hurdles and was part of the team 440 relay champions followed by a senior winning the 100 meters. Willie loved track, becoming a dual sport athlete at Tennessee, which gave great personal satisfaction and affirmed his love for speed.

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee Football and Track Scholarship led to a spectacular college career from 1979 to 1982, and many of his records as a Volunteer in both disciplines still stand today. He was selected as an Olympian for the 1980 Olympics which was boycotted by the United States; despite his disappointment, Willie continued to compete in World Class track events, including the 110 meter hurdles, and was part of the 1983 World Championship 4x100 meter relay team with Emmit King, Calvin Smith and Carl Lewis.

WHEREAS, Willie counts high among his honors induction into the Griffin Sports Hall of Fame, as well as the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. He was selected 18th in the

first round of the 1983 National Football League Draft by the Chicago Bears, and he played with the Bears from 1983 to 1987 and then for the Los Angeles Raiders from 1988 to 1993. Willie caught four passes for 129 yards in the 1985 Bears victory in Super Bowl XX. He finished his 11 NFL seasons with 333 receptions for 6,635 yards. Following retirement from the NFL, he has concentrated his athletic abilities in Master Athletics competition and his acting career in movies and television.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED That we, the City of Griffin and Spalding County Board of Commissioners, would like to encourage citizens to reflect on the honor that Willie James Gault has brought to his community and family by these accomplishments. Further, we collectively urge all citizens to unite with us as we proudly proclaim this twenty-fifth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen to be

Willie James Gault Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the Boards of Commissioners for Spalding County and the City of Griffin, have hereunto set our hands this 25th day of February 2017.



Bart Miller, Chairperson

Rodney C. McCord, Mayor

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Manager

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager

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.

Joint Proclamation

**By the City of Griffin and Spalding County
Honoring
Ms. Bonita "Bonnie" Pfrogner**

WHEREAS, The Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce serves a vital role in the economic progress and growth of the City of Griffin and Spalding County and for more than twenty years, Ms. Bonita "Bonnie" Pfrogner has been the very capable, friendly and visible face of the Chamber and more; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie always brings her best to the table ... the best in connections, history, event planning and even sometimes her best recipes or dance moves ... no matter if it was in her previous life as the sweet voice on the radio or in the many roles she filled and continues to fill in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bonnie Pfrogner began working for the Chamber as Interim Executive Director in 1996, with her part-time leadership quickly developing into full-time opportunity, and has been an integral part of

the successful training and community programming sponsored by the Chamber since that time; and

WHEREAS, Her vision, unselfish example and guidance have bolstered economic development and tourism in both the City of Griffin and in Spalding County, earning her the Kent Lawrence Professional of the Year Award by ACCE in 2008, Certified Chamber Executive by ACCE, a graduate degree from the U.S. Chamber's Institute of Organizational Management in 2005, the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Volunteer of the Year in 2004, and many more awards; and

WHEREAS, Just a few of her other notable achievements include Hospital Authority Board Member and Past Chair; United Way Board Member, Allocations and Communications Committees; Griffin/Spalding Literacy Commission and Past Chair; ABWA Member and Past President; Utility Club and Past President; Daybreak Rotary Club, Past President and 2014 Rotarian of the Year; Spalding Collaborative and Past Chair; and Member of First Presbyterian Church, Worship Chair, Session Member and Personnel Committee.

WHEREAS, Bonnie, through her willingness to serve on numerous Committees, Boards and Authorities, has contributed great value to each of those agencies but has, by extension, enriched the City of Griffin and Spalding County, the community she so obviously loves, through her participation, dedication and leadership; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Progner, during her twenty years as Chamber Executive Director and beyond, has been a true inspiration to those many lives she has touched and has left a legacy within the Chamber and many other entities in our community that is truly remarkable. Join us as we wish her well on her retirement and as she embarks on the rest of what we know will be a continuation of her extraordinary journey.

