

## MINUTES

**The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, July 18, 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, Zoning Attorney, Newton Galloway, Community Development Director, Chad Jacobs and Planning Technician, Cindy McDaniel, 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.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to add an item 4 under Presentation and Proclamations to include receipt of a check in the amount of \$33,335 from Kelsey Goodman of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

#### **IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- 1. Consider approval of a Proclamation declaring August to be "Fill The Boot" month in Spalding County.

## Proclamation

### ***"FILL THE BOOT FOR MDA"***

**WHEREAS:** The **Spalding County Fire Department** exemplifies the most time-honored American ideals of public service and sacrifice, protecting the citizens of our community from tragedy on the home front; and

**WHEREAS:** The **Spalding County Fire Department** members are highly trained and dedicated individuals who demonstrate daily an extraordinary caliber of character and courage in the face of danger; and

WHEREAS: The **Spalding County Fire Department** members selflessly donate their time and energy fighting for kids and adults with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related life-threatening diseases that severely limit muscle strength and mobility by Filling the Boot each year for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA); and

WHEREAS: Over the past **16** years, the **Spalding County Fire Department** has raised more than **\$97,000** for MDA through the annual Fill the Boot campaign; and

WHEREAS: The **Spalding County Fire Department's** endless service to MDA has given so much hope for families fighting life-threatening muscle diseases; and

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED I, Rita C. Johnson, Chairperson of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, Griffin, Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2016 as

***“Fill The Boot” month in Spalding County***

and encourage all citizens to join in and assist the Spalding County Fire Department in “Filling the Boot” for MDA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County to be affixed this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord, two thousand sixteen.

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Rita Johnson, Chairperson

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William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve a Proclamation declaring the month of August to be “Fill The Boot” month in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. The Spalding County Office of Homeland Security wishes to recognize the efforts taken by Sandra Hone in the Sun City Community to make sure that she and her neighborhood are prepared for disaster.

Chief Kenny West of the Spalding County Office of Homeland Security recognized Sandra Hone of the Sun City Community for her efforts to ensure that her neighborhood is prepared should a disaster occur.

3. Request recognition of Correctional Officer Mitchell Thompson and Octavius Shivers for their recent accomplishment of the Leadership Award at the State of Georgia Basic Correctional Officers Training in Forsyth, GA.

Deputy Warden Anthony Washington introduced Correctional Officer Mitchell Thompson and Correctional Officer Octavius Shivers and recognized for receiving the Leadership Award during their training. He stated that they are very proud of these two individuals and are proud to have them as part of the Spalding County CI team.

4. Kelsey Goodman of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency will present Spalding County with a check for \$33,335.00. This is funding from a grant applied for and secured

by the Spalding County Office of Homeland Security.

Ms. Goodman presented to the Spalding County Office of Homeland Security a check in the amount of \$33,335.00 for the purchase and installation of two weather warning sirens in Spalding County.

## V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the twelve months ended June 30, 2016.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the financial statements for the twelve month period ended June 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.

**Natalie Marshall**, Director of the Flint River Regional Library thanked the Board of Commissioners for the matching funds provided for renovation of the upstairs bathroom at the Griffin Spalding County Library.

## VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes for the June 20, 2016 Spalding County Extraordinary Session and the June 27, 2016 Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2016 Spalding County Extraordinary Session and the June 27, 2016 Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA- None

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Reconsider request from Brian W. Lasseter for refund of a portion of his 2015 property taxes attributable to Department of Veterans Affairs designation of 100% VA Disability.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reconsider a request from Brian W. Lasseter for a refund of a portion of his 2015 property taxes attributable to Department of Veterans Affairs designation of 100% V.A. Disability. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).***

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve a refund \$2,676.56 to Brian W. Lasseter, which is a portion of his 2015 property taxes attributed to his designation of 100% V.A. Disability. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).***

2. Consider appointment to the Region Six DBHDD (Department of

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities) Planning Board to succeed Marilyn Roberts for a three year term ending December 31, 2018.

Mr. Wilson advised that there is one nomination that of Syntel Brown and his nomination has been submitted by Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to appoint Syntel Brown to the Region Six DBHDD to succeed Marilyn Roberts for a three year term ending December 31 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**X. NEW BUSINESS -**

1. Conduct Zoning Public Hearing

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to conduct a Zoning Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all***

2. Application #FLA-16-01: SW North Griffin, LLC has requested a future land use map change from Village Node to Crossroads Commercial for the following: 3470 Jackson Road (2 acres located in Land Lot 79 of the 2nd Land District).

