

**After
Agenda**

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, September 19, 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, September 19, 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, James Fortune and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson, to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairperson Rita Johnson.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Webelos Pack 2 of the First Baptist Church of Griffin delivered the invocation, presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. They then read a brief Proclamation of Thanks to the Board of Commissioners and presented the Board with the Proclamation.

III. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Jacoya Clinkscales and Kelly Leger to present an overview of the Senior Nutrition Program to include progress that has been made and their goals for next year.

Jacoya Clinkscales, Senior Nutrition Supervisor, advised that she would be giving the presentation as Kelly Leger had, had a family emergency and could not attend the meeting.

Ms. Clinkscales advised that over the last year they have been able to retrofit and renovate the Senior Center to accommodate on site and in house meal service. Staff has been hired and this program has resulted in more seniors utilizing the Center.

Ms. Clinkscales stated that the program currently serves 30-40 breakfasts daily along with 175 to 200 meals at lunch. In addition to the ala carte items there are healthy selections such as salad, fresh fruit, soup and sandwiches available.

In August 2015 when the program started, there were 69 individuals receiving meals through the Meals on Wheels program. As of June 2016, that number has grown to 96 clients representing a 39% growth in the number of homebound citizens now benefiting from this program. By June 2016, the end of the budget year, the Senior Nutrition Program had distributed 17,624 meals to Spalding County Residents who are homebound in this community.

Additionally, the congregate meal program which is the in house meal program began with 38 clients, these were the clients that transferred from

the Council on Aging. As of September 2016, we have 240 clients in our congregate meal program. Most of these are new people who have decided to join the Senior Center and participate in these services. By the end of June 2016 we had served a total of 14,558 meals which represents approximately 61 clients under the congregate meal program daily. This does not include staff or Spalding County Employees who eat at the Center, nor does it include seniors under the age of 60 or guests that our clients may bring with them to the Center.

Ms. Clinkscales then advised that there are several levels of funding utilized for this program. Three Rivers Regional Commission Area on Aging is the biggest contributor in support of the program as well as funding from the local CSBG (Community Service Block Grant), there is also a food allotment grant from the Hospital Authority and the local United Way helps support the cost of this program.

Ms. Clinkscales also stated that approximately 126 staple boxes that contained nonperishable items as well as food and water were prepared and distributed to the Meals on Wheels clients during the Winter for their use should inclement weather occur and delivery of meals be impeded or delayed. Additionally, we partnered with the Spalding County Fire Department and received a grant that allowed us to distribute 40 fans to Meals on Wheels clients who are home bound.

Ms. Clinkscales thanked the Board for seeing the value in the Senior Nutrition Program and bringing it to the County. She stated that they receive thanks from seniors on a daily basis for this program. The program means a lot to many of the seniors in this County.

2. Consider approval of a Proclamation designating October 1st thru October 31st, 2016 as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in Spalding County, Georgia.

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor read the proclamation.

Dana Bradberry, who is 19 years of age and a victim of this disease, thanked the Board for designating the month of October 1st through October 31, 2016 as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in Spalding County and bringing to light this debilitating disease that very few are aware even exists, Dysautonomia is not rare, it affects over 7 million people worldwide are affected by this disease. There is no cure for this disease and there are no FDA approved treatments. Ms. Bradberry advised that it can take as long as six years for the disease to be diagnosed as most medical professionals are not aware of the disease.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to designate the month of October 1st through October 31, 2016 as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in Spalding County, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Ms. Claudet Gallman of the Griffin Lions Club to present smoke detectors for distribution to County residents by the Spalding County Fire Department.

Ms. Gallman thanked the Board for allowing her, her son, Anthony Gallman, past district governor Max Gallman and Lions Club President, Aaron Pascal to be here today. Anthony Gallman, Vice President of the Griffin Lions Club and City of Griffin Firefighter stated that as a firefighter, it became evident that there is a dire need in the community for smoke detectors. Between December 2015 and April 2016 were 7 lives lost in Spalding County in incidents involving home fires. He further advised that some of the homes investigated had no working smoke detectors.

The Lions Club applied for and a received grant funding from the Home Depot, they were awarded a \$2,000 grant and with those funds they purchased smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, flashlights and replacement batteries for units that are found to not have working batteries. These items have been evenly distributed between the City of Griffin and Spalding County Fire Departments for delivery to the citizens of this community.

IV. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the two months ended August 31, 2016.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, advised that she is available to answer any questions the Board may have in regard to the August financial statements.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve the financial states for the two months ended August 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. 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 suspension of tournament fees in order to spur tourism in Spalding County:

Shashee Patel, Quality Inn & Suites, 2014 North Expressway, Griffin, Georgia.

Skipper Burns, 403 East College Street, Griffin, Georgia.

VI. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on August 15, 2016 and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on

August 25, 2016.

Motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the minutes of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on August 15, 2016 and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on August 25, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider on second reading Amendment to Unified Development Ordinance #A-16-02 - Article 20. S- 1 Sensitive Land Flood Damage Prevention - amend to be consistent with National Flood Insurance Program regulations and definitions.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve on second reading Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance #A-16-02 – Article 20. S-1 Sensitive Land Flood Damage Prevention – amend to be consistent with National Flood Insurance Program regulations and definitions.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS-

1. Consider request of the Humane Society of Griffin Spalding County, Inc. for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Humane Society's Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held on Saturday, October 22nd 2016 at "The Pavilion" from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

William Wilson, County Manager stated that this is the annual request from the Human Society for a one-day alcohol license for their Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held on Saturday, October 22nd all departments have reviewed the request and have no problem with approval. Staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the request of the Humane Society of Griffin Spalding County, Inc. for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Humane Society's Annual Chili Cook-Off. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval on first reading an ordinance amending the FY 2017 Budget Ordinance to provide for prior year encumbrances.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the end of the year Budget Ordinance that covers any outstanding purchase orders from the previous fiscal year.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve on first reading an ordinance amending the FY 2017 Budget Ordinance to provide for prior year encumbrances. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider proposals for preparation of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Mr. Wilson advised that as mentioned in the work session this morning we requested proposals for preparation of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan, this is something that is required by the State of Georgia. In order to maintain our qualified local government status and Amec Foster Wheeler Environmental Infrastructure, Inc. is the group staff is recommending.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve the contract with Amec Foster Wheeler for the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of the 2016 LMIG request.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the 2016 LMIG request.

Commissioner Hawbaker requested an update on the expenditure of 2015 LMIG funds.

Mr. Wilson advised that the 2015 and 2016 LMIG projects are out for bid right now. The bid requests are due into the County on October 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Spalding County is bidding out the two years under the same project and it is hoped they will be complete by June 30th of 2017. It is a total of approximately 16 miles.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for temporary suspension of tournament facility rental fees for current Associations contracted with Spalding County to spur tourism.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is a recommendation of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission and he asked Commissioner Flowers-Taylor who is a member of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission if she would like to speak regarding this request.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that this is part of the Griffin and Spalding Tourism plan. It is an attempt to increase attendance in activities occurring in the County, to draw more people into the community. It was felt that dropping tournament fees for associations

that are partners with the Spalding County Parks and Leisure Services would increase the number of tournaments held here. It has been perceived that the tournament fees have hurt participation in the past and they are hoping that this will change.

Commissioner Ray asked that the costs incurred by the County to host these tournaments be captured and that this matter be revised after a year to see if this suspension of fees has been beneficial.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flower-Taylor to approve the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to temporarily suspend the tournament facility rental fees for current associations contracted with Spalding County to spur tourism. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. 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 Bates Road, Deason Street and Vickery Drive from 35 M.P.H. to 25 M.P.H.

Mr. Wilson advised that we had a request, Sheriff Beam has gone out to these locations and reviewed the traffic patterns and has approve the recommendation to lower the speed limit on these streets.

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 Bates Road, Deason Street and Vickery Drive from 35 M.P.H. to 25 M.P.H. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. 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 as follows:
 - Amelia Road - Beginning at Locust Grove Road and traveling north for a distance of 2 miles (to the end of the pavement) reduce posted speed to 35 miles per hour.
 - Amelia Road - Beginning 2 miles north of Locust Grove Road (where the pavement ends) to the county line for a distance of 1 mile reduce the posted speed to 25 miles per hour on the unpaved portion of this road.
 - Apple Road - Beginning at Sam Solomon Road and traveling west for a distance of 0.4 miles to Amelia Road, reduce the posted speed to 25 miles per hour on this unpaved road.
 - Sam Solomon Road - Beginning at the Dead End and traveling north for a distance of 1.5 miles to Apple Road, reduce the posted speed to 25 miles per hour on this unpaved road.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray 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 Amelia Road, Apple Road and Sam Solomon Road as indicated in the request. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider resolution supporting joint request with the City of Griffin for Employment Incentive Program (EIP) funds to provide a pre-treatment facility to assist Marukan Vinegar (U.S.A.), Inc.

Mr. Wilson stated that the City and County are jointly applying for this EIP Grant to assist Marukan in building a pre-treatment facility. The City of Griffin is the lead agency because they supply the sewer, but this business is located in the County. This is 100% grant funding, there is no match, and there is no cost to the City or to the County.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to support a joint resolution with the City of Griffin for the Employment Incentive Program (EIP) funds to provide a pre-treatment facility to assist Marukan Vinegar (U.S.A.), Inc. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Griffin to establish funding allocations for 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Mr. Wilson advised that the City and the County have applied for this grant in the past separately. This year the Justice Department has decided that because we are in an area of severe need, there needs to be an intergovernmental agreement. The City of Griffin drafted the intergovernmental agreement it has been reviewed by the County Attorney. The agreement states that the City will be the lead agency. The City will receive \$19, 411 and we will receive \$11,454.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Griffin to establish funding allocations for the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider approval of agency contract with the City of Orchard Hill for Fire Protection Services for the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the annual contract with the City of Orchard Hill for Fire Protection Services agrees to pay the County for fire protection.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the agency contract with the City of Orchard Hill for Fire Protection Services for the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider approval of agency contract with the City of Sunny Side for Fire Protection Services for the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the annual contract with the City of Sunny Side for Fire Protection Services agrees to pay the County for fire

protection.

Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to approve the agency contract with the City of Sunny Side for Fire Protection Services for the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Chairperson Johnson would like to give an update on the Griffin-Spalding Archway projects.

Chairman Johnson asked that the Board review the documents that were attached to the Agenda and make sure that they review the minutes from the mini retreat held last month at the Senior Center.

13. 2016 SPLOST Update:

Mr. Wilson reviewed the SPLOST items with the Board:

- Long Term Debt for Fire Station, Fire trucks, Correctional Institute and Memorial Drive Plaza - paid off March 1, 2016
- Senior Nutrition Capital expenditures reimbursed to General Fund - June 2016
- Fire Department Wildland Response Unit (Brush Truck) - in operation April 2016
- Soccer Lights - completed August 2016
- E911 Phone system - in operation April 2016
- Judicial Computers/Software Upgrades - in progress - Oct 24, 2016
- Go Live Heritage Park Projects - Asbestos abatement completed Aug 2016
- Fairmont Gym HVAC - bids rejected in August 2016 to be rebid Oct 2016
- Pickleball Facility – being evaluated, recommendation at October 3rd meeting.
- 800 MHz Tower Relocation - in progress - completion November 2016
- Fire Department Pumper/Tanker - to be delivered in September 2016
- CAD/Sunguard - Kickoff October 11 2016
- Fiber Optics - fiber ran to Annex and Courthouse in August, splicing now to be live October 2016
- Bridge over Cabin Creek - in design with soil testing

X. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Set dates for BOC Zoning Public Hearing dates for November and December 2016. Dates reset for **November 7th** and **December 5th**.
- Spalding County has received the ACCG Group Health and Benefits Program Health Promotion & Wellbeing Grant for 2016 in the amount of \$6,000.
- The 12th Annual Firefighters for Kids Golf Tournament was held on September 15, 2016.
- West McIntosh Bridge Closure – will close by the end of this month and will be closed for one year for construction of a new bridge.
- We need a Commissioner to present a Proclamation to the Haisten/McCullough Funeral Home 100th Rededication Ceremony on Thursday, September 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. at their location 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin, GA. Commissioner Hawbaker and Mr. Wilson will be attending this Ceremony.

- BBQ & Blues Festival is this weekend September 23rd and 24th. They will be using our parking lot in the back and the meeting room for this event.

XI. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Donald Hawbaker –

- Thanked the Public Works Department for their attention and prompt response to any requests that he has made for his District.
- Said that he hoped everything was in place for the Pickleball Complex so that the Board could vote to go forward with construction at the October 3rd Meeting.
- Asked that everyone remember that on September 16, 1963 the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham was bombed and four little girls were killed. He stated that the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham is an eye opening history commemorating the civil movement and he learned a lot from visiting.
- Also wanted to remind everyone that on September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was signed and today September 17 is known as Constitution Day.

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor -

- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that it is amazing how different people see things and added that in reflection, her visit to the Civil Rights Institute was painful one as she lived through this period of time and it is painful to remember.
- She expressed CUDOs to the Senior Nutrition Program for their success over the last year. She stated that many of the homebound residents who receive Meals On Wheels now view the delivery as an event in they are receiving good and nutritious food and good company and many of these individuals look forward to that visit every day.
- She is excited about the events in the community, the tourism board, we have worked hard to get Parks and Recreation up to standard, the schools are experiencing a turnaround in terms of new opportunities opening up to students and the graduation rates are up.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor suggested that Commissioner Hawbaker talk with the Pickleball Association about a fund raiser which would be a way to challenge the Board to match the funding in order to make things happen. She stated that it worked for the skate park.

Commissioner Raymond Ray –

- Expressed CUDOs to everyone who participated in the cardboard boat race at Dundee Lake for United Way. He stated it was a fun event and that Spalding County actually came in second which is the first time that the County has ever placed in this race. Powered by Eric Mosley and Kyria Williams they were able to bring the Spalding County Parks and Recreation boat submission in for a second place overall finish.
- He stated that he did two work orders today on Facility Dude and he will be entering another one this evening for No Parking Signs on Rosedale and Scott Avenue.

Commissioner Bart Miller -

- Stated that he would like to also express his appreciation to Public Works for the job they have done on fixing potholes in his District. He stated that he has had 7 to 8 request in the last month and they have completed the work in a timely manner and had done a very good job with the repair.
- Thanked Mr. Wilson for making the announcement regarding the West McIntosh Bridge closure.

Chairperson Rita Johnson -

- Stated that she felt that the work session earlier in the day was very beneficial and expressed her thanks to Commissioner Flowers-Taylor for requesting the work session, to Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director and Newton Galloway, Zoning Attorney for their insight.
- She wanted to thank the Webelos Pack 2 for their awesome job they did this evening with the invocation, the Pledge to the Flag and the Proclamation.

XII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***