



**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012
6:00 PM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, January 9, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Eddie Freeman presiding. Commissioners Bob Gilreath, Raymond Ray, Samuel Gardner and Gwen Flowers-Taylor were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Attorney Jim Fortune and Ex Officio, County Clerk, Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record the minutes.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman, Eddie Freeman**
- II. INVOCATION – Dr. Bill Hardee, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Griffin**
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Raymond Ray**
- IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN – CALENDAR YEAR 2012'**

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor was nominated for Chairman by Commissioner Gilreath. Motion/Second to close nominations by Gilreath/Gardner carried by a vote of 5-0. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor was elected Chairman by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Gardner was nominated for Vice- Chairman by Commissioner Gilreath. Motion/Second to close nominations by Gilreath/Ray carried by a vote of 5-0. Commissioner Gardner was elected Vice-Chairman by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stepped into position as Chairman at this point.

- V. APPOINTMENTS- CALENDAR YEAR 2012:**

County Manager- William P. Wilson, Jr.

Motion to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr. by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Ray, carried by a vote of 5-0.

County Clerk- William P. Wilson, Jr.

Motion to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr. by Commissioner Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

County Attorney- James R. Fortune, Jr.

Motion to reappoint James R. Fortune, Jr. by Commissioner Ray, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ex-Officio County Clerk- Ricky L. Clark, Jr.

Motion to reappoint Ricky L. Clark, Jr. by Commissioner Ray, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, carried by a vote of 5-0.

ACCG County Legislative Coordinator- Raymond Ray

Motion to reappoint Raymond Ray by Commissioner Gilreath, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, carried by a vote of 5-0.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION-

Chairman Flowers-Taylor presented immediate past Chairman Freeman a plaque in recognition of his service for the past year.

VII. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – NONE

VIII. 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.

IX. MINUTES –

Consider approval of Minutes of the following: December 6, 2011 Zoning Public Hearing; December 6, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to amend agenda to change the date from December 6, 2011 to December 5, 2011, carried by a vote of 5-0.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve minutes, carried by a vote of 5-0.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider approval on second reading of Amendment to UDO # A-11-09: Article 3. Establishment of Districts- Section 301:B(6) – add TCC Tri County Overlay.
- b. Consider approval on second reading of Amendment to UDO #A-11-10: Appendix J. Commercial/Industrial Development- Article 4. General Procedures- Section 404:D – amend review of construction plans.
- c. Consider approval on second reading of resolution to amend Spalding County Animal Control Ordinance Section 12-1016 (6) and (7)
- d. Consider approval on second reading of resolution amending Chapter 3, Administration Organization, Article A, Section 2-3002, Deputy County Manager, by striking said section in its entirety.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve Consent Agenda, carried by a vote of 5-0.

XI. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Set a date for a Public Hearing to establish a street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 31 A.

Board Consensus was to set January 23, 2012 for Public Hearing during regularly scheduled Extraordinary Session.

2. Consider approval on first reading of resolution amending Subparagraph C of Section 12-1002 of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances to clarify the definition of an abused animal.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve on first reading of resolution amending Subparagraph C of Section 12-1002 of the Spalding

**County Code of Ordinances to clarify the definition of an abused animal.
Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

3. Consider approval on first reading of resolution amending Section 12-1005, Restraint; Section 12-1006, Restraint Districts; Section 12-1007, Elimination of Restraint Districts; Section 12-1008, Restraint of Dangerous Animals; Section 12-1009, Restraint of Certain Animals.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve on first reading of resolution amending Section 12-1005, Restraint; Section 12-1006, Restraint Districts, Section 12-1007, Elimination of Restraint Districts; Section 12-1008, Restraint of Dangerous Animals; Section 12-1009, Restraint of Certain Animals. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Gilreath opposing.

4. Consider approval on first reading of resolution amending Section 12-1002, Definitions, to define Proper Enclosures.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve on first reading a resolution amending Section 12-1002, Definitions, to define Proper Enclosures. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Gilreath opposing.