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Johnson to consider the two applications at the same time, but to vote on the matters separately. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**Spoke in favor of the rezoning request:**

Melissa Griffis – Attorney

Collin Edwards - .S.W. North Griffin LLC.

Mark Peek – 754 E. College Street, Griffin, GA.

**Expressed concerns regarding the change:**

Martin Fox 132 Jenkinsburg Road, Locust Grove, GA.

Angela Grady – 3684 Jackson Road, Griffin, GA.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve Application FLA-16-01: SW North Griffin, LLC request to adjust the future land use map by changing this area from Village Node to Crossroads Commercial for the following: 3470 Jackson Road (2 acres located in Land Lot 79 of the 2nd Land District). Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).***

3. Application #16-02Z: William H. Shapard, Jr., Sally Shapard Peek, Emily Shapard King and Robert P. Shapard, III, Owner - SW North Griffin, LLC, Agent - 3470 North McDonough Road (2 acres located in Land Lot 79 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from R-2, Single Family Residential and AR-1, Agricultural and Residential, to C-1, Highway Commercial.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve Application #16-02Z: William H. Shapard, Jr., Sally Shapard Peek, Emily Shapard King and Robert P. Shapard, III, Owner - SW North Griffin, LLC, Agent - 3470 North McDonough Road (2 acres located in Land Lot 79 of the 2nd Land District) -***

**requesting a rezoning from R-2, Single Family Residential and AR-1, Agricultural and Residential, to C-1, Highway Commercial. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).**

**Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to adjourn the Zoning Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

4. Consider request for Outside Amplification Permit from Dayna Dutton to hold a birthday party at the Moose Lodge located at 1435 Zebulon Road, Griffin, Georgia on July 23, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the request for an Outside Amplification Permit from Dayna Dutton to hold a birthday party at the Moose Lodge located at 1435 Zebulon Road, Griffin, Georgia on July 23, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

5. Consider request of Walter Jones of 850 East Maddox Road, to extend the paved portion of East Maddox Road from the point where the pavement currently ends for approximately 1150 feet at no expense to the County.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the request of Walter Jones of 850 East Maddox Road to extend the paved portion of East Maddox Road from the point where the pavement currently ends for approximately 1150 feet at no expense to the County. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

6. Consider approval of a resolution naming Regions Bank as Trustee for the GMA Lease Pool.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve a resolution naming Regions Bank as Trustee for the GMA Lease Pool. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

7. Request approval of a resolution amending the 1998 GMA Lease Pool Program approved equipment list.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve a resolution amending the 1998 GMA Lease Pool Program approved equipment list. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

8. Consider purchase of new Computer-Aided Dispatch System (CAD) system for the E911 Department.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the purchase of a new Computer-Aided Dispatch System (CAD) for the E911 Department from SunGuard Public Sector, LLC in the amount of \$437,911.00. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

9. Consider approval for purchase of two sets of Hurst S700ES Battery Powered Jaws of Life from Municipal Emergency Services, low bidder in the amount of \$60,937.68 for the Spalding County Fire Department from 2016 SPLOST proceeds.

**Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to approve the purchase of two sets of Hurst S700 ES Battery Powered Jaws of Life from Municipal Emergency Services, lower bidder in the amount of \$60,937.68 for the Spalding County Fire**

**Department from 2016 SPLOST proceeds.**

10. Consider approval of Contract with the Office of the Public Defender for Indigent Defense Services in Spalding County, Georgia for FY 2017.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve a contract with the Office of the Public Defender for Indigent Defense Services in Spalding County, Georgia for FY 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

11. Consider appointments to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

- (a) To succeed Barbara Lights for a two year term ending June 30, 2018.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint Barbara Lights to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a two year term ending June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

- (b) To succeed John Hamilton for a two year term ending June 30, 2018.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint John Hamilton to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a two year term ending June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all**

12. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services Board to succeed Kay Harper for a five year term ending June 30, 2021.

Mr. Wilson advised that there are two names currently in the book. Ms. Harper thanks the Board for the opportunity that she has had to serve on the Board, but it is her wish to retire and let someone else serve. The first person nominated for this appointment is Francis Phillips who is retired.

**Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to appoint Francis Phillips to the to the Department of Family and Children Services Board to succeed Kay Harper for a five year term ending June 30, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

13. Consider appointment of a committee for the naming of the Fire Department Administration Building as per the Policy for the Naming of Facilities and Erecting Plaques, Monuments, Major Markers and Artwork.

