

After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County Regular Meeting Monday, December 3, 2012 6:00 PM Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, December 3, 2012, beginning at 6:10 p.m. with Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Bob Gilreath, Samuel Gardner and Eddie Freeman 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, Gwen Flowers-Taylor
- II. INVOCATION –Dr. Randy Valimont - Senior Pastor, First Assembly of God- Griffin, Georgia.
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Ray

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to add to the Consent Agenda as numbers 1 & 2 respectively, the following:

Application #12-04 Z & Amendment to UDO #A-12-05.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Consider Proclamation recognizing December 1st as World Aids Day.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve Proclamation recognizing December 1st as World Aids Day. Motion carried unanimously.

City Commissioner Cora Flowers was present to receive Proclamation.

2. Presentation of the District IV Parks & Recreation Awards- Louis Greene, Director Spalding County Parks & Recreation.

Louis Greene was present to explain awards received at GRPA. The awards included 2013 Special Event Award for Flicks at Sixth, Project Award for J. William Edwards Facility & Athletic Agency of the Year.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of Financial Statements for four month period ended October 31, 2012.

Motion/Second Ray/Freeman to approve Financial Statements for four month period ended October 31, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Paul Harker- 70 4th Street Griffin, Georgia- Mr. Harker advised the Board that he is tired of looking at the rats, trash, and garbage around is neighborhood. He advised that nothing is being done about this issue. Mr. Harker requested that all the Commissioners visit his home to see what's going on and remedy the problem.

Burt Newsome- 237 Sapelo Road Griffin, Georgia- Mr. Newsome stated that he is tired of being in limbo regarding the new proposed airport and its affect on his property. Mr. Newsome noted that at current, he cannot sell his home and will not spend any money landscaping because he knows he will lose it all. Mr. Newsome has mailed letters to all former commissioners and Robert Mohl, Airport Director in regards to this issue. In closing, Mr. Newsome requested that the Board make a decision and let residents move on with their lives.

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: November 5, 2012 Regular Meeting, November 5, 2012 Executive Session, November 26, 2012 Special Called Meeting.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve Minutes of the November 5, 2012 Regular Meeting, November 5, 2012 Executive Session and the November 26, 2012 Special Called Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Consider approval on Second Reading Application #12-04Z: Sons Hyundai Real Estate, LLC. Owner- Jeff Royal, Agent- 3.15 acres off Manley Drive located in Land Lot 102 of the 3rd Land District – requesting a rezoning from AR-1, Agricultural and Residential, to C-1B, Heavy Commercial.
2. Consider approval on Second Reading Amendment to UDO #A-12-05: Article 4. General Procedures- Section 408:0- amend period of time permit for demolition and removal of a building is valid for.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

1. Consider approval of funding in the amount of \$14,000 from the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to the Spalding County Board of Health for flu shots.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve funding in the amount of \$14,000 from the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to the Spalding County Board of Health for flu shots. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider approval of amendment to the Agreement between Henry County and Spalding County for the use of inmate work details.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve amendment to the Agreement between Henry County and Spalding County for the use of inmate work details. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider approval of Spalding County 2013 Holiday Calendar.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve the Spalding County 2013 Holiday Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider cancellation of the January 21, 2013 meeting due to the observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve cancellation of the January 21, 2013 meeting due to the observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider request from County Manager to approve waiving penalties & interest for consumption on premises mixed drink tax for Pearl's Palace from 2008 until present & Northside Bar and Grill from 2010 until present.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to deny request of County Manager to approve waiving penalties & interest for consumption on premises mixed drink tax for Pearl's Palace from 2008 until present & Northside Bar and Grill from 2010 until present. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Flowers-Taylor and Freeman opposing.

