



**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 20, 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, February 20, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. 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., Administrative Services Director Jinna Garrison, 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 – Led by Commissioner Samuel Gardner**
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.**
- IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION-**

- a. Consider approval of Joint Proclamation “nunc pro tunc” declaring February 14, 2012 as Christopher Thomas Ware Day.**

Christopher Thomas Ware & Family were presented Joint Proclamation by Chairman Gwen Flowers-Taylor.

*Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Joint Proclamation “nunc pro tunc” declaring February 14, 2012 as Christopher Thomas Ware Day. Motion carried by all.*

- b. Presentation of Annual Report of the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children, Inc. by Joseph Walker.**

Joseph Walker was present to go over annual statistics and achievements of the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children, Inc.

- c. Presentation by Attorney Michele Stump concerning the Responsible Alcohol Sales and Services (RASS) Initiative.**

Attorney Michelle Stump conducted an informative presentation on Responsible Alcohol Sales and Services (RASS) Initiative.

- d. Presentation by Breka Tinch, CEO of the Veterans Center, a nonprofit 501(c)r located in Riverdale, Georgia.**

Ms. Tinch was not present.

- e. Presentation by the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section by RFC Travis Sweat.**

RFC Travis Sweat presented the Board with facts pertaining to operations and procedures of the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section.

**V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**a. Consider approval of Financial Statements for the seven month period ended January 31, 2012.**

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve Financial Statements for the seven month period ended January 31, 2012. Motion carried 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.

**Bart Miller- 3259 Williamson Road, Williamson, GA-** Mr. Miller expressed his concern with Spalding County funding another airport. Mr. Miller stated that he represents the citizens and wants to know why they have not been given the opportunity to vote on the matter. Mr. Miller further stated that the liability will fall back on citizens to pay off bonds for the proposed airport. Mr. Miller also questioned the lease purchase payoff for the new Senior Center staffing and utility costs as these as this figures were not included in the final cost estimate.

**VII. MINUTES –**

Consider approval of Minutes of the following: February 6, 2012 Regular Meeting; February 14, 2012 Joint Work Session; February 18, 2012 Commissioners Retreat.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve the following minutes: February 6, 2012 Regular Meeting; February 14, 2012 Joint Session. Minutes of the February 18, 2012 Commissioners Retreat will be approved at the March 5, 2012 Regular Meeting. Motion carried by all.***

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider approval of “after-hours” permit as requested by Sheraton Johnson for a Cowboy and Cowgirl Reunion to be held April 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at 583 W. Williamson Road.

***Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to approve “after-hours” permit for 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. as requested by Sheraton Johnson for a Cowboy and Cowgirl Reunion to be held April 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at 583 W. Williamson Rd. Motion carried by all.***

***The Commissioners also discussed recommended changes to the noise ordinance as prepared by the County Attorney. These and other changes will be on a future agenda for consideration.***

2. Consider approval of resolution authorizing designated personnel to sign all documents necessary to process garnishments.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve resolution authorizing designated personnel to sign all documents necessary to process garnishments. Motion carried by all.***

3. Consider approval of acceptance of funding from the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to the Spalding County Health Department in the amount of \$25,000 for flu vaccinations.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve acceptance of funding from the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to the Spalding County Health Department in the amount of \$25,000 for flu vaccinations. Motion carried by all.***

4. Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding regarding proposed new airport.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding proposed new airport. Carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Gilreath opposing.***

5. Consider approval of joint resolution authorizing recommending the formation of the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority and authorizing introduction of Local Legislation to create such authority.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve joint resolution authorizing recommending the formation of the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority and authorizing introduction of Local Legislation to create such authority. Carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Gilreath opposing.***

6. Consider assessment of fines and/or possible revocation of license of Country Rock Bar and Grill.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to conduct hearing on Friday, March 9, 2012 to consider possible assessment of fines and/or possible revocation of license of Country Rock Bar and Grill. Motion carried by all.***

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

- Progress made on Senior Center. The actual building remaining plus three feet on both sides is the size of the new Senior Center. Mr. Wilson congratulated Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Construction & Maintenance and the Water Department on their work in demolishing the building. Over \$30,000 was collected in scrap metal from the demolition.
- Accepting Nominations for Bain Proctor Volunteer Award.
- Tornado Related Permits - Issued 94 demolition permits, 127 repair permits, 57 new erection permits, 5 manufactured home permits, 7 travel trailer permits & 2 construction trailer permits. Mailed notices to 8 properties affected by the tornado as having not started clean up or repairs. Issued a press release on January 27, 2012 notifying of Spalding County's intent to begin prosecuting unsafe structures and properties in need of debris removal beginning April 29, 2012.
- FEMA Reimbursements- Received \$551,000 from FEMA. \$146,307.54 paid out to sister agencies (Macon-Bibb, McCrae, Clayton County, DeKalb, Fayette, Forest Park, Henry County & City of Griffin), There are still outstanding FEMA reports, reimbursement is 75%.
- Congratulated Commissioner Freeman for getting DOT to fund 100% of the ROW for the SR 362 & Williamson Rd project. Commissioner Freeman save the County roughly \$500,000 dollars.
- Noted that Bill Taylor, is preparing to move his building at the shopping center to his tower site on Wani Rd.

- Will be attending mandatory meetings at the Fire Departments to discuss several questions and discuss budget issues. Mr. Wilson will attempt to speak to all departments about budget issues.

## **XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Freeman-** Commended the Board & Staff for an informative and well constructive retreat. Mr. Freeman noted that there were a lot of items presented that the County needs to look into.

**Gardner-** None

**Gilreath-** Inquired as to the status of the RFP on HVAC services. Mr. Wilson advised that staff is working on a RFP for HVAC maintenance on all County Buildings. Mr. Wilson also advised Mr. Gilreath that staff is currently preparing RFP's for pest control and oil changes.

**Ray-** Commended Fire Department for sending out weather preparations and alerts. Mr. Ray also thanked William, Jinna & Ricky for preparation and assistance during the Commissioners Retreat. Mr. Ray also thanked Mr. Wilson for saving money on demolition. Mr. Ray requested the Board to move ahead with requiring the Responsible Alcohol Sales & Initiative program for Alcohol Beverage licensing. County Attorney Fortune will prepare recommendations and bring them before the Board at their March 19<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session.

**Flowers-Taylor-** Commended Staff for not having to learn how to speak effectively and play nice for hours at the retreat. Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised Mr. Wilson to speak with Bart Miller in reference to his questions during Public Comment. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also questioned if County customers pay waste water fees in addition to water fees. Mr. Wilson advised that only customers in the Highland Mill area that are connected to the Highland Mill Wastewater Treatment Plant pay these additional fees. Mr. Wilson further stated that there are some County Customers who may be served by the City that are also charged however, the vast majority are not. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also questioned has the County provided the link on the website to see progression with the Senior Center. Mr. Wilson advised that the County will install a camera with a link on the website to track progress. Additionally, Mrs. Flowers-Taylor questioned the roof at Fairmont Park. Mr. Wilson advised that after a meeting with Terry Tardy, Jinna Garrison & himself, it was decided to come up with a long term solution rather than a short term patch. Mr. Wilson explained that they were looking into replacing the entire roof with one similar to that on John Newton's law office. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that 27 holes were patched on the Fairmont Gym last week. Chairman Flowers-Taylor also shared her feelings on the Country Rock chaining their doors.

## **XIII. CLOSED SESSION –NONE**

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried by all.***