5. Consider approval on first reading of resolution amending Section 12-1002, Definitions, by amending subparagraph (j) defining an animal under restraint.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve on first reading a resolution amending Section 12-1002, Definitions, by amending subparagraph (j) defining animal under restraint. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Gilreath opposing.

6. Consider approval of resolution setting qualifying fees for publication for each County office to be filled in the upcoming General Primary and General Election as provided in O.C.G.A Section 21-2-131 (a)(1) & (a)(2)- County Commissioners Districts 1,3, and 4; Probate Judge; Clerk of Superior Court; Tax Commissioner; Sheriff; State Court Judge; Coroner; Chief Magistrate; and Board of Education Member.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve resolution setting qualifying fees for publication for each County office to be filled in the upcoming General Primary and General election as provided in O.C.G.A Section 12-2-131 (a)(1) & (a)(2)- County Commissioner Districts 1, 3 and 4; Probate Judge; Clerk of Superior Court; Tax Commissioner; Sheriff; State Court Judge; Coroner; Chief Magistrate; and Board of Education Member. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

COUNTY OFFICE	TOTAL GROSS SALARY FOR 2011	3% QUALIFYING FEE
Commissioner	\$12,000.00	\$360.00
Probate Judge	\$63,164.60	\$1894.94
Clerk of Superior Court	\$63,164.60	\$1894.94
Tax Commissioner	\$63,164.60	\$1894.94
Sheriff	\$75,674.60	\$2270.25
State Court Judge	\$140,628.85	\$4218.86
Coroner	\$27,162.98	\$814.90
Chief Magistrate	\$63,164.60	\$1894.94

Member, Board of Education	\$8,352.00	\$250.56
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7. Consider approval of providing notice to Spalding Regional Medical Center of intent to cancel Professional Services Agreement, effective February 24, 2012.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve providing notice to Spalding County Medical center of intent to cancel Professional Services Agreement, effective February 24, 2012. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

8. Consider approval of agreement for Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) negotiating consultant services with Sutton Consulting, LLC.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to approve agreement for Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) negotiating consultant services with Sutton Consulting, LLC. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

9. Consider annual appointments to Spalding County boards, authorities, and commissions.

<u>Board/Commission/Authority</u>	<u>Current Member / Action Taken</u>	<u>New Term Expires</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Board of Appeals & Adjustments Unsafe Bldg. Abatement Code	Doug Krepps <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Ray/Freeman</i>	12-31-2015	4-year term
Butts, Henry, Lamar & Spalding County Development Authority	Turner Davis <i>Tabled by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term
Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors	William Wilson <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term County Manager
Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Commission	Gerry Bilbro <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman</i>	12-31-2014	3-year term
Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Commission	Carl Pruett <i>Tabled by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second Gardner/Ray</i>	12-31-2014	3-year term
G-SATC	William Wilson <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/Second by Ray/Gardner</i> <i>All G-SATC Staff Positions carried with this motion</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term County Manager

G-SATC		Chad Jacobs	12-31-2012	1-year term County Staff
G-SATC (Ex-Officio)		Wendell Beam	12-31-2012	1-year term Sheriff or designee
G-SATC		Kenny West	12-31-2012	1-year term Fire Chief or designee
G-SATC		Danny Kendrick <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term County at Large
G-SATC		Lamar Smith <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term County at Large
Griffin-Spalding Development Authority	County	Turner Davis <i>Appointed Robert Parker by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Ray/Gardner</i>	12-31-2014	3-year term
Griffin-Spalding Development Authority	County	Tom Gardner <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman</i>	12-31-2014	3-year term
Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority		John Abbott <i>Appointed Dr. Jessie Bradley by 4-1 vote on Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner with Commissioner Gilreath opposing.</i>	12-31-2015	4-year term
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful		Neal Bonds <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman. All Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful reappointments carried by this motion.</i>	12-31-2013	2-year term County at Large
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful		Brenda Goolsby	12-31-2013	2-year term County at Large
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful		Barbara King	12-31-2013	2-year term County at Large
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful		Jimmy Passmore	12-31-2013	2-year term County at Large

