

## MINUTES

**The The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, April 17, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Bart Miller presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald Hawbaker were present. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson Jr., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, County Attorney, Jim Fortune, County Zoning Attorney, Newton Galloway 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 TOFLAG** led by Commissioner Raymond Ray

**IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Consider Proclamation declaring May 2017 Older American's Month in Spalding County, Georgia.

Commissioner Rita Johnson read the proclamation. Janie Clark and Suzie Griffin from the Council on Aging and Jacoya Clinkscales, Senior Nutrition Supervisor at the Senior Center were present to receive the proclamation.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve the proclamation declaring May 2017 as Older American's Month in Spalding County, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

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

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

Mr. Buffington updated the Board on the progress that had been made on the project since the last meeting.

Mitch Headley stated that they have been delayed by the weather and the soil conditions and getting access to the site. He advised that they are scheduled to pour the concrete footing for the concession stand tomorrow. All of the underground work is complete and we will be pouring the footings. He advised that they would be utilizing a special laser grading system to make sure that the grade is correct on the courts.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked if they were still on schedule for substantial completion on May 15 and final completion June 15.

Mr. Headley advised that a realistic date for substantial completion would be early June.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked for another update in 30 days this would give us some clue as to if the complex will be complete in time to meet the commitment for the first tournament.

Mr. Wilson asked that they plan on coming back to give the Board an update at the next meeting scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

3. Zoning Attorney to update the BOC with regards to Full Blown Firearms Special Exception home occupation.

Newton Galloway, Zoning Attorney, stated that they were asked to do an update on the status of the County's work regarding the investigation of Full Blown Firearms and its compliance of conditions with Home Occupation Special Exception as approved in February of 2015. He asked Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director, to present a timeline of activities that have taken place to date and then he will be available to answer any questions.

Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director, presented the timeline of events leading up to today with regard to Full Blown Firearms.

Mr. Galloway then advised that experts were retained pursuant to the Boards' direction to determine if Full Blown Firearms is in compliance with the conditions that were imposed at the time the Home Occupation Special Exception was granted. The County does not have the staff or expertise to make this determination, so after investigation and research experts were identified. He further stated that after having met with these individuals both before and after the inspection, he feels they are highly competent and professionals in their field and have experience and expertise in design and development standards for shooting ranges in general.

With the division of labor between Petticord and Giordano as stated. Mr. Petticord focused on the environmental conditions and Mr. Giordano focused on the design. The purpose of the questionnaires that were sent out to the neighbors and to Full Blown Firearms was to collect data so that we can look at the data and access factually what is happening, how it has occurred and how frequently it occurs. He also stated that no instruction was given to the experts except to advise if the facility is in compliance with the conditions set forth at the time the Home Occupation Special Exception was granted. Mr. Galloway stated the data collected has been conveyed to the experts for inclusion in their analysis.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Board may want to have a Special Called Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> to review the reports from the experts.

Mr. Galloway stated that the goal of this process has been to authoritatively assess compliance with what the Board imposed in February 2015. The process was undertaken with no preconditions and no predetermined outcome.

## V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the eight months ended March 31, 2017.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve the financial statements for the eight months ended March 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**VI. CITIZEN COMMENT**

Speakers must sign up prior to the meeting and provide their names, addresses and topic in which they will speak on. Speakers must direct all comments to the Board only. Speakers will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on their chosen topics and relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of the Commissioners. No questions will be asked by any of the commissioners during citizen comments. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times during the meeting.

**Spoke in favor of Full Blown Firearms.**

Rob Stutes, 1119 Russell Drive, Griffin, GA  
Betty Higdon, 202 Laurel Drive, Barnesville, GA  
James Klemm, 119 Canin Court, Griffin, GA

**Spoke against Full Blown Firearms**

Christine Thomas, 400 North Rover Road.

