

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, October 17, 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 and County Attorney, Jim Fortune.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** by Chairperson Rita Johnson.
- II. INVOCATION** led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker.
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.
- IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**
 1. Consider approval of a Proclamation recognizing the service of Patriot Soldier Solomon Strickland during the Revolutionary War.

William Wilson, County Manager, stated that Commissioner Hawbaker will be attending the ceremony and presenting the Proclamation to the family on Saturday, October 22nd, 2016.

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER SOLOMON STRICKLAND

WHEREAS: The Marquis de Lafayette Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution will conduct a dedication of a memorial monument commemorating the allegiance and support of Revolutionary War patriot Solomon Strickland; and,

WHEREAS: Strickland in December 1778 signed a formal oath of allegiance to the State of North Carolina, declaring his support for the cause of Independence; and,

WHEREAS: Strickland immigrated to Wilkes County, Georgia from Nash County, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS: Strickland permanently settled in a section of Henry County, Georgia, that became Spalding County in 1851; and,

WHEREAS: The citizens of Spalding County, Georgia recognize and extends appreciation to the Sons of the American Revolution, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, for their efforts to provide historic and educational knowledge and to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their service and sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;

**NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT RESOLVED**

We, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize the dedication of a memorial monument for Patriot Soldier Solomon Strickland and call this observance to the attention of our citizens by proclaiming October 22nd, 2016 as

*“Solomon Strickland Day in Spalding County,
Georgia”*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County to be affixed this, the 17th day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand sixteen.

Rita C. Johnson, Chairperson

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the Proclamation recognizing the service of Patriot Soldier Solomon Strickland during the Revolutionary War. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS a

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2016.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services, was present to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the Financial Statements for the three months ended September 30th, 2016.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve the financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 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.

Patrick Maples, 1132 Futral Road, Griffin, Georgia, spoke regarding the Board of Equalization. He was awarded conservation use of his property on September 8th of this year, but when he went to formally file the paperwork and pay the amount he was supposed to pay, he was told that the decision of the BOE was being appealed to the Superior Court and they would not honor the paperwork. He stated that he has been trying for years to get this matter settled, now it appears that the County is going to spend more money taking the matter to Court than they would have made on his paying the taxes. He feels that he is being discriminated against he would like to know why the Tax Assessors Office has decided to appeal the decision of the BOE to the Superior Court.

Commissioner Ray advised that he had researched this matter through the Tax Assessors Office and indeed Mr. Maples had been approved to have his CUVA reinstated by the Board of Equalization. The Board of Assessors do have the option to seek resolution through the Superior Court for the value they feel is correct on the property and that is what they are currently in the process of doing. Although he has left messages for the Board of Assessors, they will not discuss this matter with anyone until it goes through Superior Court.

VII. MINUTES -

Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on October 3, 2016 and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Closed Meeting on October 3, 2016.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on October 3, 2016 and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Closed Meeting on October 3, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Johnson advised that she would read the items Consent Agenda in their entirety and they would be considered and voted on as a group, unless the Board had questions regarding any of the items.

1. 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 Henry Burch Drive to 25 m.p.h.

**SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-11**

TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC CODE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON HENRY BURCH DRIVE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, as the governing authority of said County, as follows:

Section 1. That the Code of Spalding County, Georgia, be amended in Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002, relating to speed limits on specific County Roads, by reducing the speed limit on Henry Burch Road, to 25 MPH as follows:

“Henry Burch Drive” Beginning Greer Road and travel to the end of the cul de sac for a distance of .5259 miles.

Section 3. That the within ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon its adoption on two presentations, as provided by Section 2-1005 of the Code of Spalding County, Georgia, and upon erection of speed limit signs as designated herein.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

Approved on first reading this third day of October, 2016.

Approved on second reading this seventeenth day of October, 2016.

2. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance amending the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Code Part VII, Chapter 1, by adding a new section, Section 7-1015 Operation and Use of Off-Road Vehicles on Public Roads.

**SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12**

TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC CODE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 7-1015 TO PROVIDE FOR OPERATION AND USE OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADS.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, as the governing authority of said County, as follows:

7-1015 – Operation and use of off-road vehicles on public roads

- a) Definitions
 1. As used in this section, the term "off-road vehicle" means any motorized vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain and not intended for use predominantly on public roads. The term includes, but is not limited to, four-wheel drive vehicles, low-pressure tire vehicles, two-wheel vehicles, non-highway tire vehicles, amphibious machines, ground effect or air cushion vehicles, and any other means of transportation deriving power from any source other than muscle or wind. The term shall exclude any motorboat; any military, fire, law enforcement, or other government vehicle being used for official purposes; any vehicles used exclusively on airports; all farm machinery, farm tractors, and other vehicles used exclusively for agricultural purposes; any self-propelled equipment for harvesting and transportation of forest products, for clearing land for planting, for utility services and maintenance, for earth moving, construction, or mining; and self-propelled lawnmowers, snow blowers, garden or lawn tractors, or golf carts, while such vehicles are being used exclusively for their designed purposes.
 2. As used in this section, the term "public road" means any roadway, street, or highway; paved or unpaved; which has been improved, designed, or is ordinarily used for vehicular travel; and which is owned or maintained by the County; and including the shoulder of any such public road and the right of way.
- b) It shall be unlawful and in violation of this section for any person to operate any off-road vehicle on the public roads of Spalding County
- c) Penalties
 1. Any person who shall violate this code section shall be subject to the penalties as set out in section 7-1008 herein.
 2. Any person found to have caused damage to the public roads of Spalding County while in violation of this section shall be liable for the cost of repair of any damages caused by the operation of said off-road vehicle.
 3. The remedies herein set out for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter shall not be deemed to be exclusive, but shall be cumulative of *all* other remedies, civil or criminal, provided by the laws of Georgia, or by the ordinances of Spalding County
- d) The provisions of this section are not intended to contradict the provisions set out in section 7-1013

Approved on first reading this third day of October, 2016.

Approved on second reading this seventeenth day of October, 2016.

3. **Consider approval on second reading a Media Production Planning and Permitting Ordinance.**

No. 2016-13

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA, PART VI LICENSING AND REGULATION, ARTICLE A GENERAL PROVISIONS BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 8, MEDIA PRODUCTION PLANNING AND PERMITTING, TO ESTABLISH A PERMITTING SYSTEM AND STANDARDS GOVERNING COMMERCIAL MEDIA PRODUCTION OF ALL TYPES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING CODE PROVISIONS, UNCODIFIED ORDINANCES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF; TO RESTATE AND REAFFIRM THE CODE OF SPALDING COUNTY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AS MODIFIED HEREIN; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IT IS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Code of Spalding County, Georgia, is hereby amended by enacting a new Chapter 8, MEDIA PRODUCTIONS, to provide for permitting of commercial media productions and standards governing media activities within said County, as follows:

Chapter 8. Media Productions.

Sec. 1-1. Purpose.

It is the public policy of the State of Georgia to market the State as a location for media productions, recognizing the economic impact this industry provides, as well as the tourism it generates for local jurisdictions, such as the Spalding County. Spalding County is further fortunate to have a diverse number of unique locations to attract movies and television productions to the County.

Despite the many positive benefits a media production may offer, certain inconveniences may result if the production company and County cannot work in concert to assure minimum standards are met and to assure a thoroughly-planned production schedule is followed. These concerns are best addressed through a regulatory permit.

Sec. 1-2. Scope of Coverage.

The permit required under this Chapter shall be a requirement for all movies, television or video series, pilots, feature films and documentaries, commercials, music videos, photo shoots, infomercials and public service announcements, whether the final product is intended for commercial use or not, unless the activity shall wholly occur on private property within an otherwise licensed facility (such as a film or television studio). Any media production on public property, intended to be closed to participation by the public, or restricting access to public property or facilities normally accessible

by the public, shall require a permit. For purposes of this Chapter, media production

activity shall include areas designated for parking of trucks and equipment on public or private property, base camps used during the production activity, and food service areas. No public highway, street or road shall have its public access restricted or limited except by a permit issued pursuant to this Chapter.

