

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Thursday, March 27, 2008 beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m. with Commission Chairman Edward Goss, Jr. presiding and Commissioners Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Johnie McDaniel present. Absent were: Commissioners David Phillips and Eddie Freeman and Zoning Attorney Newton M. Galloway. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant to the County Manager Paul Van Haute, Community Development Director Chuck Taylor, and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

A. Call to Order.

B. New Business:

1. **Application #08-02S:** Dorothy S. Geary and William C. Geary, Owners – 2213 North McDonough Road (2.60 acres located in Land Lot 12 of the 2nd Land District) – requesting a Special Exception to allow a certified medical hardship in the AR-1 District.

The applicant requests a Medical Hardship Special Exception to construct a site-built home on a lot which already has a manufactured home on the property. The applicant has provided the County with the required physician's statement, and all appears to be in order.

Motion to approve Application #08-02S by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, carried by a vote of 3-0.

2. Conduct public hearing on Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program.

Motion/second to open public hearing by Commissioners McDaniel and Goss carried 3-0.

Mr. Taylor advised the County is required to update the Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program annually. The changes noted were primarily to educate commissioners on projects and in some instances to push out estimated completion dates. Discussion followed.

Motion and second by Commissioners McDaniel and Flowers-Taylor to close public hearing carried by a vote of 3-0.

3. Approval of submission of Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program to Georgia Department of Community Affairs and McIntosh Trail Regional Development Center.

Motion and second by Commissioners McDaniel and Flowers-Taylor to approve submission of Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Program to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and McIntosh Trail RDC carried 3-0.

C. Other Business:

Mr. Wilson raised the issue of scheduling for the Code Enforcement Department. Having the officers cover on weekends has not proven to be effective and cost-efficient with few calls being received. The new proposed hours for the two officers will include ten-hour weekday schedules with no Saturday or Sunday work. One officer will work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and the other from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with the exception that he might have to stay later on meeting nights. Much discussion followed, with the resulting consensus to support the proposed schedule as detailed by Mr. Wilson.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor questioned the difference in application of the alcoholic beverage ordinance as it relates to distance from a school or church for liquor versus beer and wine. Mr. Wilson stated he would confer with County Attorney James R. Fortune, Jr. and obtain an opinion.

D. Adjournment

Motion and second to Adjourn at 6:38 p.m. by Commissioners McDaniel and Flowers-Taylor carried by a vote of 3-0.

Chairman

County Clerk