**VII. MINUTES-**

1. Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on April 3, 2017.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on April 3, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA- None.**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.**

**X. PUBLIC HEARING**

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to open a Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

1. **Conduct a Public Hearing for: Application #FLA-17-01:** Wayne K. Duncan has requested a future land use map change from Low-Density Residential to Commercial for the following: 2870 North Expressway (10.435 acres located in Land Lot 103 of the 3rd Land District).

Mr. Galloway advised that Items #1 and Item #2 involved the same property and requested that the items be consolidated for hearing and voted on separately.

***Motion by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to consolidate Items #1 and Item #2 for the hearing and vote on the items separately. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Chad Jacobs stated that this is a request to rezone a property from C-1, Highway Commercial and AR-1, Agricultural and Residential, to C-1B, Heavy Commercial to accommodate the development of a mini warehouse facility. There is also a Future Land Use Map amendment request requesting a change of the property from low density residential to commercial.

Mr. Jacobs then stated that the property is split zoned as C-1 in an AR-1 Zone. The primary area consists of 8.9 acres that is zoned as C-1 and there is a small portion on the far said of Old Atlanta Road which is approximately 1.4 acres that is zoned AR-1.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the proposed development would be done in three phases. Phase I will be three buildings consisting of 162 storage units and the office area, detention area and screening from the road. Phase II would be in the future and would consist of climate controlled units and the remainder would be in Phase III.

Mr. Jacobs advised that staff does recommend approval of the Future Land Use Map request. The existing corridor is predominantly commercial and therefore approval is recommended.

Mr. Jacobs then stated that staff recommends conditional approval of the rezoning as the rezoning would not increase the threat to public health, safety or general welfare beyond acceptable measures. The following conditions are proposed:

- (a) The Future Land Use Map shall be amended to Commercial.
- (b) All outdoor storage shall be neat and orderly at all times.
- (c) Only the 8.993 acres pursuant to the meets and bounds submitted shall be zoned C-1B for mini warehouse facility. *(Staff is recommending that the 1.4 acres remain AR-1 as it is a very small piece of property, it is narrow and doesn't lend itself to any type of commercial development.)*
- (d) All site lighting is to be designed so as not to glare onto adjacent properties or roadways.
- (e) Proposed ingress and egress on Old Atlanta Road shall be a right in and right out only. GDOT will govern the entryway off of 19/41.

Mr. Jacobs advised that the Planning Committee at their March meeting recommended approval with staff conditions by a vote of 4-0.

Jeremie Buffington, Paragon Consulting, asked that the Board consider adding the tract of land be included as part of the rezoning as it could benefit the client and could be utilized as part of this commercial development to park RV's and boats. He added that it could be screened off if necessary, but he did ask that the Board entertain the possibility of rezoning this piece of property as well.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve Application #FLA-17-01: Wayne K. Duncan the change to 8.993 acres, of the in Land Lot 103 of the 3rd Land District, on the future land use map from Low-Density Residential to Commercial for 2870 North Expressway on. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

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

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve Application #17-01Z: Wayne K. Duncan, Owner - Owen D. Snow, Agent, to rezone 8.9 Acres located in Land Lot 103 of the 3rd Land District, 2870 North Expressway be rezoned from C-1, Highway Commercial to C- 1B, Heavy Commercial with the conditions as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. **Conduct a Public Hearing for: Application #17-02S: Stanley McCoy and Elizabeth McCoy, Owners - 137 Ginny Lane (5.6 acres located in Land Lot 56 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a Special Exception to allow a Medical Hardship in the AR-1 District.**

Mr. Jacobs advised that this application is a request to place a mobile home on the property in an AR-1 District due to medical hardship.

The applicant's daughter suffers from cerebral palsy and her fiancé is legally blind and a statement from the doctor, Dr. Laurie Cochran, M.D. regarding both Ms. McCoy and her fiancé Robert Towne is included in the documentation provided for the Board. All other requirements per section 503(d)(2) have been met. Pursuant to Medical Hardships and temporary placement of the home, staff does recommend approval for the following reasons:

- Approval of this request will not be detrimental to the use or development of adjacent properties or to the general neighborhood.
- It will not adversely affect the health or safety of the residents.
- There should be no depreciating affects to neighboring properties from this approval.
- Should the special exception be granted, it should not negatively affect the existing use of the property.
- The request is temporary and will be removed from the property within 30 days at the time the need ceases to exist.