Sec. 1-3. Permit Requirements.

- a. This permit is allowed with conditions in all zoning districts. Whenever a permit is sought for activities in primarily residential neighborhoods, extra consideration shall be given to the conditions imposed to ameliorate as much as possible inconvenience to the residents.
- b. Two classifications of media production permits are allowed:
 - (i) Low-Impact Activities are generally those activities having an intended duration of no more than fourteen (14) consecutive days, with little or no disruption to normal and customary use of the site and adjacent and nearby properties and uses; and
 - (ii) High-Impact Activities are generally those activities having an intended duration of 15 or more consecutive days, which do not comply with the low-impact standards of this Chapter, and/or will disrupt normal and customary use of the site and adjacent and nearby properties and uses. Any filming involving automobile crashes or chases, gunfire, pyrotechnics, explosives, the use of aircraft, stunts, and similar activities are examples of high-impact activities.
- c. **General Standards.** Prior to making application for a permit, it shall be incumbent on the applicant to meet with the County Manager and /or his designee, or their designees, to review locations and the general scope of activities planned during the production. A copy of the script shall be made available, upon request, to allow the County staff to better understand the applicant's needs.

The following general standards shall apply to all permits:

- (i) No tents, temporary sanitary facilities, trash collection, or food service facilities shall be located within 100' of the property line of any property used for residential use, unless the owner or tenant gives written consent;
- (ii) Tents, depending on their square footage, and other temporary structures may require a separate building permit from the County; any food preparation or food service provided at the location shall require a food service permit from the County Health Department, or evidence of exemption;
- (iii) Lighting for filming should be oriented away from adjacent or nearby properties as much as possible and shall not interfere with the safe movement of vehicular traffic;
- (iv) Temporary signage must be approved in writing, in advance, prior to erection, by the Development Director, or his designee; approval of temporary signage is conditioned restoration of permanent signage following completion of the media activity;
- (v) No regulatory traffic control signage within a public right-of-way shall be removed without the prior written consent of the Spalding County Sheriff;
- (vi) No modification to any existing traffic signage, street light, traffic control

- device or other officially-installed facility or improvement shall be made without prior consent of the Spalding County Sheriff;
- (vii) No street, road, alley, or sidewalk shall be closed, barricaded or other obstruction erected within a public right-of-way, and no access shall be denied or restricted to public or private property or facilities unless the closure or restriction is approved as a condition of the permit; reasonable alternative access shall be arranged whenever possible;
 - (viii) No trees, vegetation (including grasses), or ornamental shrubs shall be cut or removed from public property without prior written consent of the County in the permit, based upon an agreed landscape restoration plan. A land disturbance permit may be separately required depending upon the nature and extent of the activity.
 - (ix) Traffic Management Plan – The applicant shall submit to the Spalding County Sheriff’s Office a traffic management plan to address traffic flow in the vicinity of the location where production activity is to occur, even if normal traffic flow is not to be obstructed or interrupted. Detours shall be determined and approved by the Spalding County Sheriff; temporary traffic control devices and signage as required by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices shall be provided at the sole expense of the applicant; the County Fire Marshal shall also review and approve such plan. **Applicant must notify Property Owners and Tenants in the vicinity of their presence, how long they will be there and what effect it will have on their daily routine.**
 - (x) The Spalding County shall be listed in the production credits for all permits required.

Sec. 1-4. Low-impact Activity Standards.

In addition to the general standards, the following minimum standards shall be met in order to be permitted as a low-impact activity. Due to the varying requirements of media productions and nature of the industry, these standards are not intended to be all inclusive and additional conditions may be reasonably imposed, as warranted, to minimize anticipated adverse effects.

