

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2016
6:00 PM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex
119 E. Solomon Street**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, December 5, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald Hawbaker were present. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson Jr. and County Attorney, Jim Fortune. Mr. Wilson recorded the minutes of the meeting.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** by Chairperson Rita Johnson.
- II. INVOCATION** led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker.
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Commissioner Bart Miller.

Chairperson Johnson introduced Lamar County Commissioner Ms. Nancy Thrash who is 4th District Representative on the ACCG Board of Managers. Ms. Thrash thanked the Board for allowing her to speak. She advised that Monroe County Commissioner Jim Ham was killed in a tragic car wreck and that she would be leaving the meeting to go to Monroe County for visitation.

Ms. Thrash stated that she is the 4th District Representative on the ACCG Board of Managers and she wanted to encourage the Board to take an active role in ACCG. She thanked the Board for allowing her to speak and stated that she is available should any member of the Board need to contact her.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Consider Proclamation "nunc pro tunc" honoring Dr. Randall L. Peters, President of Southern Crescent Technical College on his retirement.

William Wilson, County Manager, this Proclamation was presented by Commissioner Raymond Ray at the retirement event held for Dr. Peters at Southern Crescent Technical College in November.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Proclamation "nunc pro tunc" honoring Dr. Randall L. Peters, President of Southern Crescent Technical College on his retirement. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider Proclamation "nunc pro tunc" designating November 18-24, 2016 as Farm City Week in Spalding County in recognition of the vital role that farm-city partnerships play in improving the quality of our life.

Mr. Wilson advised that this Proclamation was presented at the Kiwanis meeting in November just before Thanksgiving.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the Proclamation "nunc pro tunc" designating November 18-24, 2016 as Farm City Week in Spalding County in recognition of the vital role that farm-city partnerships play in improving the quality of our life. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider Proclamation declaring a burning ban in Spalding County during the time that the County is classified to be in "extreme" drought by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as requested by the Spalding County Fire Department.

Mr. Wilson stated that Fire Chief Kenny West had requested that this item be removed from the agenda at this time, as the Georgia Forestry Department was again issuing burn permits.

4. The Spalding County Parks, Public Grounds and Leisure Services Department to recognize those who received awards at the Georgia Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference last month.

Kelly Leger, Superintendent of Leisure Services, stated that it is with great pride that she is here this evening. She advised that she was present to recognize exemplary service that county staff and volunteers provide to the citizens of Spalding County.

Ms. Leger advised that during the month of August the Georgia Recreation and Park Association sends out a "call for nominations" for statewide awards to be presented at their annual conference in November. Ms. Jo Ellis had submitted a nomination for "State Volunteer of the Year" and the volunteer she nominated won the award; however, he was unable to attend the conference to receive the award. Ms. Leger then read part of the nomination as written by Ms. Ellis:

"Wayne Esarove has been a super volunteer at the Spalding County Senior Center for over 15 years. He gladly shares his knowledge of tax preparation and technology skills. He volunteers with the AARP Tax Program providing free tax preparation during the ten weeks of tax season. He has literally filed thousands of tax returns for seniors in Spalding County and surrounding counties. For the last 15 years, Wayne has been instrumental in teaching basic computer skills to countless senior adults, because of him the classes have remained a very popular and on-going program at the Senior Center. Additionally, Wayne is a passionate advocate for the Senior Center and he speaks locally to senior groups and civic clubs, always looking for volunteers for our great programs. Wayne also volunteers his time at church and at Noah's Ark in Locust Grove. He is a dedicated volunteer who works with genuine passion to make Spalding County a better place to live."

Mr. Esarove stated that he wanted to thank Kelly and Jo for their support.

Ms. Leger then advised that she wanted to share the other awards that Spalding County received at the annual conference:

- Spalding County Senior Nutrition Program was awarded Program of the Year. This program has been the most awarded program in our department and all within the first year of implementation. She then introduced Jacoyqa Clinkscales the supervisor of the program.
 - T.J. Imberger received a GRPA Presidential Citation for his service as State Membership Committee Chair.
 - Georgia Recreation and Park Association recognized Spalding County's Pro Day Event as Event of the Year. At the event hosted this summer there were 10 professional athletes, professional football players, some of who are current players and some were retired players who returned to our community she then introduced the staff that made the event possible: Niesha Middlebrooks and Robby Milner.
5. AMEC Foster Wheeler, consultant for the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan update will kick off the planning process with an informational presentation for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners and the community.