Mr. Jacobs advised that the Board of Appeals at their April meeting recommended approval by a vote of 4-0.

Elizabeth McCoy, 137 Ginny Lane, Griffin, Georgia stated she has applied for a medical hardship variance for her daughter who has been handicapped since birth with cerebral palsy and her fiancé, Robert Towne, who is legally blind. The request is to put a mobile home on our property so that the family will be able to assist the couple, once they are married, with their needs. She stated that her son's property connects to her property and he will be available to assist the couple as well.

Ms. McCoy advised that even though they will be able to take care of their basic needs without assistance, neither one is able to drive and they will require some assistance. That is the reason she has requested the variance.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked Ms. McCoy if Dr. Cochran was Mr. Towne's doctor and if not how could she write a letter on his behalf.

Ms. McCoy advised that Mr. Towne currently lives in Wichita, KS and will be relocating to Georgia once the couple is married and that the doctors in Kansas had sent Mr. Towne's medical records to Dr. Cochran and she utilized those records to write her recommendation.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor questioned Ms. McCoy extensively concerning the medical condition of her daughter and future son in law.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve Application #17-02S: Stanley McCoy and Elizabeth McCoy, Owners - 137 Ginny Lane (5.6 acres located in Land Lot 56 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a Special Exception to allow a Medical Hardship in the AR-1 District. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).***

4. Consider conceptual plan for proposed RaceTrac within TCC Overlay District.

Mr. Jacobs stated that pursuant to the TTC Overlay there is a provision within the language under Section 2206.b.c that references a concept plan. At any time there is a proposed development within the overlay it has to be reviewed by both the planning commission and the Board and ultimately approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Jacobs stated that this site is located at the corner of Zebulon Road

and 19/41 split. This site is on the northeast side of that intersection on the northbound side of 19/41. RaceTrac has expressed an interest in developing a gas station/convenience store at this location.

Mr. Jacobs added that there is a number of design criteria assigned to TCC's. Mr. Jacobs then gave the history of the TCC overlay requirements in Spalding County.

One of the considerations of the overlay is connectivity and accessibility by car and pedestrian traffic. TCC's are governed by a regulating plan and the regulating plan places emphasis on the road networks. The purpose of the plan is to take pressure off of 19/41 and to limit the curb cuts. The purpose of the overlay is to get everything internal while providing options to access new commercial sites within the overlay area without having to get back on 19/41.

Andy Welch, 2200 Keys Ferry Road, McDonough, Georgia, representative of RaceTrac Petroleum was present to answer any questions the Board may have. He advised that it has been a privilege to work with Chad and his staff on this project. He reviewed several different designs for the intersection and advised that they have contacted GDOT to try to purchase additional property so that the store can be better positioned within the location without such a large buffer area out front.

Mr. Welch stated that they are asking that the Board approve the two conceptual designs discussed this evening. One design is for the project if they are unable to get the additional land from GDOT and one design reflects their being able to purchase the land from GDOT. By approving both, they will not have to come back before the Board for approval of an alternate conceptual plan.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve the two conceptual plans for proposed RaceTrac within the TCC Overlay District. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS-**

1. Consider approval of New 2017 Alcohol License for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for:

- Patrick Yakam d.b.a. Mono Prix Foodmart at 390 Airport Rd., Griffin, GA.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is a new alcohol license for a new owner. Staff has reviewed the application and they have met all of the qualifications, recommend approval.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve a 2017 Alcohol License for Retail of Sale of Beer and Wine for Patrick Yakam, d.b.a. Mono Prix Foodmart at 390 Airport Road, Griffin, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider bids for construction of a roundabout at N. Hill Street, Northside Drive and Tuskegee Avenue (Intersection #2) and

replacement of the bridge on N. Hill Street over Cabin Creek with an arch culvert.