- a. No permit shall be effective for more than fourteen (14) consecutive dates from its date of issuance. Permits may be extended by the County Manager, for reasonable cause, provided a daily filming fee shall apply. A single application shall include all locations for the same production within the County. Application shall be made no less than ten (10) business days prior to the first scheduled event or day of filming. The permit shall be available, on location, at all times while production activity is occurring and shown to County inspectors upon request.
- b. Normal hours of activity shall be 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily; all preparation and wrap-up shall occur within one (1) hour of this time frame. Noise shall be kept to a minimum.
- c. No street closure, obstruction or interference with normal traffic flow, including pedestrian use of sidewalks and public rights-of-way shall occur, including use of on-street parking spaces or parking in alleys or side streets.
- d. Facilities and locations to be used for base camp, food service, and parking shall be approved as a condition of the permit; any other required permit(s) shall be obtained prior to issuance of the permit under this Chapter.

Sec. 1-5. High-impact Activity Standards.

In addition to the general standards, the following minimum standards shall be met in order to be permitted as a high-impact activity. Due to the varying requirements of media productions and nature of the industry, these standards are not intended to be all inclusive and additional conditions may be reasonably imposed, as warranted, to minimize anticipated adverse effects.

- a. No permit shall be issued for a term of less than fifteen (15) consecutive days from its date of issuance; the duration of the permit shall be based upon an agreed production schedule submitted by the applicant. Permits may be extended by the County Manager, for reasonable cause, provided a daily filming fee shall apply. A single application shall include all locations for the same production within the County. Application shall be made no less than ten (10) business days prior to the first scheduled event or day of filming. The permit shall be available, on location, at all times while activity is occurring and shown to County inspectors upon request.
- b. Normal hours of activity shall be 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily; all preparation and wrap-up shall occur within one (1) hour of this time frame. Noise shall be kept to a minimum; any activity occurring outside of the above hours involving planned noises in excess of 65db at a distance of 100 feet from the point of origin shall be addressed in the application. If activity is planned within 500 feet of a residential area outside the hours specified, or will involve noises in excess of 65db, notice shall be given by the best means available to residents as far in advance as reasonable.
- c. Street closure(s), obstruction or interference with normal traffic flow, including pedestrian use of sidewalks and public rights-of-way shall be detailed in the application, including any use of on-street parking spaces and/or parking in alleys or side streets.
- d. Spalding County will not intervene on behalf of any permittee or negotiate access rights to private property with property owners; the permittee is expected to deal directly with private property owners for required permission and consent.
- e. Facilities and locations to be used for base camp, food service, and parking shall be approved as a condition of the permit; any other required permit(s) shall be obtained prior to issuance of the permit under this Chapter.
- f. Based upon the proposed scope of production activity and in consideration of any potential danger to the safety, health and welfare of the community, particularly private property and residents near the location, the Spalding County Sheriff's Department and/or Spalding County Fire Marshal may require on-site security (qualified private security or use of off-duty law enforcement officers) and/or may require personnel and equipment be placed on standby for portions of the high-impact activity at the expense of the applicant. The application shall detail the planned time,

place, and manner of any of the following production activities: pyrotechnics, demolition, discharge of firearms or other weapons, motor vehicle chases, physical stunts, and similar actions.

Sec. 1-6. Application and Permit procedure.

- a. Applications. All applications shall be made in writing on forms provided by the County. Applications shall be submitted in duplicate originals. No application shall be deemed accepted unless accompanied by payment of the requisite application fee in U.S. funds.
- b. Every application shall state the name and contact information of a responsible representative of the applicant, who shall be available at all times during actual production activity within the County and for a period of not less than one (1) year thereafter; more than one point of contact may be specified.
- c. The application shall contain a detailed narrative of the scope of production activities, and include drawings, maps or plats to illustrate locations, property boundaries, existing material improvements, planned temporary improvements, curb cuts and driveways, adjoining streets, traffic patterns, and similar information helpful to assess the impact of the proposed activity.
- d. When activity is to occur in or near residential areas, personal notice of intent to

secure a permit and the place, date and time of the proposed media activity shall be provided by the applicant, within five (5) days of filing the application; to the extent feasible, written acknowledgment of the notice shall be obtained from the resident or resident's agent. For purposes of this section, all residential properties within 500 feet of the outside boundaries of the location(s) where production activity is to occur should be notified.