NOW

THEREFORE Be it proclaimed that we, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County and the City of Griffin, do hereby proudly and with great gratitude recognize and pay tribute to Ms. Bonita "Bonnie" Pfrogner for the many accomplishments and contributions she has made to our community and its citizenry.

IN WITNESS

WHEREOF, We, the Boards of Commissioners for Spalding County and the City of Griffin, have hereunto set our hands on the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.



Bart Miller, Chairperson

Rodney C. McCord, Mayor

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Manager

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager

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.

Proclamation

**A PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE, THE WEEK OF APRIL 9-15, 2017 AS
"NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK"**

WHEREAS: The Congress of the United States has established that the second full week of April each year as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; and

WHEREAS: when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS: the safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Spalding County Communication Center; and

WHEREAS: Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics in monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety and appropriate response; and

WHEREAS: our Spalding County Public Safety Telecommunicators, under the supervision of Director Barbara Lights, have exhibited compassion, empathy, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their duties and have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients;

**NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT RESOLVED**
the

We, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim
the
week of April 9-15, 2017 as

“National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week”

and join in honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our citizens safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County to be affixed this, the twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand seventeen.

Bart Miller, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

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

Commission 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.

Proclamation

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2017 AS MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and
- WHEREAS:** Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and
- WHEREAS:** the 2017 observance of March for Meals provides an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and
- WHEREAS:** Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, in Spalding County, Georgia have served our communities admirably for more than 50 years in the State of Georgia and for 40 years in Spalding County; and
- WHEREAS:** volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Spalding County are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and
- WHEREAS:** Meals on Wheels programs in Spalding County provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout our County that help them to maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and
- WHEREAS:** Meals on Wheels programs in Spalding County provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and
- WHEREAS:** Meals on Wheels programs in Spalding County deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, our State and our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED I, Bart Miller, as Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim March 2017 as March for Meals Month and urge every citizen to take this month to honor our Meals on Wheels programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national 2016 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in American.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County to be affixed this, the twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand seventeen.

Bart Miller, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

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 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.

APPLICATION FOR SHIELD OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER, INC.
FOR REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY
LOCATED WITHIN SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA;

REZONING APPLICATION #16-05Z

RESOLUTION AMENDING

THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

AND

THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia is empowered by virtue of its police power to regulate the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Spalding County to provide for and enact zoning and developmental regulations;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia on January 4, 1994 and therein adopted the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, in Article 23, Section 2301, et. seq.;

WHEREAS, under the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia the within described property is currently classified under the zoning classification entitled "R-2, Single Family Residential;"

WHEREAS, Shield of Faith Christian Center, Inc., applicant, applied for a change in zoning classification to be applied to the within described property to "C-1B, Heavy Commercial;"

WHEREAS, such application was filed with Spalding County, Georgia on December 27, 2016;

WHEREAS, such application was reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the application was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on February 23, 2017, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-66-1, et. seq. in the Spalding County Hearing Room, Room 108, Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia considered the proposed amendment, any and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Spalding County Planning Commission and all data and evidence taken at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia

and an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia is in conformance with the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people;

NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia shall be and are hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: The Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia designating the boundaries of the several types or classes of zoning districts shall be, and is hereby amended so as to change the zoning classification applicable to the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 17 of the 2nd District, originally Monroe, now Spalding County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1 inch open top pipe found on the southeasterly right-of-way of Harlow Avenue (40' R/W) 471.04 feet northeasterly from the intersection of southeasterly right-of-way of Harlow Avenue and the northeasterly right-of-way of Memorial Drive, aka State Route No. 16; thence along the southeasterly right-of-way of Harlow Avenue North 45°40'46" East, a distance of 74.90 feet to a 1 inch open top pipe found; thence South 56°19'45" East, a distance of 406.37 feet to an axle found; thence South 24°03'40" West, a distance of 98.75 feet to a 1 inch open top pipe found; thence North 53°11'00" West, a distance of 439.10 feet to a 1 inch open top pipe found, being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

From "R-2, Single Family Residential" to "C-1B, Heavy Commercial" District.

