

# After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 15, 2016  
6:00 PM  
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex  
119 E. Solomon Street**

**The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, August 15, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald Hawbaker were present. Commissioner Raymond Ray was absent from the meeting. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson Jr., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, County Attorney, Janice Wallace for 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 approval of a Proclamation designating September 21-27, 2016 as "National Surgical Technologists Week."

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve a Proclamation designating September 21-27, 2016 as "National Surgical Technologists Week" in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. The Spalding County Fire Department requests the Board of Commissioners recognize Chuck Swinson, local Chick-fil-A Store Operator, for his recent act of community service.

Deputy Chief Polk stated that although Mr. Swinson was not present to receive the recognition, he wanted to advise that there was a hazardous material incident back in July and that it was an all-day involvement. Chick-fil-A was instrumental in bringing food out to the scene while the firefighters were working to clean-up the spill. He further stated that at a moment's notice Chick-fil-A was able to feed the multitude of people who were involved and the Fire Department wanted to recognize them for their efforts in assisting with this incident. Fire Chief Kenny West advised that he would make sure that Mr. Swinson and Chick-fil-A receive the award.

3. The Spalding County Fire Department requests that the Board of Commissioners recognize Scott Owen and Pat Miller of Walmart for their dedication and participation in local community outreach programs for the Spalding County community.

Kenny West, Spalding County Fire Chief and Deputy Administrative Fire Chief Glenn Polk were present to recognize Scott Owen and Pat Miller from the Griffin Walmart for the support they have given to the Spalding County Fire Department over the last 20 years during the Boot Campaigns and MDA Campaigns they have been very gracious in allowing us to utilize their location for these programs and we wanted to thank them for the participation in these efforts. He then presented plaques to both Mr. Owen and Ms. Miller.

Mr. Scott Owen stated that he has been a part of the Griffin community for the past 15 years and he has been proud to be a part of the community and thanked the Board and the citizens of Spalding County for their support of their store. He stated that they will always be there to assist the Fire Department in any capacity.

## V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the one month ended July 31, 2016.

Jinna Garrison stated that she was available should the Board have any questions regarding the financial statements.

***Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker approved the financial statements for the one month ended July 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.

**Elzie Spier**, advised that he had signed up to answer any questions regarding the Alcohol License for Mama's Country Showcase, which is scheduled to be heard later in the meeting.

**Thomas Martin, 312 Stonewood, Griffin, GA.** handed out a copy of a slide that was presented at a recent Griffin Utility town hall meeting. The slide indicated that based on a consumption of 5,000 of water the rate for a Spalding County resident would be \$50.56 to compare to the next highest Coweta County, who Griffin actually sells water to who pays \$39.95 for the same

amount of water. His question is, "Why is the Spalding County rate \$11.00 more?"

**VII. MINUTES -**

1. Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on August 1, 2016.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on August 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider approval on second reading; Amendment to UDO #A-16-01: Article 2. General Definitions - Section UUU, VVV, WWW and XXX - amend definition of yard, front yard, side yard and rear yard.
2. Consider approval on second reading; Application #16-03Z: John R. and Dorothy W. Clear, Owners - 2772 High Falls Road (6.13 acres located in Land Lot 47 of the 3rd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from R-2, Single Family Residential and AR-1, Agricultural and Residential, to AR-1, Agricultural and Residential.
3. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance amending the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002 to reduce the speed limit on Brashier Street from 35 M.P.H. to 25 M.P.H.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented to the Board. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.**

**X. NEW BUSINESS -**

1. Consider issuance of 2016 Alcohol Beverage License for Consumption on Premises to Mama's B & G Inc. dba Mama's Country Showcase located at 2700 N. Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that this is a new license for Consumption on Premises for Mama's B & G Inc. who will be doing business as Mama's Country Showcase. He stated that all of the fees for the license have been paid and all of the departments have reviewed the request and recommend approval of the license.

Elzie Speir, 195 Hammond Road, Jackson, GA. Mr. Spier advised that he has been working at Mama's for approximately two years. Justin Wynn has not left the business yet, he asked Mr. Spier to take the operation over as he has family obligations and his life is going in a different direction at this time. Mr. Spier stated that he has been working in the bar and observed how it works for two years and expressed his desire to take the business over.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked what knowledge or training Mr. Spier had regarding employees serving alcohol.

Mr. Spier advised that his staff has an extensive knowledge in this area, he stated that he, his main bartender and his door person had just completed the RASS certification class and a class on "Michael's Law" which passed on July 1<sup>st</sup> that changed the rules regarding the operation of a bar significantly. He assured the Board that he was up to date on all of the rules regarding operation of a bar.