Chad Jacobs advised that this is the "kick off" meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Update. He introduced Lee Walton and Paige Hatley, representatives of AMEC Foster Wheeler, who gave the board and those in attendance an informational presentation to "kick off" the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan update.

6. Mike Hubbard, CEO of the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board to make a presentation to the Commissioners on services offered by the CSB.

Mike Hubbard, CEO of McIntosh Trail Community Service Board stated that the purpose of his presentation is to give the commissioners an overview of the services provided McIntosh Trail CSB. He thanked the Board for the many years of support and advised that McIntosh Behavioral Health had been servicing Spalding County citizens since 1978.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the four months ended October 31, 2016.

Mr. Wilson stated that Ms. Garrison could attend, but he would present the financials to the Board. We are currently 33.33% into the budget year. General Fund Revenues are at 16%, Expenditures are at 29%, which is not unusual as taxes are due in November. Fire District is at 43% of their budget in revenues with 33% in expenditures.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the financial statements for the four months ended October 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT

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

Spoke against the Full Blown Firearms doing business on N. Rover Road

Larry Wright, 531 North Rover Road, Williamson, Georgia.
Malinea Wright, 531 North Rover Road, Williamson, Georgia.
Emory Wright, 145 Rivers Road, Williamson, Georgia.
Taralyn Sams, 501 North Rover Road, Williamson, Georgia.
Tevin Wright, 531 North Rover Road, Williamson, Georgia.
Debby Daniel-Bryant, 282 North Rover Road, Williamson, Georgia.
Bill Bryant, 282 North Rover Road, Williamson, Georgia.
Michael Goldstein, 474 North Rover Road, Williamson, Georgia.

Spoke in favor of Full Blown Firearms doing business on N. Rover Road

Brad Ward, 475 North Rover Road, Williamson, Georgia is the owner of Full Blown Firearms.

Barbara Peurifoy, 917 S. McDonough Road, Griffin, Georgia requested a salary increase for the Bailiffs in Spalding County.

Jewel McCray, 225 Ella Circle, Griffin, Georgia spoke in support of the Pocket Park being consider on the agenda this evening on Connaly Place.

VII. MINUTES -

Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on November 7, 2016.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on November 7, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA-

1. Consider approval on second reading an **Amendment to UDO #A-16-03: Article 1. General - Section 106:A(13)** - amend Uniform Development Standards adopted by Spalding County to add Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Volume 1 & Volume 2, 2016 edition.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve on second reading an Amendment to UDO #A-16-03: Article 1. General - Section 106:A(13) - amend Uniform Development Standards adopted by Spalding County to add Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, Volume 1 & Volume 2, 2016 edition. Motion carried unanimously by all,

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Conduct a Public Hearing for:

Application #16-18S: Charles M. Anderson II, Owner - 40 Anderson Road (12.823 acres located in Land Lot 29 of the 1st Land District) - requesting a Special Exception to allow a Class A Manufactured Home in the AR-1 District.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to open the Public Hearing to consider Application #16-18S: Charles M. Anderson II, Owner - 40 Anderson Road (12.823 acres located in Land Lot 29 of the 1st Land District) - requesting a Special Exception to allow a Class A Manufactured Home in the AR-1 District at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Chad Jacobs, Director of Community Development, stated that the application before the Board is to place a manufactured home on a piece of property located at 40 Anderson Road. In order to place a manufactured home in an AR-1 district the applicant has to apply for a Special Exception.

The Zoning Ordinance takes into account all of the properties within a half mile radius surrounding the area to determine what type of structures currently exist in the area. The analysis of the area located approximately 117 parcels within the ½ mile radius. There are currently 16 manufactured homes, 68 single family conventionally constructed homes and 33 undeveloped parcels. This means that 14% of the parcels in the area are manufactured homes, 58% are conventionally constructed homes and 28% of the parcels are vacant.

Mr. Jacobs stated pursuant to the guidelines in Section 413 Prime, the staff does recommend denial based on the current construction numbers for the area. At their regular scheduled meeting in November, the Board of Appeals on a unanimous vote, recommended approval of this request.