- e. A signed Indemnification and Hold Harmless agreement, in a form acceptable to the County Attorney, shall accompany the application, together with a Certificate of Insurance naming the County as an additional insured. The minimum limits of insurance coverage shall not be less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.
- f. All applications shall be filed with the County Manager, or his designee, who may require such additional information as needed to assess the proposed extent and intensity of the production within the County.
- g. Permits. All applications shall be approved with specific terms and conditions, or denied, by the County Manager, or his designee, in writing. If approved, the County shall issue a permit to the applicant, in writing, with all terms and conditions clearly set forth therein. Low-impact activity applications shall be approved within ten (10) business days of a complete application and high-impact activity applications shall be approved within ten (10) business days of a complete application. If the application is denied, the County Manager, or his designee, shall state, in writing, the reason(s) for denial. An aggrieved applicant may appeal to the Board of Commissioners at the next regular meeting occurring more than 5 days following receipt of a written denial.
- h. Permits may be denied, in whole or in part, due to prior scheduled events or activities sanctioned or permitted by the County under other provisions of this Code.
- i. Any material variation from the approved scope of work permitted shall be grounds for permit revocation, unless the permit is modified in advance by the permittee.

Sec. 1-7. Fees and waivers.

- a. Application fees for low-impact activity permits shall be \$100.00 and the application fee for a high-impact activity permit shall be \$250.00. Application fees are non-refundable and must be paid, in full, at time of application.
- b. Daily permit fees of \$100.00 for each calendar day on which production activity physically occurs within Spalding County shall be paid upon the last day of scheduled activity; if a production is scheduled for a duration in excess of a calendar month, the accrued daily fee shall be due and payable on the last day of each month in which production activity occurred.
- c. Additional fees and charges may be assessed based upon specific requirements, including fees for the monitoring of public safety or special services by a County department, based upon labor, time and equipment necessary to provide the service. When using County-owned buildings or property other than public road rights-of-way, for production activities, a separate rental fee or charge may be negotiated.
- d. Application fees and daily permit fees for use of County services or facilities may be reduced or waived for charitable or non-profit organizations holding §501(c) status from the I.R.S., or for other governmental agencies. All waivers shall require approval of the County Manager, which may delay permit issuance.
- e. Reduction or waiver of daily permit fees may be approved by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for commercial productions providing a greater than normal economic benefit to the community, as determined on a case-by-case basis."

Section 2. The County Manager is hereby expressly authorized to designate an employee as the County's Media Production Liaison to work with and be the County's

point of contact with media productions, to assist in coordinating the permitting process for the County, and to promote the County as a “camera-ready community” under a program with the Georgia Office of Film, Music & Digital Entertainment. In making such designation, the County Manager shall define the duties, compensation, and benefits of such employee.

Section 3. All Code sections, uncodified ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the foregoing are expressly repealed.

Section 4. Should any provision of this ordinance be rendered invalid by any court of law, the remaining provisions shall continue in force and effect until amended or repealed by action of the municipal governing authority.

Section 5. Except as modified herein, The Code of Spalding County, Georgia, is hereby reaffirmed and restated. The codifier is hereby granted editorial license to include this amendment in future supplements of said Code by appropriate section, division, article or chapter.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption on second and final reading.

Approved on First Reading: October 3, 2016

Approved on Second Reading: October 17, 2016

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the consent agenda as read. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Lift from the table an appointment to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of Charles Releford.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to lift from the table an appointment to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of Charles Releford. Motion carried unanimously by all.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that Larry Hodges who resides at 1727 Cardinal Drive has been recommended for appointment to this Board. He is a retired hospital administrator and has worked with Henry Healthcare, Southern Regional Medical Center, Griffin-Spalding Hospital and the Medical Center of Macon. The form has not been signed.

Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to appoint Larry Hodges to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of Charles Releford.

Commissioner Ray advised that he has been talking with the retired Fire Chief from the City of Griffin, Mr. Willie Henley about taking this position and he has yet to give Commissioner Ray an answer. He requested to table the appointment.