Section 2: Pursuant to the authority granted to it by virtue of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia, Section 414 (L) and upon a determination by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that application of certain conditions on the amendment benefit the public and promote the best interests of the general welfare of the people, the following conditions shall be imposed upon the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, as follows:

- a. .827 acre tract located at 920 Harlow Avenue shall be combined with adjacent 1.9 acre tract located at 916 Harlow Avenue.
- b. Zoning shall be tied to church and associated uses only.
- c. All site lighting shall be designed so as not to glare onto adjacent residential properties.

Section 3:

(a) Pursuant to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia, Section 2302 (B), the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia shall be amended to reflect the change made hereby to read as follows:

On March 20, 2017, by official action of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, the following change was made in the Official Zoning Map, Spalding County: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 17 of the 2nd District, originally Monroe, now Spalding County, Georgia, containing 0.827 acre, 920 Harlow Avenue, zoned C-1B, Conditional.

(b) The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia is directed and authorized to execute such notice of the amendment of the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia.

(c) The Zoning Administrator is authorized and directed to enter such notice of the amendment of the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, GA thereon.

Section 4: The foregoing amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 5: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

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.

**Resolution of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners
Regarding County Issued Purchasing and/or Credit Cards**

WHEREAS, Georgia law prohibits counties from issuing purchasing cards and credit cards to elected officials unless the governing authority of the county has authorized such issuance and has promulgated policies regarding their use as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, such purchasing cards and credit cards shall only be issued to elected officials designated by the governing authority; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. § 36-80-24, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners desires to authorize certain elected officials to be issued a county purchasing and/or credit card, to adopt the attached ordinance containing the County's policy on purchasing cards and credit cards and to adopt the attached user agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spalding County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached Purchasing Card and Credit Card Ordinance for Spalding County Elected Officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, by public vote, designates the following Spalding County Elected Officials to receive a county issued purchasing and/or credit card and approves the attached user agreement for the following elected officials:

- Chair/CEO/Mayor
- Commissioners
- Coroner
- Magistrate Judge
- Probate Judge
- Sheriff
- Superior Court Clerk
- Tax Commissioner
- Solicitor
- State Court Judge

This 20th day of March, 2017.

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Bart Miller, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

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.

CONTRACT WITH S.A.F.E. SAVING ANIMALS FROM EUTHANASIA, INC.

This contract is made and entered into between Spalding County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "the County") and S.A.F.E. Saving Animals From Euthanasia, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as the "S.A.F.E.").

1. Spalding County operates an animal shelter in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia.
2. S.A.F.E provides spay/neuter and vaccination services to the Spalding County Animal Shelter.
3. The parties desire that they enter into a formal contract setting out the terms of their agreement.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual agreement set out, all parties agree to the following:

- A. S.A.F.E. will provide spay/neuter and vaccination services at the time of service to the dogs and cats which are being held at the Spalding County Animal Shelter
 - a. Pursuant to Georgia Law, all surgical procedures performed on animals 12 weeks and older will include a 1 year Rabies vaccination.
 - b. All animals undergoing surgical procedures will receive 1 dose of a 24 hour pain medication.
- B. Spalding County agrees that it shall pay to S.A.F.E. the following fees for service rendered. Payment will be made within 14 days from the date of service. A statement of charges will be provide to the Animal Control Director on the date of service.
 - a. \$75.00 for female canine spay.
 - b. \$75.00 for male canine neuter if greater than 40 lbs.
 - c. \$60.00 for male canine neuter less than 40 lbs.
 - d. \$50.00 for a feline spay.