Mr. Wilson stated that this was discussed this morning. This is Intersection #2 the participation is 50% from the County and 50% from the City on construction of the roundabout. Earlier this year the County approved replacement of the bridge with an arch culvert and the labor for installation of this culvert is also being considered.

The projects were put out for bid and we received a total of six bids. There was one contractor who did not list all of their current projects on their bid tabulation and the fact that the bid form was not completed as requested and required along with their performance on the SR362/Rover-Zetella/Moreland Road Intersection, we not recommending them for this project, even though they are the low bid.

Staff is recommending McElroy Inc. for a total bid for Project A, which will be split 50/50, of \$1,174,077.40 and Project B, which is the culvert and as he advised this morning the County purchased the culvert separately from this process. This contract is to do the paving, the approaches, to install the culvert, to relocate the utilities, to install sidewalks, etc. \$697,673.80.

He stated that the county would be paying \$587,038.70 on Project A. Project B is approximately \$880,000 including the cost of the culvert.

Mr. Wilson advised that the County is under a time constraint to get the culvert project finished because there is a natural gas main line at that intersection that will have to be capped on the north side of Cabin Creek and on the south side of Cabin Creek during construction and replaced during the construction process and turned back on and we have a limited window of time from Georgia Natural Gas to get this accomplished.

Mr. Wilson advised that the City of Griffin will be voting on this next week and Dr. Keller will be recommending the same contractor for consideration.

Mr. Wilson added that Project A would come out of the 2008 SPLOST proceeds and Project B will come out of the 2016 SPLOST proceeds.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the bid from McElroy Inc. as recommended for construction of a roundabout at N. Hill Street, Northside Drive and Tuskegee Avenue (Intersection #2) and replacement of the bridge on N. Hill Street over Cabin Creek with an arch culvert. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Conduct public hearing to consider the establishment of street light district for Hunts Mill Estates.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to open a Public Hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Hunts Mill Estates. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson stated that it has been requested that the County establish a street light district for Hunts Mill Estates. Mr. Wilson then called for Public Comment and there was none.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Consider approval of street light district for Hunts Mill Estates.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve a street light district for Hunts Mill Estates. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

5. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Bruce Reid to expire on 12/31/2022.

Commissioner Ray requested that the item be tabled until a qualified individual can be identified to fill the opening.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to table the appointment to the Spalding County Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Bruce Reid to expire on 12/31/2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

6. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor would like to discuss possible matching funds for Community donations to the youth football program from the Commissioners' contingency fund.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated for a number of years due to the cost of the football program, the program has been forced to come to be Board and ask for funds for a scholarship program. This year the program has been revamped and the Parks and Recreation Department will be working with the School Board and Collaborative to offer some additional services for the kids that will be playing football.

The flag football registration has been extended and there is a plan for a six week camp to basically cover Football 101 for any child ages 5 to 12. This camp is going to be free and will be held every Saturday for six weeks for two hours of training. Assistance has been asked from professionals to come in and talk with the kids. Then the football season will start in May and will continue through to the end of the year.

It is hoped that through contact with these kids we will have a better grip on who they are, what their needs are, if we need to refer them back to the school system, or if we need to refer them to social services.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that they realize this would cost extra so the Park and Rec Advisory Board made a decision to try and raise money from the community.

Mr. Wilson advised that there is almost \$13,000 that has been raised to date and commitments that will bring the total to \$15,000.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor advised that Park and Rec Staff have talked alot about the football and the hope is that we will be able to bring the price of playing down for all of the kids, even those who would have paid the \$160.00 so maybe a family with more than one child wanting to participate will be able to participate. The children who will need a scholarship, the fee will be minimal, but they will still have to pay something.



She advised that there will be costs for additional activities for the kids on the football fields. Workshops to help them with personality, there are a lot of kids who don't know how to talk to people, they don't have any soft skills. The plan is to work with them over the 6-7 month period assist them in developing these skills.