Charles Anderson, 701 Carver Road, Griffin, Georgia is the applicant. He advised that the land has been in his parents' family for many years. The plan is to place the home approximately 1200 feet off of the road, you won't be able to see it from the roadway. He is asking for approval of this request.

Mr. Wilson asked if at one time there was an old mobile home on the property that Mr. Anderson removed last year. In trying to do the right thing, he removed being grandfathered for a manufactured home by removing the old mobile home.

Mr. Jacobs advised that if he had been swapping out an old home for a new home it would have gone straight to the permitting process. If there was a mobile home currently on the property or had been on the property within the last six months he could have gone on the permitting the new home.

Mr. Anderson advised that no one has lived on the property since his father died in 1982. He stated that he had to hire someone to go in and cut a new driveway and there was an old mobile home on the property and that gentleman asked what he wanted done with the mobile home and he advised him to take it to the landfill and by doing so he removed grandfathering and his being able to place another manufactured home on the property.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concern over making this exception and what will happen when the next one comes before the Board. Combined with the fact that staff has recommended denial in that there are a majority of stick built houses in the area.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve on first reading Application #16-18S: Charles M. Anderson II, Owner - 40 Anderson Road (12.823 acres located in Land Lot 29 of the 1st Land District) - requesting a Special Exception to allow a Class A Manufactured Home in the AR-1 District. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider alternate design review for new building to be erected by Pilkenton Construction located on O'Dell Road.

Mr. Jacobs that in 2007 we added additional criteria to Appendix J of the Unified Development Code which specifically addresses architectural standards in commercial and industrial buildings. The Code now says that any facades that face the right-of-way need to be constructed of brick, stone, split faced concrete masonry units, cement plank siding or glass. The areas that do not face the right-of-way can be all metal.

We were approached by Mr. Pilkenton, who currently has their offices on Odell Industrial Way and they are wanting to construct another building in that area. The proposed structure would be approximately 13,200 square feet. The proposal received did not meet the minimum requirement as set forth in the UDO for the facades facing the right-of-way.

Mr. Jacobs advised that in 2012, during the recession, an exception was made to accommodate one business; however, since that time they have held construction to meet the standards of the UDO.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she feels very strongly about the requirements for commercial construction and she questioned how far apart the proposed building would be from the current building.

Mr. Jacobs advised that the buildings are on one acre lots and the current building would be located on one lot with the proposed building being located on a second one acre lot adjacent to the lot the business is currently occupying.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to deny the request for an alternate design for a new building to be erected by Pilkenton Construction on O'Dell Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider termination of contract with Revenue Discovery Systems.

Mr. Wilson stated on the dais the Commissioners had just one of a plethora of responses that have been received from business owners that we have received regarding Revenue Discovery Systems. The contract was for a three year period to

assist the County in recovering revenue from business operating in unincorporated Spalding County without a license.

Essentially, this company has succeeded in alienating approximately 50-100 businesses located inside of the city limits of Griffin and they have not done what they said they would do. We are requesting authorization proceed with termination of the contract. Per terms of the contract, we have to give them 30 days' notice. If approved we will have Mr. Fortune draw up the termination letter and get the Chairman to sign it.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor to terminate the contract with Revenue Discovery Systems.

Commissioner Ray asked what is a the plan to continue to locate those businesses in the County that are conducting business without a license.

Mr. Jacobs advised that his office has been working in conjunction with the current Spalding County Fire Marshall to locate these businesses and they have been successful through this coordination. He further stated that the only businesses this company located were in the city and they do not have a county license so this has cause a nightmare for his department.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider request from Tobias Ward of the Kingdom Life Empowerment Center to hold a Community Prayer day on the Spalding County Courthouse Veranda on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Wilson stated this is a standard request and he had advised Mr. Ward if there was any outside amplification he would have to contact the City of Griffin.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the request from Tobias Ward of the Kingdom Life Empowerment Center to hold a Community Prayer day on the Spalding County Courthouse Veranda on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider authorizing acceptance of Grant from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the formation of an Accountability Court.

Mr. Wilson advised that State Court Judge Sidney Esary and State Court Judge Elect Josh Tacker are present to address any questions the Board may have and to advise the direction they plan to take with this grant.