- e. \$40.00 for a cat neuter;
 - f. \$60.00 for canine male or female less than 4 months of age. Age is determined by S.A.F.E. veterinarian at time of examination.
 - g. \$15.00 for umbilical hernia repair at time of surgery, canine or feline.
 - h. \$25.00 for any animal placed under anesthesia and determined (without surgery) to have previously been altered. A Rabies vaccination will be administered.
- C. S.A.F.E. agrees that it shall maintain standard malpractice insurance coverage and agrees that it shall hold the County harmless for all claims which may arise out of the execution of this contract.
- D. S.A.F.E. makes no claims as to the adoptability, personality, disposition, health status, current or future status of any animal presented for surgery and will not be held liable at the time of service or at any future date for such.
- E. A basic assessment for surgery examination will be performed before surgery. No diagnostic tests will be performed on any animal. Those animals presented for surgery are considered elective and any complication, including death, are not the responsibility of S.A.F.E. Any animal determined to be at increased risk by S.A.F.E. veterinarian may be refused at the veterinarian's discretion.
- F. Payment will be made for each animal presented according to the above.
- G. Either party may terminate this contract upon 30 days written notice to the other.
- H. The relationship established hereto is that of Independent Contractor and S.A.F.E. shall in no way be considered an employee of Spalding County.
- I. The term of this contract shall be from the date of its execution until such time as one party or the other gives 30 days written notice of its intent to terminate same.

HERETOFORE AFFIX our hands and seals this 20th day of March, 2017.

SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

S.A.F.E., INC.

BY: _____
 Bart Miller
 Chairman

BY: _____
 Susan Hester, DVM
 President

Attest: _____
 William P. Wilson, Jr.
 County Manager

WITNESS: _____

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.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF HOLLONVILLE ROAD (60' R/W)

WHEREAS, Hollonville Road has a 60 Foot Right of Way except for a certain portion near the Flint River where it becomes a 100 foot Right of Way per that certain Rural Post Roads Right of Way Deed from Theron Johnston as recorded in Deed Book 240, Page 524, Spalding County, Georgia Records and as shown on that certain Plat of Survey for Scott A. Dezell containing 100.58 acres, and being more particularly described and delineated according to said plat and survey prepared by Robert D. Smith Jr., Georgia Registered Surveyor Number 2766, dated 01/03/2017, entitled, "Boundary Survey of 100.58 Acres Cut From A Parent Tract For: Scott A. Dezell", said plat being of record in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Spalding County, Georgia, in Plat Book 26, Page 565; which said plat and the recording thereof are by reference hereto incorporated herein for a more complete and detailed description; and

WHEREAS, there are various Right-of –Way's depicted along Hollonville Road as shown on various plats and surveys indicating that the Right of Way of Hollonville road is a 60 Foot Right-Of-Way, an 80-foot Right-of-Way, and a 100-Foot Right of Way along the same stretch of road; and

WHERAS, Spalding County only claims, retains and has in an interest in Hollonville Road being a 60 foot right of way except for that portion of Hollonville Road that is a 100 foot right of way per that certain right of way deed at Deed Book 240, Page 524, Spalding County Georgia Records; and

WHEREAS, Spalding County, disclaims, releases and quitclaims any interest it may have in real property that extends beyond the 60 foot right of way along Hollonville Road except for that portion of Hollonville Road that is a 100 foot right of way per that certain Rural Post Roads Right of Way Deed recorded in Deed Book 240, Page 524, Spalding County, Georgia Records and that said stretch of 100 foot right of way as depicted on that certain plat of survey for Scott A. Dezell recorded in Plat Book 26, Page 565, Spalding County, Georgia Records; and

WHEREAS, Spalding County retains all of its rights to Hollonville Road, a 60 foot right of way, and that portion of Hollonville Road which becomes a 100 foot right of way as described above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia have hereunto set their hands and seal, and delivered these presents This 20th day of March, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Bart Miller, Chairman

Attest: _____
William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
In the presence of:

Unofficial Witness

Notary Public

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.