Mr. Wilson advised the Board that according to the Policy for Naming of Facilities and Erecting Plaques, Monuments, Major Markers and Artwork, one member from each commission district, the committee is composed of five members.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to table the appointment of a committee for the naming of the Fire Department Administration Building as per the Policy for Naming of Facilities and Erecting Plaques, Monuments, Major Markers and Artwork to the August 1, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

14. Consider approval of Resolution to amend the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan to permit deferred vested death benefits to be distributed in one lump sum payment in lieu of multi-year periods.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND  
ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA  
DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN  
FOR SPALDING COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, Spalding County, Georgia (the "County") previously adopted the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan for Spalding County Employees (the "Plan"), originally effective January 1, 1984, and which has been amended and restated several times, most recently effective January 1, 2015;

**WHEREAS**, prior to the Plan's amendment and restatement effective January 1, 2010, the Plan provided for deferred vested death benefits to be paid in ten annual installments with no election for a lump sum payment;

**WHEREAS**, a Participant who terminated employment under the Plan prior to the amendment and restatement effective January 1, 2010, has died with no living beneficiary and the deferred vested death benefit is payable to his estate only in installments over ten years under the terms of the Plan at the time he terminated employment;

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to amend the Plan to permit all deferred vested death benefits to be paid in one lump sum regardless under which Plan restatement a Participant terminated employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 16.02(a) of the Plan permits the County to amend the Plan subject to the consent of Association County Commissioners Defined Benefit Plan Board of Trustees.

**NOW THEREFORE**, at a meeting held on the 18th day of July, 2016, the County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves as follows:

**RESOLVED** that the County Board of Commissioners approves the adoption of the Plan Amendment #1, attached hereto.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that Commission Chair is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take all further actions and to execute all documents forms necessary to implement these resolutions.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that any resolution in conflict with this resolution is hereby repealed.

This 18th day of July, 2016.

***SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Spalding County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve a Resolution to amend the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan to permit deferred vested death benefits to be distributed in one lump sum payment in lieu of multi-year periods. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

15. Consider a request from AirFi Inc. to lease tower space on the Spalding County 800 MHz Tower located on Williamson Road.

***Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to approve the request from AirFi Inc. to lease tower space on the Spalding County 800 MHz Tower located on Williamson Road.***

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

- Just wanted to let everyone know that Kathy is doing very well. We have talked with her several times today and she will be returning to work on Monday.
- SPLOST Project –The Soccer Lights are ready and are scheduled to be tested on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. Once we know everything is working fine, we are going to schedule an official lighting of the Soccer Fields Event.
- SPLOST Collections Update – In two months of collections, we had projected \$700,000 per month, the two month total is \$1,345,469.35 which is 99% of what was collected in May of last year. So we are currently approximately behind 3.95% in collections. These numbers come in around the 26<sup>th</sup> of every month and he will keep you advised of the collections.
- Tourism Spotlight meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. at the Welcome Center, lunch is provided. We will be doing two things: (1) showing a screening of the Rosenwald film and how Mr. Rosenwald built schools and (2) there will be a presentation from the Georgia Department of Economic Development Tourism Product Development resource team,. He encouraged the Board to attend.
- The Land Bank Authority will meet on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- We have a Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Hearing on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Administrative Headquarters of the Fire Department at 1005 Memorial Drive.
- Pickleball Update: There were two meetings today with regard to Pickleball we met with three Gordian contractors today they reviewed the plans and the specs and we gave them an estimate of what we thought the costs should be and an estimate of the date that we would need the project completed. They did not comment on any costs, but they did agree that the dates should be amenable should the weather cooperate. The meeting was followed by a visit to the site. We should have three proposals not to exceed cost proposals by July 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. We will advise the Board of the proposals and if acceptable compared to estimates we will place it on the August 1<sup>st</sup> Agenda for consideration.

## **XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Donald Hawbaker-** Announced that Spalding County has been selected as the site for the 2017 Atlantic South Regional Pickleball Tournament tentatively set for March of 2017.

**Gwen Flowers-Taylor** - No comment.

**Raymond Ray** – No comment.

**Bart Miller** – At the Airport Authority meeting last week there was a discussion on where to hold the fireworks due to safety problems at the airport this year and Wyomia Tyus Park was suggested as a possible location to hold fireworks

displays.

He advised that he received complaints regarding speeders on Mud Bridge Road. He asked the citizen who live on the road to petition the Board to lower the speed limit. So that will probably be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

**Rita Johnson** – Reminded everyone to save the date for the intergovernmental retreat scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Senior Center.

She also wanted to wish herself and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor a Happy Birthday, on Wednesday of this week.

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION** – None.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously by all.***

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Rita C. Johnson, Chairperson

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
William P. Wilson, Jr., Clerk