Chairperson Johnson advised that she doesn't personally know Mr. Hodges, she stated that his name has been in the book for quite some time and when she called and talked with him he was still very interested in serving on the Authority.

Commissioner Hawbaker withdrew his second and the motion died for lack of a second.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to table the appointment the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of Charles Releford. Motion carried 4-1 (Miller).

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. 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 Head Road to 25 m.p.h.

Mr. Wilson stated that this request has been reviewed by the Sheriff's Department and he has recommended reducing the speed on this road to 25 m.p.h. Staff recommends approval on first reading this ordinance.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor 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 Head Road to 25 m.p.h. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider renewal of contract with Sullivan & Ogletree, P.C. to provide indigent representation in State Court and Juvenile Court and to provide Guardian Ad Litem services for delinquent matters in the Juvenile Justice system for the Fiscal Years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Mr. Wilson stated that our contract with Sullivan & Ogletree expires at the end of this fiscal year and he had requested that Sullivan & Ogletree give the County a renewal on these contracts. You have copies of recommendations from both the State and Juvenile Court judges to renew these contracts. These contracts have also been reviewed by the new State Court Judge Thacker who has approved these contracts. Staff recommends renewal of these contracts. Mr. Wilson advised that this group has been providing these services to the indigent citizens of Spalding County for the last 16 years.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to approve renewal of contract with Sullivan & Ogletree, P.C. to provide indigent representation in State Court and - Juvenile Court and to provide Guardian Ad Litem services for delinquent matters in the Juvenile Justice system for the Fiscal Years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of an updated master plan for the Fairmont/Heritage Park as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Mr. Wilson stated that T.J. Imberger, Superintendent of Parks and Public Grounds and Kelly Leger, Superintendent of Leisure Services are present to answer any questions the Board may have with regard to this request.

T.J. Imberger then presented a conceptual Master Plan with relation to all of the items that were voted on by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. He advised that there could be further changes once actual construction on the items begin. There are some challenges with this project, especially at

Fairmont where there is a lot of rock, so the location of some of the items may move a little bit. He stated that what is being presented is a concept of the items at the facilities.

Mr. Imberger advised that the Board was presented with two plans for these facilities. He stated that the only difference in the two plans is the center of the plan there is a Middle Building in one of the plans that is omitted in the alternate plan. With that exception the plans are essentially the same.

Mr. Imberger then reviewed the plans and advised that there are approximately 1.5 to 2 miles of greenways and walkways are included in the plans for these facilities. There are also plans for additional sidewalks to connect the greenways.

Mr. Wilson advised that any work that has been done on the "Middle Building" indicated on the plans whether the building remains or whether it is torn down the asbestos abatement and lead paint abatement had to be done. These abatements had to be done whether we keep the building or not.

Mr. Imberger advised that the project can start, and whatever is decided regarding the "Middle Building" is not going to have any effect on the progress of this project.

Chairperson Johnson asked when the decision regarding the building would be made.

Mr. Wilson projected that the decision should be made within the next six to nine months.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that originally the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission had hoped to keep the community center there; however due to the limited funding it may have to be taken out of the plan. She further stated that if the Housing Authority is able to provide the funding needed to restore this building for community rooms they have been included in the plan. We should know within six to nine months if that funding will become available. The remainder of the work will go as planned and by the time they get over to that building we should have an idea if the funding is going to be available. The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission voted to accept the concept of both plans as presented.

Commissioner Miller asked why they were eliminating the softball field.

Kelly Leger explained that when citizens rent the pavilions they like to plan activities and having the softball field limits the options available to these citizens. It is felt that having a multi-use field at this location would be better usage of the field because it could be used for soccer, football or arts and crafts, a spring fling or a fall festival if the field is multi-use.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor added that the park next to the A.Z. Kelsey School is the location of the first colored swimming pool in Griffin and the Park located next to that location was known as the Head Park Area and it was named for the Head Family.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve both the updated master plan concept and the alternate plan for the Fairmont/Heritage Park as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission pending notification of final funding for the projects. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- The GRPA 4th District Banquet is going to be held on Wednesday,

October 19th in Riverdale, Georgia. Parks and Recreation will be receiving several awards at this event and have invited the Commissioners to attend. Please let Kathy know tomorrow if you will be able to attend.