The City of Griffin inmate contract detail officer agreement is the agreement sent to: City of Griffin, Henry County, Upson County, City of Thomaston, Fayette County and the Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
CITY OF GRIFFIN FOR USE OF INMATE WORK DETAILS**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 20th day of March, 2017, by and between SPALDING COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, (hereinafter referred to as the "Spalding County"), and BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, a department, agency or subdivision of the State of Georgia, (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency"),

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Agency wishes to utilize inmate work details ("Details") for services on public works projects and

WHEREAS, Spalding County is willing and able to provide the Details to the Agency, under the terms and conditions of this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises and the mutual promises and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows;

1. OBLIGATION OF SPALDING COUNTY

- a. During the term of this Agreement, Spalding County shall supply the Agency, subject to the availability of State Inmates, with four (4) Detail(s) consisting of

four (4) full-time Correctional Officer(s) and not more than eight (8) inmates per detail.

b. In performing the work called for under this agreement:

- The number one priority of the Correctional Officer assigned to an outside contract detail will be the security and safety of his or her assigned inmates and the welfare of the community.
- The second priority shall be the timely completion of assigned work.
- The Details shall work an eight (8) hour day, Monday through Friday, this including transportation to and from the work site from Spalding County Correctional Institution, hereinafter referred to as "SCCI".
- The Details may work outside of such hours due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, if the Agency requests and the Warden at SCCI agrees.
- Spalding County shall be solely responsible for the custody, discipline and productivity of the Details, and for providing clothing and health care to the Details.
- Spalding County Detail Officer shall be responsible for transporting the Details between SCCI and designated work sites.

Responsibility: Facility/Center staff shall use good judgment during inclement weather, to complete work assigned by contacting agencies in a timely manner.

- Inclement Weather: Every effort shall be made to run details when it is raining, if it appears rain is scattered or rain will soon end. This will allow inmates to be near or at the assigned work site and go to work as weather conditions improve.
- Cold Weather: Every effort will be made to run details when the temperature is below twenty-eight (28) degrees Fahrenheit when it appears the temperature will quickly rise. Again, this will allow inmates to be near or at the assigned work site and go to work as weather conditions improve.
- Hot Weather: Work details will continue to run in conditions of extreme heat. However, precautions shall be taken to lessen the risks (i.e. extra breaks every hour).

It is the responsibility of a Detail Officer to maintain control of the inmates assigned under his/her supervision to insure that proper security measures are maintained and that inmates work in an orderly manner.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AGENCY

- The Agency will allow up to fifteen (15) days for vacation and Sick Leave per detail officer per year. The Agency will allow for mandatory training time for the officer(s) as required by County and State Regulations.
- The Agency shall furnish all equipment, tools, safety equipment, and transportation vehicles for the Details between SCCI and designated work sites. The Agency shall further provide for or perform maintenance on all said equipment, tools and vehicle, and shall be solely responsible for

replacement or repair of same. The Agency shall provide, at its sole cost, automobile insurance for the transportation vehicles supplied to SCCI under this agreement. The vehicle shall be equipped with a mobile radio or cellphone for the exclusive use of the Correctional Officer, capable of communicating with law enforcement agencies and emergency medical personnel. It shall also be equipped with a first aid kit. The vehicle shall be marked "State Prisoners" on the front, side and rear of the vehicle, with the vehicle number being marked on the roof. A portable toilet shall also be provided for use by inmates assigned to the detail.

- Road Signs: The Agency shall furnish road signs (warning) to be placed in the front and rear of the detail if work is being done on a public road. The distance between the signs shall depend on the type work being done. At all times signs should be placed to provide a warning to motorists. Safety of the detail and of drivers should be the guiding consideration to determine placement.
- Detail Identification Signs: In addition to necessary safety signs, each outside work detail from Spalding County Correctional Institution will have two signs identifying the detail as a prison detail.
- The Agency shall furnish a strobe light which shall be mounted on top of the vehicle used to transport inmates assigned to contract details. The light shall be used on all occasions when the vehicle is parked on the side of a public road or when the vehicle is following the detail while the detail is proceeding along the highway.
- The Agency shall provide general direction and supervision of the work to be performed under this Agreement, but no official or employee of the Agency shall exercise any immediate control, direction or supervision over any inmate of the Detail(s). The sole responsibility for the directing, controlling, and supervising said Detail(s) shall be that of SCCI and its officials, Correctional Supervisors and employees. Directions as to work to be performed shall be communicated to the Correctional Officer for the Detail(s) in question; who shall then direct the work of the Detail(s) accordingly.