Commissioner Hawbaker inquired about the hours of operation.

Mr. Spier advised that the bar would be open from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday only.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the application for a 2016 Alcohol Beverage License for Consumption on Premises to Mama's B & G Inc. d.b.a. Mama's Country Showcase located at 2700 N. Expressway, Griffin, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider approval of the 2016 Tax Levy.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Board of Education met at 5:00 p.m. and adopted the recommended rate. He stated that as indicated in the email sent to the Board last week, both the County and the Fire District M&O mileage rates are both decreasing this year as we indicated that we would do when we passed the SPLOST.

Mr. Wilson then gave the example that the tax on a \$100,000 home with the \$2000 homestead exemption will go from \$1,479.04 to \$1,437.92 a savings of \$41.12. He stated that we did as we promised, the tax digest increased 2.92% as we had hoped and the amount indicated is what is required to fund both the General Fund and the Fire District Fund. Staff recommends approval of the Tax Levy as presented.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the 2016 Tax Levy.***

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

3. Consider approval budget revision for the 2016 CSBG Program.

Mr. Wilson stated that we have been notified by Three Rivers that we needed to amend the budget. These funds are federal funds and we are approaching the end of the 2016 Budget period. There are excess funds in the Senior Nutrition Program and there is a shortfall in the Education Program funding and Three Rivers is asking that \$20,000 be reallocated from the Senior Nutrition Program to the Education Program and \$3,000 to the Equipment Budget to purchase a laptop and meat slicer for the Senior Nutrition Program.

He advised that these funds were excess funds that were received by the program and will have to be spent by the end of September or they will go back to the federal government.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concern regarding the amount of money being allocated to the Education Program at the Salvation Army. She restated her feelings that only part of the county is being served by that location and pointed out the reallocation of funding for that program happens every year. She questioned if the program is being budgeted properly if funding has to be reallocated every year to accommodate the program. She also reiterated her concern that children in other areas of the County are not benefiting from these federal funds and is perplexed why someone from Three Rivers was not present to answer questions regarding this request.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated there is an after school program and a mentoring programs at Fairmont and AMBUCS that is limited due to the lack of funding. The federal funding seems to be allocated only to one area of the County and she wants to know who she needs to talk to in order to get some of this funding to other parts of the county to develop programs there. She stated there is inequality going on with regard to this funding and she is going to continue to ask these questions every time they come in wanted to reallocate funds.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the budget revision for the 2016 CSBG Program. Motion carried 3-1 (Flowers-Taylor).***

4. Consider bids for heating and air conditioning of the Fairmont Gymnasium.

Mr. Wilson stated that bids were solicited for air conditioning at the Fairmont Gymnasium. The bids ranged from \$53,359 to a high bid of \$85,000. Powers Heating and Air was the low bidder at \$53,359. He indicated that there is a \$125,000 SPLOST budget for this project.

Mr. Wilson stated that the heating units for the gym are located in the top corners of the gym which is not an efficient way to heat this amount of space since there are no fans in the gym to circulate the warm air. The bid that was solicited was to add air conditioning to the gym. There are additional costs for adding heat along with air to the gym, but not a significant amount and will allow us to heat and cool the gym more efficiently and effectively. Additionally, staff recommends replacing the other two units in the building and adding all of the units to our monitoring system through Johnson Controls Monitoring.

Mr. Wilson asked that the Board approve staff to work with Powers Heating and Air who was the low bidder in adding the additional heating elements and the other two units in the building. He advised that preliminary estimates with the addition of heat to the gym and replacement of the other two units is approximately \$98,410 which is well under the \$125,000 budget for this part of the project and this will provide all new heating and air conditioning units for the entire Fairmont facility. These units will be able to be monitored and turned on and off remotely should someone leave them on at night.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor made a motion since the requested amount is nearly \$40,000 more than the bid based on the air conditioning system alone, that the bids be resubmitted with the additional scope of requirements.

Chairperson Johnson asked Daa'ood Amin if he would like to say anything as his company was one of the companies who was involved in the bid process.

Mr. Amin stated that he understood he was not the low bidder, but that he would like to have the opportunity to bid on the project again with the additional specifications of the project.

Mr. Wilson asked if the Board is requesting that all of the bids be rejected and that the project be rebid with the new scope of work.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor withdrew her motion and asked that all bids be rejected and that the project be rebid reflecting the new scope of work.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to reject all bids and rebid with the change in scope of work. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

5. Consider authorizing Chairman to execute the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund Safety Discount Verification form.