Judge Esary stated that he has always had a concern that we were under serving veterans and folks with mental illness within the judicial system. The proposal will create an accountability court. Judge Esary discussed the possibility with Judge Thacker and he agreed that it would be beneficial, but that coming into the State Court position he would not have the time to take on such an undertaking.

As the outgoing State Court Judge, Judge Esary felt he would have the time to devote to an accountability court. He has agreed to operate and head up this court

for Judge Thacker. They have solicited funding for the court through a grant and have now been awarded that grant. We are asking that the Board of Commissioners agree to serve as the physical agent for implementation of this grant.

This grant does require that the county make some contribution and the county would be providing office space, furniture and equipment and telephones. We have located office space on the 3rd Floor of the Old Post Office building that was not being used and with a little paint we will be able to move in and it will meet our needs. Other than providing the services as stated, the county will not be paying any additional money for this program.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is a six month grant, January thru June of 2017 and they will be reapplying for a full fiscal year grant in March of 2017, based on our fiscal year and the State's fiscal year.

Mr. Wilson advised that there is money in the budget for the paint, door locks and any other service required to set this court up in the Old Post Office building.

Commissioner Miller asked if this program can work with Sandra Brownlee at DSP2 to assist in finding jobs for these individuals.

Judge Esary advised that they are going to take the individuals who have gotten into trouble due to post traumatic stress disorders, drug addiction or an additional mental health type problem and we are going to try to structure their life, using the law and the power of the court to structure their lives to get them on their medication, find them jobs and find them housing and we are hoping that DSP2 will be a good resource for us.

Commissioner Ray expressed his concerns as to what will happen regarding this initiative should funding through the grant not be reapproved.

Judge Esary advised that this initiative is one of Governor Deal's initiatives that has gained wide support. There is a lot of State money that has been made available for these type of initiatives.

Judge Thacker advised that the statute allows for the establishment of a 501(c)(3), a charitable organization. Obviously, we can't fund raise, but we can pass that off to someone who could fund raise and the money that the community puts in could be used to fund the court.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor added that the presenter for the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board made it clear in his presentation that the State would be cutting back on their funding in the mental health area and have indicated that more action will need to be taken on the local level. She was glad to hear that the court will work with the District Attorney's office and the Public Defender's office because there are so many people in our county who end up in jail because they haven't take their medication and their behavior is related to that fact and they are really not responsible for the behavior they exhibit. We have a lot of people who suffer from mental illness in the county and this will be another avenue that can be utilized to get people back on track.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve authorizing acceptance of Grant from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the formation of an Accountability Court and the County acting as the facilitator for said court. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider authorizing purchase of playground equipment and site amenities for the Fairmont/Heritage Park SPLOST projects.

Mr. Wilson advised that these items are under budget, they are State contract purchases and we have made arrangement for special storage of the equipment until it can be installed with the Development Authority. These items will be paid for with SPLOST funds. Staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve the purchase of playground equipment and site amenities for the Fairmont/Heritage Park SPLOST projects. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to establish Pinetree Hills Park within the cul-de-sac in the right of way of Connaly Place.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the park that Ms. McCray was referencing during the Public Comment Section of the meeting. There is a very large cul-de-sac at the end of Connaly Place, which currently is grass and a few trees and the Park and Recreation Department would like to establish a "pocket park" at this location for this neighborhood. Right now the only cost would be to go in and clean up the area and keep the grass cut. The community would be responsible for the placement of picnic tables or other items in the area. The Parks and Recreation Department may ask for additional considerations for this area in the future.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to establish Pinetree Hills Park within the cul-de-sac in the right of way of Connaly Place. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider Approval of 2017 New Alcohol Licenses for Retail Sale of Beer and/or Wine for:
 - Robert Barber-Circle K Store, Inc. dba Circle K Store #2723331 located at 3420 Jackson Rd., Griffin, GA
 - Saeed Ahmed-Siraj Enterprises, Inc. dba Lakeview Country Store located at 3970 N. Expressway, Griffin, GA
 - Shukat Sadruddin-Shehzad, Inc. dba Prince Food Mart located at 3425 Jackson Rd., Griffin, GA
 - William M. Tanner-Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. dba RaceTrac #182 located at 4200 N. Expressway, Hampton, GA.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve 2017 New Alcohol Licenses for Retail Sale of Beer and/or Wine for the Circle K Store, Lakeview

Country Store, Prince Food Mart and Racetrack Petroleum as stated. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of 2017 Alcohol Beverage License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer and/or wine for:
- Royal Store, Inc. d.b.a. Exxon Food Mart located at 2295 N. Expressway, Griffin, GA
 - Rujave Enterprise, LLC d.b.a. Petro South located at 1639 N. Hill Street, Griffin, GA

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to approve 2017 Alcohol Beverage License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer and/or Wine for the Exxon Food Mart and Petro South as stated. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Ray recused himself due to prior business association).