Teach them how to shake someone's hand when you meet them, how to look them in the eye when you talk to them, teach them to respect themselves and respect other people. This is not something that we think we are going to be able to do by ourselves, but we are working in combination with other groups that are going to bring their mentoring programs, the school system will bring their mentoring program on line in August and the Collaborative will be working with them and with us and we are hoping that with all of these different agencies adding pieces to this will help us to turn some of these kids around.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked the Board to consider matching the funds, dollar for dollar, that were raised in the community as a show of support that this program can make a difference. Part of this money would be used to offset the cost of the football program and part of it would be used to provide other services for the kids.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that these funds would stay in a budget line item as there are other things that Parks and Rec are planning and we are not sure of the costs, but if we have to use the bus to take the kids to UGA for a professional game or someplace like that, even if we use Big Blue there is a cost.

Commissioner Ray expressed his concerns that we don't know what the total costs are going to be with regard to the amount of money required for the football program and asked that Kelly Leger put together some numbers so we will know what is in the budget, if the additional \$30,000 will be enough to cover the costs so they will not have to come back before the Board and ask for additional funding.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that there are activities that they are going to try to do in conjunction with UGA and in conjunction with the school system but we have not worked the details out on at this time. This is a gang intervention program, we're looking to get a relationship with some kids that we would not normally have an opportunity to.

We have kids who just could not afford football or the parents don't want them to play tackle so we are opening up flag football as an option because we want to get them involved. We have to get them in before we can match them with a mentor or assess their needs.

Gang activity, addiction and violence all stem from an unmet need in a child's life. Whether it is loneliness or lack of nurturing. We may have to provide meals for kids who are practicing at 6 or 7 at night or the parent doesn't come to pick the kid up from practice and he is the last one there.

The goal of our program is to identify these kids and match them with mentors. There are mentors who have already signed up through the school system and have gone through their education program and the school system won't be fully utilizing them until August or September she believes so they are available for us to utilize now. We're going to industries asking them to incentivize their employees and have more of them be involved with the mentoring of these kids too.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that registration for flag and tackle football will start in May. Teams will be established and they will be meeting with these same teams from May through November.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor designate a maximum of \$15,000 from the Commissioners' contingency fund to match dollar for dollar Community donations to the youth football program. Motion carried 4-1 (Ray).***

7. Aaron Roquemore to address the Board concerning submitting an application for a 2018 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program RFP.

Mr. Wilson advised that Mr. Roquemore is here this evening.

Mr. Roquemore stated that he has talked with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor and several others regarding this request and he is here to explain how the grant works and the requirements of the program.

Mr. Roquemore stated that he is asking the Boards assistance in applying for a State funded grant that will address delinquency issues of this County. This opportunity is only for Spalding County it is not for multiple counties. This is not a match grant, neither will the grant require any money from the County. We will not be asking for any resources to acquire the data or do the necessary report for the grant.

Mr. Roquemore stated that the purpose of the grant is to reduce the recidivism rate of delinquency in this community. This community is one of the highest counties in the State for recidivism. He advised that contributing factors to recidivism are substance abuse, personality behavior, family circumstances, parenting attitudes, orientation and recreation. All of which enter into the individual acting out.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that there is a teen program of the Collaborative, that Parks and Rec is going to have programs to address some of these issues and the school system is planning programs. She asked "Are there any other organizations within the community that you have talked to with whom you plan to partner?"

Mr. Roquemore assured Commissioner Flowers-Taylor that they are going to reach out and partner with every agency that they can. The success of this program will be scored by each of the variables listed.

Commissioner Ray stated that this is a reimbursement based grant so at some point the County is going to have to pay out the money and be reimbursed by the State.

Mr. Wilson advised that there is an attachment to the agenda that outlines the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program. He stated that the number one thing of concern is under eligibility: "Applicants are limited to local county commissioners, Boards of Commissioners to apply on behalf of Juvenile Courts within Georgia." Some of the requirements of eligible applicants are to "be responsible and liable and oversee the financial program, post award reporting requirements, serve as fiscal agent for the grant and a point of contact."