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	Scott Ballard <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term Prosecutor's Office
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	Marvin Brooks <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term Private Sector Rep.
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	William Wilson <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term County Manager
Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board	Brent Foster <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman</i> <i>All ACCAB reappointments carried by this motion.</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term Animal Control Director
Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board	Christine Greene	12-31-2012	1-year term
Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board	Kelly Palmatier	12-31-2012	1-year term
Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board	Vickie Hennessey	12-31-2012	1-year term
Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board	Jan McPhail	12-31-2012	1-year term
Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board	Kimberly Searcy	12-31-2012	1-year term
Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors	Tim Whalen <i>Motion/Second to reappoint by Freeman/Ray denied by a vote of 2-3 with Commissioners Gilreath, Gardner & Flowers-Taylor opposing.</i> <i>Appoint Thomas Wideman by 3-2 vote on motion/second by Gardner/Flowers-Taylor with Commissioners Freeman & Ray opposing.</i>	12-31-2017	6-year term
Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors	Bill Norris <i>Reappoint by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray Gardner</i>	12-31-2017	6-year term

Spalding Co. Library Board of Trustees	Lee Beckham <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray</i> <i>All Library Board of Trustees appointments to follow carried by this motion.</i>	12-31-2015	4-year term
Spalding County Library Board of Trustees	Alicia Stratton	12-31-2015	4-year term
Spalding County Library Board of Trustees	Cheryl Walker	12-31-2015	4-year term
Spalding County Library Board of Trustees	Nancy Gresham <i>Appointed Virginia Church by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner</i>	12-31-2015	4-year term
Spalding County Library Board of Trustees	William P. Wilson Jr. <i>Appointed Virginia Church by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner</i>	12-31-2015	4-year term
Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Richard Dukes <i>Appointed Robyn Davis by Post 1 Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor</i>	12-31-2013 Unexpired term	3-year term District 1
	Beth Horne <i>Appointed by Post 3 Commissioner Bob Gilreath</i>	12-31-2012 Unexpired term	3-year term District 3
Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Regina Abbott <i>Appointed Jessie Griffith by Post 5 Commissioner Samuel Gardner</i>	12-31-2012 Unexpired term	3-year term District 5
Spalding County Personnel Appeals	James Campbell <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gilreath/Gardner</i>	12-31-2014	3-year term
Spalding County Personnel Appeals	Charles Perdue <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath</i>	12-31-2014	3-year term
Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority	Fred Edwards <i>All Water & Sewerage members to follow reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray</i>	12-31-2017	6-year term

Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority	David Lamb	12-31-2017	6-year term
Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority	Robert McIntyre	12-31-2017	6-year term
Three Rivers Regional Commission Board	Jud Keith <i>Tabled by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term Business Rep. Co.=even yrs.
Three Rivers Regional Commission Board	William Wilson <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray</i>	12-31-2013	2 year term, County Manager
Two Rivers RC&D	William Wilson <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term Alternate Member
Spalding County Department of Family & Children Services	Kay Harper <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman</i>	12-31-2016	6-year term
Region One MHDDAD Planning Board	Cynthia Reid-Ward <i>Tabled by 5-0 vote on Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner</i>	12-31-2014	3-year term

Board/Commission/Authority	Commissioner Member	New Expiration	Comments
Chamber of Commerce – Board of Directors	Chipper Gardner <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin Downtown Council-Main Street Advisory Board	Bob Gilreath <i>Appointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee (G-SATC)	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee (G-SATC)	Chipper Gardner <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee

Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Commission, Ex-Officio	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority	Raymond Ray <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
South Metro Microenterprise Coalition	Raymond Ray <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Spalding County Board of Health	Raymond Ray <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Spalding County Collaborative Auth. For Families and Children, Inc.	Gwen Barnes <i>Appointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Gwen Flowers-Taylor <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority	Gwen Flowers-Taylor <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term Chairman or designee
Two Rivers R C & D Council	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2012	1-year term by position Chairman or designee

Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted a few items in conducting a meeting that she would like to have taken into consideration. First she requested notices be sent to all commissioner 2-3 days before Agenda Preparation meeting to see if commissioner had items in which they wanted to be placed on the agenda. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also requested the County Manager give a State of the County Address to provide information to citizens of the financial progress in Spalding County. Finally, all Commissioners should be given the opportunity to make public appearances.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- A. Notices will be sent to property owners in which homes were destroyed during the April 28, 2011 tornado and press release prepared stating that all permit fees related to the demolition, repair and reconstruction of damages structures will be waived until April 29, 2012.