- Early voting for the November 8th General Election began and will run through Friday, November 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. People were lined up with the employees arrive at the office this morning and at one time the line stretched all the way down to the Park & Rec doors.
 - ✓ Saturday voting will be available on Saturday, October 29th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - ✓ The Office of Elections and Voter Registration will be opened for extended hours Tuesday, October 25th and Tuesday November 1st and on Thursday, October 27th and Thursday, November 3rd the offices will be open until 7:00 p.m. on those dates. Mr. Wilson advised that he has asked Ms. Colling to let us know every morning the number of voters who cast votes on the previous day.
- The Atlanta Regional Commission will hold Walk & Bike Friendly workshop on November 2, 2016 from 9am – 1:30 PM at the Courthouse Annex Room 108.
- The Archway Young Professional Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2016, 5:30-7:00 pm, at Intent Yoga.
- Senior Fishing Day will be October 25th at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park for individuals 50 and older. It will run from 8:30 a.m. until noon.
- Veteran's Day Program is November 11th at 4:00 PM Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Christmas Parade is December 3, 2016 at 6PM
- Public Works reported today that all eight of the In-Rem house we had scheduled for this year have been disposed of and they will complete the grass tomorrow on the eight lots that were demolished. They did this in two weeks and did a great job. He wants to thank the City of Griffin for their assistance in landfill fees, he thanked Chad Jacobs and his department and T.J. Imberger and his department. We kept up with the costs for these actions on facility dude and we will be filing liens against these properties. He advised that he has already asked Mr. Jacobs to prepare another list for possible demolition.
- Tomorrow the Community Image and Communication Group will meet at the UGA Griffin Campus Student Learning Center from 4-5 PM.
- Spalding County Employee Appreciation Event is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th, at Wyomia Tyus Park. This is a Wellness Committee event. There will be fishing from sunrise to 11:00 a.m. Lite refreshments will be provided by Paragon Consulting, bring your family. A disc golf tournament begins at 8 a.m., you can register online through RecOne.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Donald Hawbaker- No comment.

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor – Wanted to thank Public Works for getting out to North 9th Street and getting that street cleaned up. She stated that she is totally at a loss as to how we can keep the County clean. We do have littering laws, but we haven't been able to enforce them. She feels that this is something that we really need to work on and she is hoping that over the next few months we can figure out some way to better utilize the resources we have available to us to keep the streets in the County clean.

Commissioner Raymond Ray – Extended an Atta boy to Wendy Law and Kathy Gibson for the County Newsletter for the employees. A lot of work went into that newsletter and he wanted to thank them for doing such a great job.

Commissioner Bart Miller – Wanted to know where we stand on the calcium chloride for dirt roads.

Mr. Wilson advised that calcium chloride has been applied to roads in District 5 and in District 4 as a test. He stated that he has heard from the residents of District 5 that it is working. He further stated that the gentleman who had requested it in Commissioner Miller's District had called to say that it was working great in his area as well.

Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Wilson to check on applying the calcium chloride on Westmoreland Road. He advised that there are some residents out there who have breathing problems and this application would help in reducing the amount of dust from the road. That road needs to have the trash picked up, the road scraped, the ditches cleaned out and if possible the application of the calcium chloride to reduce the dust.

Chairperson Rita Johnson stated that Archways participated in the Mike Kendall show on Monday and they had an opportunity to talk about what we do, the retreat and the projects that are currently underway in the community.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Johnson requests an Executive Session for discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary actions or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6).

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to enter into an Executive Session for discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary actions or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6) at 6:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to adjourn closed session at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to resume open

session at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the new employment contract for the County Manager as discussed. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

/s/ _____
Rita C. Johnson, Chairperson

/s/ _____
William P. Wilson, Jr., Clerk