Mr. Wilson stated that the grant award is for one year, the award period is July 1 – June 30 and the grant applications are due April 28<sup>th</sup>. Stated on page 6 of 25 this is a reimbursement grant. The Criminal

Justice Coordinating Council may award first time recipients an initial advance of the first three months of the grant cycle; however, subsequent to the first three months the grant will continue on a reimbursement only basis.

Mr. Wilson advised that essentially the County has to apply for the Grant, the County has to audit the Grant, the County has to submit the reports on time and we will be at the mercy of whoever is running this program to provide us with that information because as the County we will not be involved in the day to day operations. He also express his concern that the grant application is due on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Roquemore stated that they will be recruiting a program manager to run the program and will have one on board to do the reporting.

Mr. Wilson stated that we would need a copy of the completed Grant Application for the Attorney to review before the Chairman would sign off on the document.

Commissioner Johnson asked why this is just now being presented with just 11 days before it has to be submitted.

Mr. Roquemore stated that that is how grants work they come out and there is a short windows of time in which to prepare them and submit them.

Commissioner Ray added that this particular grant was released on March 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to disapprove a request by Aaron Roquemore to submit an application for the 2018 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program RFP on behalf of Spalding County.***

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concern that we do need another avenue to assist these young people. She stated that she has heard a lot regarding why we shouldn't apply for this grant and not enough about the possible good that this grant could do for the children of this county.

***Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).***

## **XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- We are in the process of installing a 16 camera system at Fairmont Park the system was donated by Griffin Housing Authority, the Sheriff's Office and the City of Griffin Police Department and the Park and Recreation Department is installing the system.
- We have a proposal from Griffin Power for additional lighting at Fairmont Park it is approximately \$300.00 per month in addition to their current utility bill. This is also part of the enhancement of security at this facility.
- Wade Hutcheson and the County Agents have invited everyone to the ACCG-GACCA Farmhouse at the ACCG Annual Meeting.
- Cherry Hovatter retiring from Spalding County 4H Office after 35 Years of Service. Retirement Party will be Friday, May 12, from 3-6 p.m. at the Spalding County 4H Office.
- The Commissioners travel packets for the ACCG Annual Meeting in Savannah should be ready for pick up after Monday of next week.
- Ask the Board how may updated their UDO's. Do they want to continue getting paper copies or can they work with the on line copy available

through Municode. Consensus is that the Board would like to continue to receive paper copies of the UDO amendments.

- REMINDER: The Groundbreaking Ceremony for SCTC Education and Training Complex at Ellis Crossing will be April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

### **XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

- He attended the Employee Appreciation Event and it was enjoyable and he always looks forward to the event.
- Asked when the presentation by the Barnes Law Firm on 911 fees would be.  
Mr. Wilson stated that it will be on the May 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda. The contract documents were not received until after the agenda was set.
- He wanted to remind everyone of the National Day of Prayer event that is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> on the Courthouse Veranda. He also appreciates the fact that Robert Sowell is holding monthly luncheon prayer meetings at the jail and he will be attending as many of those as he can.

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

- She stated that the Employee Appreciation Event was a great event.
- She asked what is up with the telephone system, she is having problems getting through to people on the phones. How long is it going to be before the phones are working.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Courthouse and the Annex are on the new telephone system. We are experiencing problems with AT&T in having our numbers ported.

- She stated that she felt the work session this morning was very informative and beneficial on the steps involved in getting a road paved.

#### **Commissioner Raymond Ray**

- Great job at the Employee Appreciate event, everyone had a great time and it was a beautiful spring day. He wanted to thank everyone who worked to put that event together.
- He wanted to extend a personal congratulations to Cherry Hovater at the 4H program, she has done an excellent job for the many years that she has been with the County.

#### **Commissioner Rita Johnson**

- She stated that the TSPLOST work session was very informative and hope that we can get that going in November.
- Commended Newton Galloway and Chad Jacobs on the update for Full Blown Firearms.

#### **Chairman Bart Miller - None**

### **XIV. CLOSED SESSION – None.**

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Bart Miller, Chairman

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
William P. Wilson, Jr., Clerk