

**After
Agenda**

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, August 19, 2013
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, August 19, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Gwen Flowers-Taylor presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Rita Johnson, Samuel Gardner and Bart Miller 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. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman, Gwen Flowers-Taylor

II. INVOCATION – led by Pastor Grady Caldwell, New Mercy Baptist Church

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Raymond Ray

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

1. Presentation from Clyde Forbes regarding the Hopeville Boys Center, Inc. Mentoring Program.

Clyde Forbes stated that the Hopeville Boys Clinic has been in operation for the past five years. Since inception, the program has attracted over 50 young men. Mr. Forbes stated that the purpose of his presentation was to let the Board know they his program is busy working in the community. In addition to working in the community, his program also reaches out to school students teaching them skills on how to become productive and to afford them a positive environment for change.

2. Presentation from W. Theodore Harris in reference to submittal of a Letter of Intent to the Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center at Morehouse.

W. Theodore Harris stated that he is the Program Director for the Griffin-Spalding Re-Entry Program and Principal Investigator for the Health Disparities Research Project at New Mercy Baptist Church. Mr. Harris stated that the purpose of his presentation was to request a letter of support from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for a research project in which seeks to inform public and policy decisions in eliminating health disparities. Mr. Harris stated that the Re-Entry Task Force was formed by several members of the Collaborative and have been researching ways to improve public safety by helping ex-offenders remain in the community as good citizens. During the last four years, the Task Force has gained an understanding of the needs faced in our community, noted Mr. Harris. It was through collaborative efforts that a plan was created to allow re-entry for these ex-offenders. Mr. Harris stated that in July of this year, the Transdisciplinary Center at Morehouse College approached the Task Force to see if there was interest to apply for a research grant. The purpose of this grant is to enhance policy decisions through innovative research and scientific explorations to help health disparities. The goal is to improve outcomes for everyone in Spalding County, increase public safety and reduce recidivism for everyone living in Spalding County. In closing, Mr. Harris stated that the pilot project will help identify and answer six important questions: (1) what health care needs do ex-offenders have; (2) are these medical and/or mental health needs being met; (3) if so, by whom; (4) if not, what barriers are preventing ex-offenders from having their medical and/or mental health needs met; (5) how do these unmet medical and mental health needs affect the larger community; and, (6) what role does the health of ex-offenders play in their success or lack of success at reintegrating back into their communities?

Board consensus to authorize the Chairman to execute a letter of support as requested by W. Theodore Harris.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-

1. Consider approval of Financial Statements for the one month period ended July 31, 2013.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve Financial Statements for the one month period ended July 31, 2013. 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.

Betty Landers- 189 Kennedy Road Griffin, Georgia

Mrs. Landers stated that she has several questions for Chairman Flowers-Taylor: (1) Did she make the comment that none of her constituents were opposed to the airport; (2) what was her basis of giving this incorrect information. Mrs. Landers stated that she has called Chairman Flower-Taylor and has not received a returned phone call. ***Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised Mrs. Landers that she would speak with her after the meeting.***

Bobby Peurifoy- 917 South McDonough Road Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Peurifoy spoke in opposition of the airport stating that it gives a whole new meaning to the term "political football." Mr. Peurifoy stated that he has been around this community for over 40 years and the City of Griffin has been trying to get rid of the airport for that long. Mr. Peurifoy stated that JoAnne Todd, the Hillandale subdivision and others in the area of the current airport would like it moved because of air pollution, noises and all other negatives that go with an airport. Citizens in the eastern part of the county certainly don't want the airport, stated Mr. Puerifoy. Mr. Puerifoy also stated that the County Commissioners are fostering the airport only because of the City Commissioners wishes. In closing, Mr. Puerifoy urged the Commission to place this issue on a ballot and let the citizen's voice be heard, similar to what was done for the creation of fire departments in 1978.

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following meetings: August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting; August 5, 2013 Executive Session.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve aforementioned minutes. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Consider approval, on second reading, an ordinance amending the Code of Spalding County, Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002, relating to speed limits on specific County Roads, by adding Brentwood Drive from Carver Road to the Dead End & Brentwood Circle from Brentwood Drive to the Dead End to be posted as 25 mph.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Miller to approve, on second reading, an ordinance amending the Code of Spalding County, Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002, relating to speed limits on specific County Roads, by adding Brentwood Drive from Carver Road to the Dead End & Brentwood Circle from Brentwood Drive to the Dead End to be posted at 25mp

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Consider District 1 appointments to the Ethics Review Board.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to lift from the table District 1 appointments to the Ethics Review Board. Motion unanimously carried by all.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor appointed A.C. Johnson & John Cecil and has one remaining seat to fill.

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider approval of final plat for S/D #05-09: Rocky Creek Estates Subdivision (minor subdivision) located off Boynton Road and Rocky Creek Road (65.371 acres located in Land Lot(s) 171 and 172 of the 3rd Land District) – VJA, LLC, Owner.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve final plat for S/D #05-09: Rocky Creek Estates Subdivision (minor subdivision) located off Boynton Road and Rocky Creek Road (65.371 acres located in Land Lot(s) 171 and 172 of the 3rd Land District) – VJA, LLC, Owner. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider request of the Humane Society for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Society's Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held on October 26, 2013 at the Pavilion on Aerodrome Way.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve submittal of a letter for the Human Society stating that Spalding County has objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Society's Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held on October 26, 2013 at the Pavilion on Aerodrome Way. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of an amplification permit #13-11 as requested by Henry Warren for a Horse Riding & Music Event to be held on September 28, 2013 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:01 a.m. Event will be held at 680 S. McDonough Road.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve an amplification permit #13-11 as requested by Henry Warren for a Horse Riding & Music Event to be held on September 28, 2013 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:01 a.m. Event will be held at 680 S. McDonough Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Conduct Public Hearing for the 2013 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP).