- B. Griffin Daily News & Chamber of Commerce are working together to publish a Community Magazine. This will be used as a tool to attract newcomers, businesses and those looking to relocate. Magazine will be published every 18 months. We will place an ad in magazine and pay from Hotel/Motel tax funds.
- C. Staff is establishing a Budget Committee in order to prepare for the FY 2013 Budget. Each of the commissioners have been emailed the proposed budget calendar. Please let the County Manager know if the dates work for you. Adoption of the calendar is scheduled for the January 23, 2012 meeting.
- D. The MLK Parade is scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2012 @ 3:00 pm. Lineup begins at 2:15 pm. So far we have heard from Commissioner Freeman & Gardner which will be out of town. Commissioners Flowers-Taylor & Ray will ride on fire truck.
- E. Grant funding for the Enrichment of Young Minds program has been cut. This is the summer program conducted on the UGA campus.
- F. Proposed Executive Session regarding pending litigation before Jan. 23rd meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- G. ACCG Capitol Connection Conference scheduled for January 30 & 31st at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Commissioners Flowers-Taylor & Freeman to attend.
- H. Automated Telephone Attendant System up and running. So far the system is working well and on 24/7 effective January 1st.
- I. Rotary Club of Griffin's Blood Drive scheduled for Thursday, January 12th. If any wish to donate, Wilson will buy lunch at meeting.
- J. **Georgia New Illegal Immigration Law-** HB 87 was passed during the 2011 legislative session. Two major requirements were added: 1.) Any person seeking public benefit through the county must present a secure and verifiable document (SAVE AFFIDAVIT), 2.) Private employers with 500 or more employees seeking occupational tax certificate must use the E-Verify program and sign affidavit. E-Verify is a federal program that checks the employment eligibility. Staff has sent out six E-Verify affidavits to come in compliance. All of our vendors will get the documentation mailed out along with the W-9. Press Release forthcoming this week.
- K. Commissioner Retreat scheduled for February 18, 2012 at the Senior Center.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Freeman- Mr. Freeman stated he cannot find were a second vote was made for Conservation use. He stated that he has received numerous phone calls noting how expensive it was to combine properties to reach the 25 acre minimum requirement. Mr. Freeman further requested staff to prepare a press release to make everyone aware of the changes.

Gardner- Mr. Gardner noted County Manager William Wilson's upcoming birthday on January 15th.

Gilreath- Mr. Gilreath questioned funding for the quality of life magazine in which will be published by the Chamber of Commerce and the Griffin Daily News. Mr. Gilreath also questioned Conservation use stating that he has been trying to get a resolution for over three years. He further requested the Chief Assessor provide documentation and reports showing where the land was checked that is currently under conservation use to make sure they were compliant. Mr. Wilson advised that he would speak with Mr. Whalen at staff meeting the following day. Mr. Gilreath also requests Conservation use be discussed on a future agenda.

Ray- Mr. Ray proposed a workshop with law enforcement officials along with Mrs. Abbot of the Collaborative to discuss issues and possibly require businesses serving alcohol to complete training prior to being licensed.

Flowers-Taylor- Mrs. Flowers-Taylor stated that with the recent loss of the grant in which funds the Enrichment of Young Minds program, staff should look at other possible funding. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor stated that this program encompasses 72 children in which are recommended by the Griffin-Spalding School System. Due to the program, testing scores for these students increased drastically. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also stated she has several questions to be answered regarding conservation use.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION –NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Carried by all.