6. Discuss recommendations from County Attorney & Staff in regards to license requirements for consumption on premises.

The following recommendations were made by the County Attorney for the ordinance concerning consumption on premises: Section 6-1052; Subparagraph 15, the stipulation to require a seating capacity of 40 people to be changed, the requirement to serve one meal per day, five days a week to be changed, and lastly the requirement that makes the serving of meals the principal business conducted to be change. Board consensus to have a workshop to look at all alcohol beverage license requirements.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- A. Judge Dewitt Simonton's retirement reception will be held on Thursday, December 6th from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Judge Simonton has been with the County for 27 years.
- B. Commissioner Eddie Freeman's reception will be held on Thursday, December 20th from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.
- C. The GRPA Presidents' assembly will be held December 3-7th. There will be a meeting held at Big Shanty on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. We would like to have either the Chairman or Vice-Chair give a welcome at this dinner.
- D. The swearing in ceremony for newly elected officials will be held on Thursday, December 20th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in State Court.
- E. All County offices will be closed on December 24th and 25th in observance to the Christmas Holidays.
- F. The Ribbon Cutting for the new Senior Center is tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2013.
- G. The ACCG Capitol Connection Conference will be held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis on February 4-5th. Please let Ricky know if you plan on attending.
- H. The RFP for redesign of the County website will be issued tomorrow for a December 21st due date.
- I. After hearing from all of the commissioners, the recycle centers will be open on Wednesday, December 26th from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. A press release will be issued on tomorrow. Please remember that all collection centers now have a comingled container where all of your recyclables can be placed in a single container.
- J. Mr. Wilson thanked Commissioner Freeman & Commissioner Gilreath for their service over the years. Wish them the best of luck in all of their endeavors.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Freeman- Requested that the Board consider approval of the December 31st as a County Holiday. At current, employees are scheduled to work on Monday, December 31st and observe the New Year's Holiday on Tuesday January 1st. Additionally, Mr. Freeman stated that since there was no cost of living raise given to employees this year, this would be a way to show our thanks. **No action from the Board was taken.** Mr. Freeman stated that he appreciates the county giving him a reception for his years of service as a Commissioner. In closing, Mr. Freeman detailed his experience as a commissioner. From taking office, Mr. Freeman stated that he has been an avid supporter of many projects such as, Transportation, the Airport & several others. When he took office he came in with a vision and has held strong to that vision. Mr. Freeman noted his involvement with the building of the L.B. Norton Fire Station. Mr. Freeman expressed his enjoyment with working with the Board, the County Manager William Wilson, County Clerk, Ex-Officio, Ricky Clark, County Attorney Jim Fortune and several others. Mr. Freeman left the Board with the following message: "Remember, it takes everyone working together to accomplish something for the betterment of our community!"

Gardner- Mr. Gardner advised that he will be available to give the welcome at the GRPA meeting tomorrow evening. Mr. Gardner also thanked Parks & Recreation for a great Festival of Lights. He commended them for all of their hard work. He also commended Public Works & patching crews for their due diligence in trying to maintain Locust Grove Road and McDonough Road. Commissioner Gardner noted that the Akin Station Collection Center has been extremely backed up lately. Requested that Mr. Wilson look into the matter. Additionally, Commissioner Gardner prompted all to keep in mind the public service officials, nurses, hospital staff, and military personnel that will be working over the holidays.

Gilreath- No Comments

Ray- Commended all that participated with the festival of lights and noted that Santa coming in on a sleigh drawn by mules was a good touch. Commissioner Ray requested that the Board entertain a policy to prohibit county employees from parking in front of the courthouse due to limited parking spaces. Mr. Ray has received several complaints about employees working in the courthouse that are parked up front. Commissioner Ray also requested a status update on the Financial Policies and Procedures. Mr. Wilson noted that the Financial Policy will be complete by the end of the year. Additionally, Mr. Ray requested an update on the Solicitation Ordinance. Mr. Wilson advised that the Solicitation Ordinance has been sent to Public Works, Code Enforcement, Magistrate Court & the Sheriffs' Department for comments. In closing, Commissioner Ray thanked Commissioner Freeman for all of his hard work and service over the years.

Flowers-Taylor- Chairman Flowers-Taylor addressed the comments as made by Mr. Newsome by noting that she, too, understands how the process concerning the new airport can be antagonizing for residents. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor requested that the Airport Authority be advised to be more studious and concise in communicating with citizens. Additionally, Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that residents need to have relief so that they can get on with their lives. To address the concerns addressed by Mr. Harker, Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised that she has been in discussion with Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director & County Manager William Wilson regarding the way people are cited. Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that she has an issue with residents being cited and landowners that are not doing anything about the problem. She requested changes to our ordinance to be more precise. Furthermore, Chairman Flowers-Taylor commended Parks & Recreation for all of the hard work in obtaining several awards from GRPA and praised the staff. In relation to the concerns made by Commissioner Ray regarding the parking issues, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that the bigger issue is handicap parking. Mr. Wilson noted that he has met with the City to add more handicap parking in front of the courthouse. Mr. Wilson stated that he is proposing to move the assigned parking spaces of both the Sheriff & the Constable and use those as handicap parking. Mr. Wilson also requested that the Board address in the parking policy, no parking by county employees on Solomon Street. In closing, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that she and Mr. Freeman came on the Board at the same time. She thanked him for his vision towards economic development and other projects.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted there will be a loss to the board and big shoes to fill. Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that without Commissioner Gilreath, there will not be nearly as much “hell” being raised. She thanked Mr. Gilreath for being the voice of reason, even if she wished sometimes that the voice would go away. Also thanked him for his sense of humor.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

1. The County Manager requests an Executive Session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4).

Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to enter Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to enter back into Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Freeman/Gilreath to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.