10. Consider approval on first reading an Ordinance amending the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002 to reduce the speed limit on Poplar Drive.

Mr. Wilson stated that this was requested by Commissioner Miller on behalf of the individuals who were here at the last meeting and expressed their concerns. This was referred to Sheriff Beam who went out and assessed the situation and made the recommendation as reflected in the Ordinance. Staff requests approval of the amendment on first reading.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve on first reading an Ordinance amending the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002 to reduce the speed limit on Poplar Drive. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider of Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority Grants for the year 2017.

Mr. Wilson stated that the request will cover the cost of Flu Shots and their portion of the Senior Nutrition Meals on Wheels Program.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority Grants for the year 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Consider approval of contract between APD Solutions LLC, Spalding County, The Griffin Housing Authority and The City of Griffin for a housing survey.

Mr. Wilson stated the City of Griffin bid this project out and APD Solutions was the low bidder, the County Attorney has reviewed the contract and approved as to form. The contract states that the City of Griffin, Spalding County and the Housing Authority will each pay 1/3 of the cost of the project and all funding for the County's portion will come from the Community Development Department.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the contract between APD Solutions LLC, Spalding County, The Griffin Housing Authority and The City of Griffin for a housing survey. Motion carried unanimously by all.

13. Consider approval of the FY 2017 contract with Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging for the Senior Nutrition Program at the Senior Center.

Mr. Wilson stated this is the annual contract with Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging, it is for the Senior Nutrition Program.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the the FY 2017 contract with Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging for the Senior Nutrition Program at the Senior Center. Motion carried unanimously by all.

14. Consider bids for the 2016 and 2017 LMIG resurfacing program.

Mr. Wilson stated that staff recommends low bidder E.R. Snell Contractor who came in at \$1,564,320.15. Spalding County match of 30% will come out of the 2016 SPLOST.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the bid from E.R. Snell Contractor for the 2016-2017 LMIG resurfacing program.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concern regarding E.R. Snell and the problems that occurred during past projects they were awarded for Spalding County.

Mr. Wilson stated that originally the recommendation was to go with the second lowest bid, C.W. Matthews; but Snell has come to us and asked to be given another chance and we are going to be watching them very closely.

Motion carried 3-2 (Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker).

15. Consider cancellation of the December 19, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting due to the observance of the Christmas Holidays and the January 16, 2017 Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to cancel the December 19, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting due to the observance of the Christmas Holidays and the January 16, 2017 Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday . Motion carried unanimously by all.

16. Consider rescheduling the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting from January 2nd, 2017 at 6:00p.m. to January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to reschedule the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting from January 2nd, 2017 at 6:00p.m. to January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

17. 2016 SPLOST Update.

- Pickleball Facility – is under construction and the progress can be watched on the “pickle cam” which is available on the home page of the Spalding County website.
- Fire Department Pumper/Tanker – is in service and some of the Board actually rode on this fire truck during the Christmas parade.
- CAD/Sunguard – the Kickoff meeting for our CAD software was October 11, 2016. We will be hosting a training workshop on the CAD software this week. Fiber optics is working to the Annex and the Courthouse and it is scheduled to be installed at the 911 Center on Justice Boulevard.
- Bridge over Cabin Creek - in design
- Judicial Computers/Software Upgrades – are up and operational.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Free eFile CLE Training to be held at the Spalding County Courthouse on December 13, 2016 beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- Earlier this year, the Board of Commissioners had sent a letter to the Pickleball Tournament leaders stating that we would not be able to facilitate any tournaments for the total of 2017. Since the letter was sent, the dates of the tournaments have changed and the facility should be ready to accommodate the tournaments. Would the Board like to send another letter advising that the facility should be ready and available as of a certain time for tournaments.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked that the letter be revised to reflect that the facility will be available since the tournament has been rescheduled for October which is well after the final completion date of the facility.

