

# After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 4, 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, April 4, 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., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, County Attorney, Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

- 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.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**
  1. Consider a Joint Proclamation with the City of Griffin welcoming Toppan Printing Company, Ltd. to The Lakes at Green Valley Industrial Park and designating Thursday, April 7, 2016, as Toppan Printing Company, Ltd. Day in Griffin and Spalding County.  
  
*Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve a joint proclamation with the City of Griffin welcoming Toppan Printing Company, Ltd. to The Lakes at Green Valley Industrial park and designating Thursday, April 7, 2016, as Toppan Printing Company, Ltd Day in Griffin and Spalding County.*  
  
Chairperson Rita Johnson read the proclamation and it will be presented to Toppan Printing Company at their Grand Opening on April 7, 2016.  
  
*Motion carried unanimously by all.*
  2. Consider Proclamation declaring April as "Donate Life Month" in Spalding County.  
  
*Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the proclamation declaring April as "Donate Life Month" in Spalding County.*

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor read the proclamation and Cynthia Jenkins with Lifelink Foundation was present to accept the proclamation.

***Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider Proclamation designating the week of April 10-16, 2016 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the proclamation designating the week of April 10-16 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.***

Commissioner Ray read the proclamation and presented the proclamation to Barbara Lights, E-911 Communications Manager. Ms. Lights thanked the Board for recognizing the hard work and dedication of the telecommunicators

***Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager, announced that next Wednesday, April 13, Spalding County E-911 will be hosting an open house for the Board to come out and see the new VESTA telephone system in action. Carousel, our telephone system vendor, has agreed to cater a lunch for the telecommunicators as well. He asked the Board to come out sometime during lunch on April 13<sup>th</sup> to see the telecommunicators in action and to ask any questions they may have regarding the new VESTA 911 system.

## **II. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - None**

## **III. 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.

**Greg Dreyer, 268 Sidney Drive, Griffin, GA** asked that the Board consider an ordinance to ban trash cans being left on the side of the road once the garbage has been picked up.

## **IV. MINUTES -**

Consider approval of minutes for the March 21, 2016 Spalding County Extraordinary Session and the March 24, 2016 Spalding County Board of Commissioners Public Zoning Hearing.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session***

**and the March 24, 2016 Spalding County Board of Commissioners Public Zoning Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

**V. CONSENTAGENDA-**

1. Consider approval on second reading Application #16-01Z: James F. Hart, as Receiver for Martha Almond as Trustee for the L. Simpson Charitable Remainder Unitrust, Owner - TPA Group, LLC, Agent - Jackson Road (55.49 acres located in Land Lot(s) 26, 39 and 38 of the 2nd Land District with an address of 445 Wallace Road) - requesting a rezoning from R-2, Single Family Residential and AR-1, Agricultural and Residential, to C-1C, Manufacturing, Light.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve on second reading Application #16-01Z: James F. Hart, as Receiver for Martha Almond as Trustee for the L. Simpson Charitable Remainder Unitrust, Owner - TPA Group, LLC, Agent - Jackson Road (55.49 acres located in Land Lot(s) 26, 39 and 38 of the 2nd Land District with an address of 445 Wallace Road) - requesting a rezoning from R-2, Single Family Residential and AR-1, Agricultural and Residential, to C-1C, Manufacturing, Light . Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**VI. OLD BUSINESS -**

1. Remove from the table and consider approval on first reading Ordinance 2016-003 amending Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1004 to provide for a no parking on Quilly Street from Elm Street to the Griffin City Limit.

William Wilson, County Manager, stated that this Ordinance was tabled at the last meeting with a request for additional information. That information has been provided and we ask that the matter be considered on first reading for approval.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to lift from the table. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that in her communications with Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager, she learned that the complex has 80 parking spaces available to the ball teams who will be playing there. So unless there is a tournament, that number of parking spaces should be sufficient. She did ask that the parking lot be re-stripped so that participants will know where the parking spaces are in order to maximize the number of vehicles that can be parked in that lot.

Commissioner Miller asked that Code Enforcement monitor that parking lot and make sure that the local residents are not utilizing it for additional parking for their vehicles. He advised that some cars are parked on the lot for

days and never moved and this will pose a problem when there are games on the fields.

***Motion/Second Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve on first reading Ordinance 2016-003 amending Part VII, Chapter I, Section 7-1004 to provide for no parking on Quilly Street from Elm Street to the Griffin City Limits. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS-**

1. Consider Outside Amplification Permit request for Griffin Center Point Church, located at 1427 US- 41 Bypass South, Griffin, GA, who will be hosting a 5K Race on Saturday, April 9th, 2016 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

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

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve an Outside Amplification Permit request for Griffin Center Point Church, located at 1427 US- 41 Bypass South, Griffin, GA, who will be hosting a 5K Race on Saturday, April 9th, 2016 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to allow the Disc Golf Association to raise funds for a Disc Golf Course at Dundee Lake Park.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Disc Golf Association came before the Park & Recreation Advisory Commission to request that they be allowed to raise funds, like they did at Wyomia Tyus Park for a second Disc Golf Course to be located at Dundee Lake Park. Staff has reviewed the Master Plan for Dundee Lake Park and there is sufficient room to accommodate this request without inhibiting any future development at the Park.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to allow the Disc Golf Association to raise funds for a Disc Golf Course at Dundee Lake Park. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider approval of resolution authorizing contract with Georgia Department of Human Services for the FY 2017 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the annual contract with the Department of Human Services and the funds would be used for home delivered meals, after school and summer tutoring programs, emergency assistance and grant administration. Spalding County's allocation for FY2017 is \$143,660.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve the resolution authorizing a contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services for the FY2017 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).***

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that they have in the past and hope to once again have an after school program at Fairmont Community Center. She asked that the possibility of use of some of these funds for an after school program be considered and asked that Ms. Brantley work with Parks and Recreation to see what can be done to get a program started in the Fairmont Area.

***Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Consider on first reading Ordinance 2016-004 amending Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1007(a) to provide for a four way stop at the intersection of Jackson Road and Wallace Road.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve on first reading Ordinance 2016-004 amending Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1007(a) to provide for a four way stop at the intersection of Jackson Road and Wallace Road.***

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if there had been a traffic count in the area and what can be done about the speed of the vehicles traveling in the area.

Mr. Wilson advised that he requested the Sheriff's Department review the speed limit on Jackson Road from SR155 to Wallace Road and to make a recommendation, but he has not received anything back to date.

***Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **VIII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- Pickleball Public Hearing was held on March 28, 2016.
- Active Shooter Policy for employees inside public buildings. We will be setting up Active Shooter training for county employees in the near future to be taught by Training Office Todd Smith and are working on a policy in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department.
- Toppan Printing Company, Ltd. will have its Grand Opening on Thursday, April 7, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- Spalding Regional Hospital/Wellstar to host a reception at the Griffin-Spalding Welcome Center on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Jim Grubiak, ACCG's General Counsel for 25+ years, is retiring and the ACCG is hosting retirement reception at the Museum of Design in Atlanta on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m.
- Final Public Meeting for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan will be April 5 from 4-7 p.m. here in the Meeting Room.

- The Spalding County City-County Blood Drive held on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, had 65 participants.
- Griffin-Spalding Existing Industries Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Griffin-Spalding Welcome Center.
- The Community Garden sponsored by the UGA Extension Office was pictured in the Georgia County Government Spring 2016 edition.
- The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommended to the Board that three new full time positions be funded for the Community Centers in the Fy2017 Budget. This request has been incorporated into the Parks and Recreation budget request.
- UGA Spalding County Extension is hosting a farewell reception for Alexa Robinson on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5 p.m.
- Employee Appreciation Day will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at Wyomia Tyus Park from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Today we issued a press release on the purchase of one of our first 2015 SPLOST funded projects. We purchased, equipped and now have in service one of two Wildland Response Units (“Brush Trucks”) that were made possible by the voters’ approval of the 2015 SPLOST.

## **IX. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Donald Hawbaker**

- He would like to encourage everyone to attend the last public hearing for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan tomorrow.
- Received the performance review from the Department of Revenue review panel that was appointed who evaluated the Tax Assessors Office. He felt they made some good recommendations. It was very disappointing to see the large number of pending Board of Equalization appeals outstanding.

Currently, Spalding County doesn’t have a Board of Equalization because we do not have enough panel members to hold hearings. There are close to 1000 pending appeals going back as far as 2012.

He further stated that he is very disappointed in the Superior Court Clerk for not administering that function of the Board of Equalization as it is their responsibility to do this.

He called on the Tax Commissioner Sylvia Hollums, once the appeals are resolved, for those who have elected to not pay the 15% that they are entitled to withhold until the appeals have been resolved, that interest not be charged on the deferred 15%.

He then called on the Superior Court Clerk to put the Board of Equalization together promptly so they can begin hearing the appeals again and once resolved that no more than 3 months' worth of interest be attributed to any balances remaining due.

- Welcomed Dollar General Distribution Center to Spalding County.
- Asked Mr. Fortune and County Staff to look at the possibility of an ordinance as requested by Mr. Dreye regarding removing trash cans from the right of way within a reasonable length of time after the garbage has been picked up.
- Asked code enforcement to take a look into the trailer parks in his area and determine whether some of the trailers are habitable.
- Today is the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

### **Gwen Flowers-Taylor**

- Stated that she had a conversation with Eric Mosley several weeks ago regarding the cross training of animal control officers to look for ordinance violations within the neighborhoods they are patrolling. She asked that staff continue to look into what training would be required to have these officers assist in patrolling the neighborhoods for minimum housing standard code violations.
- She asked that the matter of curbside pick-up and adjusting the days that the recycle centers are closed be reconsidered for FY2017.
- There is an annual conference in Florida that is supported by the Secretary of State in Florida, Pam Bondi, which addresses crime in the Black Community, Black on Black Crime, they address ways to prevent it, to work with the people in the community to try and suppress it. She asked that this training be suggested to the Sheriff for the officers in the community.
- Banning the box is to be discussed at the Retreat. She feels that this subject is probably going to take more time that is being allocated for the topic at the retreat. Everybody who is charged with a felony is not a crook. We cut ourselves off from a good source of employees by having this on applications.

### **Raymond Ray**

- After reviewing the Spalding County Performance Review for the Spalding County Tax Assessors from the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue. The Tax Assessors Office has done a good job, they have been working with challenges, but they have been working through those challenges and that is basically what the report says. He did agree that we need to work on re-establishing a Board of Equalization.

### **Bart Miller**

- Asked about East Anderson Road and if there has been a response from DOT.

Mr. Wilson stated he has not heard from the DOT at this time, the last he had her the DOT engineers were going to look at the problem. He advised that he would check back with Jack Reed at the DOT.

### **Rita Johnson**

- Also wanted to welcome Dollar General Distribution Center. Creating jobs is always good for the area.
- She is looking forward to Budget Review in May.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that since we would be meeting for the full day retreat on April 18<sup>th</sup> and we have a commission meeting scheduled that night she would ask that the meeting be cancelled unless there is pressing business that must be conducted since the group will be meeting all day on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to amend the agenda to include a vote on cancelling the meeting on April 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to cancel the April 18, 2016, Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session. Motion carried 4-1 (Ray).***

**X. CLOSED SESSION – None.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***