In consideration of the work to be performed by the Detail(s) under this Agreement, the Agency shall pay to Spalding County the following:

- An amount equal to the salary, including fringe benefits, of four (4) Correctional Officer(s). Spalding County will provide the Agency with a schedule of said salary and fringe benefits. Spalding County will provide the Agency with a quarterly invoice for this cost, which shall name the Correctional Officer(s) in question.
- The Agency shall pay an amount equal to 10% of the Correctional Officer's salary and benefits that would compensate for administrative duties involving safety and security compliance of the detail, classification review and assignments, staff management and oversight of detail operations. An agreed upon rate of per diem will be paid for every day the detail(s) do not report for work over fifteen (15) days.

Invoices shall be mailed to:

City of Griffin

P.O. Box T
Griffin, Georgia 30224

- The Agency shall be solely responsible for, and shall hold harmless SCCI, Spalding County, its elected officials, officers, agents, employees and representatives from any and all damages or injuries caused to person or property and from suits, claims or damages of any nature whatsoever resulting from the execution of this contract, unless said suit or claim arises solely out of the negligence of Spalding County.

3. TERM; RENEWAL; TERMINATION

- a. This Agreement shall be for a term beginning the 1st day of July, 2017 and ending the 30th day of June, 2018, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Section 3.
- b. This Agreement shall automatically renew for additional terms of one (1) year unless one party notifies the other in writing (given pursuant to Section 4.a herein) of their intent to terminate the Agreement. Said notice must be provided no less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled termination of the Agreement.
- c. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon ten (10) days written notice (given pursuant to Section 4.a herein) for the default of the other party.
- d. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon sixty days' written notice (given pursuant to Section 4.a herein) to the other party.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. All notices, demands, and requests which may be or are required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given when sent postage pre-paid by registered or certified mail (with return receipt requested) address as follows:

If intended for Spalding County:

Spalding County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 1087
Griffin, Georgia 30224

If intended for SCCI:

Spalding County Correctional Institution
Attention: Warden
295 Justice Boulevard
Griffin, Georgia 30224

If intended for the Agency:

Board of Commissioners of City of Griffin
P.O. Box T
Griffin, Georgia 30224

Either party may change the address and name of addressee to which subsequent notices are to be sent by notice to the other given as aforesaid.

- b. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed and interpreted by the laws of the State of Georgia.
- c. Entire Agreement; Amendment. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties, and no representations, inducements, promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, between the parties not embodied herein shall be of any force or effect. No failure of either party to exercise any power given it hereunder, or to insist upon strict compliance by either party of any obligations hereunder, and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof shall constitute a waiver of either party's right to demand exact compliance with the terms hereof this Agreement may not be amended except by a writing signed by both parties.

WHEREFORE, the parties have set their hands and seals as of the date first above written.

THE AGENCY:

By: _____

Typed Name: _____

Witness: _____

By: _____

Typed Name: _____

SCCI WARDEN:

By: _____

Typed Name: Carl Humphrey

Witness: _____

SPALDING COUNTY:

By: _____

Typed Name: Bart Miller, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Witness: _____

William P. Wilson, Jr.
County Manager

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 15th 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 17th, May 8th or May 22nd 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 28th 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 26th 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 27th and will end on May 19th. 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.***

/s/ _____
Bart Miller, Chairperson

/s/ _____
William P. Wilson, Jr., Clerk

