

**After
Agenda**

**Board of Commissioners of
Spalding County
Special Called Meeting
Monday, November 26, 2012
12:00 PM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, November 26, 2012, beginning at 12:00 noon with Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor presiding. Commissioners Bob Gilreath, Raymond Ray, Samuel Gardner and Eddie Freeman were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Attorney Jim Fortune and County Clerk, Ex-Officio Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record the minutes.

I. Call to Order

Invocation- led by Commissioner Gardner
Pledge to the flag- led by Commissioner Ray

At this point Chairman Flowers-Taylor opened the floor for citizen comments and read the following disclosure statement:

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 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.

Bart Miller- 3259 Williamson Road Griffin, Georgia- Mr. Miller advised that he was speaking on behalf of taxpayers in regards to the proposed increase of the millage rate. Mr. Miller stated that he does not understand why a public hearing was not held. Furthermore, he noted that Spalding County needs to manage their budget better. For the past couple of years, taxpayers are being forced to cutback expenditures; Spalding County should do the same. Mr. Miller noted that after being a county employee for several years, he has noticed that some employees are getting paid extra for duties within their job description that they don't even perform. In closing, Mr. Miller requested that the Board stop putting more financial burdens on taxpayers.

Christi Dorton- 1045 North Walkers Mill Road Griffin, Georgia- Ms. Dorton stated that, to date, Spalding County has one of the highest millage rates in the state. Ms. Dorton would like the Board to start addressing the issue of outstanding taxes. Furthermore, Ms. Dorton stated that routine tax sales would be a great way to recoup any lost revenues.

Robert Morgan- 19 Johnston Road Orchard Hill, Georgia- Mr. Morgan agreed with the comments made by Mr. Miller. Additionally, Mr. Morgan stated that there are

several people that are living off of a fixed income. If the millage rate is increased, there will be no extra money for taxpayers to make payment. Mr. Morgan stated that a tax increase is not justifiable due to the current state of the economy. Mr. Morgan prompted the board to adjust the budget according to current revenues.

Joseph Robinson- 108 North Morgan Drive Griffin, Georgia- Mr. Robinson stated that he is a professional civil engineer and has been unemployed for the past four (4) years. Mr. Robinson noted that everyone in the country has been tightening their belts to make a living. Furthermore, Mr. Robinson noted that the county is acting as if every day is thanksgiving and has failed to cut back. Mr. Robinson advised that Spalding County is a poor community made up of mostly working class citizens. Mr. Robinson prompted the board to cut back taxes as much as possible.

II. New Business

A. Consider adoption of the 2012 Spalding County Tax Levy.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve 2012 Spalding County Tax Levy of 15.01 mills in the General Fund, 4.17 mills in the Fire District Fund, 19.47 mills as approved by the Board of Education and to utilize accumulated contribution credits of \$821,636 available in the Defined Benefit Plan. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Gilreath opposing.

B. Consider approval of a Resolution regarding annexation of the following property owned by American Mills, Inc. into the City of Griffin:
424 Searcy Avenue; 0.91 +/- acres; Lot/Block: 126.02.008

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve Resolution regarding annexation of the aforementioned property owned by American Mills into the City of Griffin. Motion carried unanimously by all.

C. Consider approval of a Resolution regarding annexation of the following properties owned by the City of Griffin:

310 Searcy Avenue; 0.48 +/- acres; Lot/Block: 126.01.001

312 Searcy Avenue; 0.45 +/- acres; Lot/Block: 126.01.002

316 Searcy Avenue; 0.33 +/- acres; Lot/Block: 126.01.003

320 Searcy Avenue; 2.64 +/- acres; Lot/Block: 126.01.005

933 Harlow Avenue; 0.34 +/- acres; Lot/Block: 126.01.007A

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to approve Resolution regarding annexation of the aforementioned property owned by the City of Griffin. Motion carried unanimously by all.

III. Adjournment

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to adjourn at 12:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.