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to convene Public Hearing for the 2013 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP). Motion carried unanimously by all.

None Present to Speak

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to adjourn Public Hearing for the 2013 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP). Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider approval of Resolution #2013-08 authorizing transmittal to Three Rivers Regional Commission of the 2013 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) and incorporation of these changes into the Spalding County 2025 Comprehensive Plan.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve Resolution #2013-08 authorizing transmittal to Three Rivers Regional Commission of the 2013 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) and incorporation of these changes into the Spalding County 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider bids and authorize contract for 27.39 miles of resurfacing on twenty-two (22) county roads.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve low bid in the amount of \$2,394,823.90 as submitted by C.W. Matthews for 27.39 miles of resurfacing on twenty-two county roads. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval of County Policy for the Naming of Facilities and Erecting Plaques, Monuments, Major Markers and Artwork.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve County Policy for the Naming of Facilities and Erecting Plaques, Monuments, Major Markers and Artwork with the following changes:

- **Under Paragraph 2 (Naming without Donations) Delete the first sentence in its entirety.**
- **Under Paragraph 2: A proposal may be made on the earlier of the following: (1) one year after retirement or other separation from the county service or from elected or appointed office; or (1) year after the person's death, if the person had not yet retired or otherwise separated from the County.**
- **A plaque will be purchased by the County should the donor remit 25% of the total county commitment.**

Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Chairman Flowers-Taylor opposing.

8. Commissioner Ray would like to discuss establishing a vehicle use policy.

Board Consensus to authorize staff to develop a draft vehicle use policy and have a workshop to review.

9. Consider declaring surplus and authorize transfer to the Prosecuting Attorney's General Council one (1) vehicle used by the District Attorney's Office.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve declaring surplus and authorize transfer to the Prosecuting Attorney's General Council one (1) vehicle used by the District Attorney's Office.

10. Presentation of Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission's recommended projects for inclusion in a 2014 SPLOST project list.

11. Consider recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to re-name the Spalding County Senior Center the Louis F. Greene Senior Center.

Motion/Second by Miller/Gardner to table recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to re-name the Spalding County Senior Center the Louis F. Greene Senior Center. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Consider adoption of a Lighting Policy as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to table adoption of a Lighting Policy as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for additional clarification. Motion carried unanimously by all.

13. Consider re-scheduling the date and time for the County Manager evaluation due to a conflict.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to hold County Manager's evaluation on August 23, 2013 immediately after the follow-up retreat.

14. Consider authorizing staff and attorney to prepare a Property Maintenance Code for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

Board consensus to move forward in establishing a Property Maintenance Code.

15. Consider authorizing a call for prospective projects for a 2014 SPLOST referendum to be held June 3, 2014 and authorize staff to work with our Bond Counsel and our Investment Bankers in preparation of the referendum.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Miller to authorize a call for prospective projects for a 2014 SPLOST referendum to be held June 3, 2014 and authorize staff to work with our Bond Counsel King & Spalding and our Investment Banker Robert W. Baird & Co. in preparation of the referendum. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- A. The Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, August, 22, 2013 beginning at 6:00 pm. There are 3 items for approval.
- B. The Financial Policies & Procedures Workshop is scheduled to begin at 9:00 am at the Senior Center. Immediately following the Workshop we will begin our follow-up retreat.
- C. Spalding County has been awarded the Health Promotion & Wellness Grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the ACCG-GHBP Health Promotion & Wellness Program. Spalding County was selected based on their grant application and commitment to employee wellness. A press release will be issued tomorrow.
- D. We are in the process of updating our website. We are anticipating the new facet being complete by January 1, 2014. In addition, to broaden transparency, we have added monthly financial statements as approved by the Board to show our citizenry our cash flow and expenditures.
- E. Staff is in the process of developing a Sidewalk Management Plan. This plan will enable us to establish a mechanism for modifying the repair and replacement schedule, considering budget, time and resources of sidewalks.
- F. Facility Dude- maintenance, utility tracking, inventory edge.
- G. ***Board consensus to allow Big Blue to pick up in Sun City, a minimum of 10 passengers, for a \$2 convenience fee (each passenger). The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to discuss future pickups at their next meeting.***

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller- Kudos to the Public Works Department with all of the recent paving work. Citizens are extremely pleased.

Gardner- Thanks to the Public Works Department for all of their work. Thanks to the Fire Department for the MDA Boot Drive (even in the rain). Additionally, Commissioner Gardner questioned recent logging at a subdivision on Tomochichi Road. He wants to make sure that we are checking the roads after for any possible damage.

Johnson- None

Ray- Thanks to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to proposed lighting policy and trying to find ways to cut costs. Commissioner Ray stated that all commissioners should review the presentation that County Manager Wilson distributed at Kiwanis. He noted that this presentation is a good depiction of the last 10 years of county finances. *William to distribute report to all BOC & Dept. Heads.*

Flowers-Taylor- Stated that she is glad to hear that Sun City is interested in County Finances. Chairman Flowers-Taylor requested that the Finance Director break down finances in a way that citizens can understand.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Flowers-Taylor requests an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3-(b)(2)

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to enter Executive Session at 8:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to adjourn Executive Session at 9:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously by all.