Consensus of the Board is to resend the original letter and notify the tournament officials that the facility should be ready for their tournament in October.

- Swearing in ceremony for elected officials will be on December 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Spalding County Courthouse, 2nd Floor.
- Swearing in ceremony for Sheriff Dix will be on December 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the State Court Courtroom on the 2nd Floor.
- Judge Hakinson’s Retirement Reception scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the 4th Floor Courtroom.
- Groundbreaking for the Iris at Park Point is scheduled for December 14th at 11:00 a.m.
- Butt/Spalding Development Authority in the collaboration for the Dollar General Warehouse was named in Georgia Trend Magazine as the “Deal of the Year” for 2016.
- Kathy has placed your post appointments and nominations received for appointments from you District at your desk, please sign those and get those back to me so that they can be placed in the book for consideration at the January 9th meeting.
- Please remember that the County Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and

Monday, December 26th and we will also be closed on January 2nd, 2017.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Donald Hawbaker- Stated that he wanted to note the tremendous loss to our community with the death of Mr. Ron Alexander, he stated that although he had only met him a few times he was one of the nicest individuals he had ever met.

Advised that he had saw an ad in the paper offering free spay and neuter clinic along with free vaccines for pets in December. He stated that he hoped the citizens of Spalding County would take advantage of this service being offered.

Extended congratulations on Commissioners Flowers-Taylor, Johnson and Miller on their re-election.

Stated that he was glad the Board accepted the grant for the State Accountability Court and thanked Judge Esary and Judge Elect Thacker for spearheading that initiative. He further stated that we are very fortunate that Judge Esary will continue to serve the County as the Judge for the Accountability Court.

Wanted congratulate the Butts/Spalding Joint Development Authority on the recent recognition and acknowledgement for the Dollar General project.

Stated that he very much enjoyed riding in the Christmas Parade with his colleagues, Rita and Raymond on Saturday night.

He expressed his thanks to William Wilson and Eric Mosley for attending the Town Hall Meeting held at Sun City on November 14th.

He attended the ACCG Region IV meeting on November 10th, along with William and Eric and these meetings contain valuable information on what is happening locally, within the State and at the national level.

He stated that he is troubled by what he heard tonight regarding Full Blown Firearms. He would like to have further investigation made into these complaints.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor – She wanted to comment on the Shooting Range. She stated that she did vote for the shooting range; however, she stated that she could not imagine hearing guns shooting from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 at night, six days a week. She stated that the Board needs to go back and look at this. We did not know what it would entail, she certainly doesn't remember anything being mentioned about skeet shooting at the time of approval.

She wanted to let everyone know that the Fairmont Recreation Center hours of operation:

Hours of Operation	During Basketball Season	After Basketball Season
Monday	12:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

She just wanted to let everyone in the community know that that gym is available for use for their indoor activities.

She also wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and asked that they be safe during the holidays.

Commissioner Raymond Ray – He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, Happy Holidays and Happy Hanukah. He asked that everyone have a joyful and safe holiday.

He also wanted to follow what Commissioner Hawbaker said about Ron Alexander, he was a big man who made a large footprint in our community, his service on the Airport Authority was extraordinary and he will be missed.

He wanted to congratulate the County in total on the Festival of Lights, especially the Parks and Recreation Department, they did a phenomenal job that evening. Spalding County looked great in the 2016 Christmas Parade and he appreciated the opportunity to participate.

Regarding Full Blown Firearms, he asked Chad Jacobs to explore the possibility of further limiting their time of active shooting and review their skeet shooting. He stated that he realized this was a decision made by the Board and now a solution has to be “figured out”. He was concerned at the time this was approved, he did not vote for the shooting range and he still cannot support it.

Commissioner Bart Miller – He wanted to thank Judge Essary and Jude Elect Thacker for pursuing and bringing the Accountability Court to Spalding County.

He wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chairperson Rita Johnson wanted to give Kudos to Park and Recreation for the Festival of Lights.

Chairperson Johnson stated that State Farm was at the Senior Center for a two day workshop and they were very impressed with that facility.

She stated that even though she voted for the shooting range last year and that matter does need to be revisited.

Chairperson Johnson stated that she would like to say goodbye as this will be her last meeting as Chairperson for the Board of Commissioners.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION - None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.