Mr. Wilson stated that the County is required to do certain things in order to qualify for a 7.5% discount on the insurance premium. This Verification form simply notifies ACCG that the County has complied with these requirements.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to authorize the Chairman to execute the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund Safety Discount Verification form. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

6. Consider approval of proposed branding guidelines for the new "In Spalding" logo.

Kristen Miller, UGA Archway Professional, stated that she wanted to remind the group that the Intergovernmental Mini Retreat is scheduled for Friday night, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. She thanked the County for hosting the event at the Senior Center and for sponsoring dinner that evening for those in attendance.

Ms. Miller stated that she and Brian Miller are here to present a rebranding guideline recommendation for Spalding County. One of the priority areas of the Archway Program is Communication and Community Image. A group of concerned citizens which is referred to as an issue work group, have been meeting and discussing two priority areas for Community Image and Communication. Those two priority areas were Public Relations – Branding Campaign and a centralized point of communication.

Ms. Miller reminded the Board that several months ago the In Griffin-Spalding branding was presented to the Board. After that meeting, a number of groups requested that they be able to use the logo and as a result they have observed the color and dimension of the logo has been altered by the various groups. In hope of bringing a continuity to the "In Spalding" branding, they are here this evening to ask the Board to approve branding guidelines as proposed by the issue work group so that the "In Spalding" logo will appear the same where ever it is utilized. The Archway Executive Committee met on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and approved the recommendation of the new branding guidelines.

Brian Miller, Community Image and Communication Work Group member, then presented the branding guidelines for the new "In Spalding" logo. Mr. Miller advised that the purpose of the branding guidelines is to make sure that people know what should and should not be done with the image. He stated that in a short period of time the group has seen a lot of different things done with the logo and these guidelines will set a standard for the way the logo is to be presented.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the Archway***

***recommendation for proposed branding guidelines for the new “In Spalding” logo. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

7. Conduct a public hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 10.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to open a public hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 10. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson asked if anyone was present to comment on the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 10. No one indicated they would like to comment.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to close the Public Hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 10. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

8. Consider approval of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 10.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 10. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

9. Conduct a public hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 11.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to open a public hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 11. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson asked if anyone was present to comment on the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 11. No one indicated they would like to comment.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to close the Public Hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 11. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

10. Consider approval of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 11.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve the street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 11. Motion carried***

***unanimously by all.***

11. Conduct a public hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 12.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to open a public hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 12. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson asked if anyone was present to comment on the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 12. No one indicated they would like to comment.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to close the Public Hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 12. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

12. Consider approval of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 12.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 12. Motion carried 3-0 (Commissioner Hawbaker was not present for the vote).***

13. Conduct a public hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Paperwhite Drive.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to open a public hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Paperwhite Drive. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson asked if anyone was present to comment on the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Paperwhite Drive. No one indicated they would like to comment.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to close the Public Hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Paperwhite Drive. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

14. Consider approval of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Paperwhite Drive.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Paperwhite Drive. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

15. Conduct a public hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Del Webb Extension Phase 1.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to open a public hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Del Webb Extension Phase I. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson asked if anyone was present to comment on the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Del Webb Extension Phase I. No one indicated they would like to comment.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to close the Public Hearing to establish a street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Del Webb Extension Phase I. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

16. Consider approval of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Del Webb Extension Phase 1.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Del Webb Extension Phase 1. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- Archway Retreat on August 29<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, dinner will be served.
- Don't forget we have our Zoning Public Hearing on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Also at that meeting Chad Jacobs will be presenting the CIE STWP (Short Term Work Program) for discussion and approval as well because there is only one item on the agenda.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Future Land Use Map & Village Node Work Session.
- Naming Committee will meet on Thursday, August 18, at 4:00 p.m. The Committee will have a recommendation for you at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- "Light Up The Fields" event at Wyomia Tyus Park is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. this evening

## **XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Donald Hawbaker-** Thank you to all of the voters of Spalding County for passing the SPLOST in November, he is excited to see concepts being turned into realities.

**Gwen Flowers-Taylor** - Thank you for allowing her to vent regarding the CSBG item.

Regarding the water rates in Spalding County, the reason the rates are what they are, is whoever signed the water contract years ago and made it effective for a number of years is why we are stuck with this rate. She stated that she thinks there should be some negotiation coming up soon by the Water Authority.

She also stated that she appreciates everything that the Fire Department does, they do an excellent job. They attend all kinds of events and make their presence known in the community.

Thanked Brian and Kristen for coming, she is excited to see the younger people participating in this community.

**Bart Miller**

Nothing.

**Rita Johnson** - The Archways group is a phenomenal group and it is wonderful to see the community come together as one to work and solve some of the issues being faced by the County. She stated that she is looking forward to the intergovernmental mini retreat.

Mr. Wilson reminded everyone that the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to the Labor Day Holiday, our next meeting will be September 19th.

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***