

**After
Agenda**

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, October 21, 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, October 21, 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 Stephanie Windham and County Clerk, Ex-Officio Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record the minutes.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman, Gwen Flowers-Taylor
- II. INVOCATION – Sandra Fendley, Senior Pastor, Vaughn United Methodist Church
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Commissioner Raymond Ray

Motion/Second by Johnson/Gardner to amend the agenda by adding under “New Business” Item #11, Consider approval of Resolution adopting the 2013 CIE-STWP. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

- 1. Consider Proclamation declaring November as “Epilepsy Awareness Month.”

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Proclamation declaring November as “Epilepsy Awareness Month.” Motion carried unanimously by all.

- 2. Presentation of new Spalding County Deputy Chief of Administration, Glenn Polk and new Deputy Chief of Operations Jamie Clark by Fire Chief Kenny West.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- NONE

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.

The following citizens spoke in favor of adding soccer lights on an upcoming SPLOST for the Wyomia Tyus Park Soccer Fields:

Anton Haven- 1017 Yorkshire Drive Griffin, Georgia
Barron Cumming- 1331 Grantland Road Griffin, Georgia
Joel Pasch – 1058 Moreland Road Williamson, Georgia
James Marcoux – 1724 Cardinal Drive Griffin, Georgia
George Danner- 3241 W. Ellis Road Griffin, Georgia
David Horne- 404 Maddox Road Griffin, Georgia (*Spoke in regards to a pool facility for the upcoming SPLOST*)
Tim Peebles- 126 Maplewood Drive Griffin, Georgia

The following citizen spoke in reference to the recent auction held at the Sheriff's Department:

Robert Lattimore – 2847 Teamon Road Griffin, Georgia

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to add the following Presentations: Chief Assessor Larry Lillard (Update regarding appeals) & Robert Mohl (Presentation of Maps of Proposed Airport). Motion carried unanimously by all.

Presentation from Larry Lillard in reference to an update of the current appeals status.

Mr. Lillard advised the Commission that the Board of Assessors has certified 1,960 appeals. Of those appeals 152 were from 2010; 410 were from 2011 & 1394 from 2012. The Board of Equalization began conducting hearings on August 6, 2013. Currently the Clerk of Court has hearings scheduled through the end of November. As of today, the Board of Equalization have heard 714 appeals, 450 have passed the 30 day expiration time to certify to the Superior Court and values have been finalized. There are currently 262 pending the 30 day expiration time; 2 have been certified for Superior Court. Mr. Lillard advised that the Assessors received a finalization list from the Clerk of Court and are currently updating records in accordance to the 299c rule which is established by the Department of Revenue. The Assessors have begun sending errors to the Tax Commissioner to begin rebilling to correct 2013 values. Furthermore, Mr. Lillard presented the Board with the following summary:

Beginning Date	10/14/2013			
Ending Date	10/18/2013			
Total Appeals Heard	714		Total Appeals Heard	139
No Show	317		No Shows	124
Changed	259		Changed	12
No Change	455		No Change	127
Total Starting Value	76,587,668		Total Starting Value	9,773,152
Total BOA Proposed Values	72,710,164		Total BOA Proposed Values	9,606,004
BOA Concessions at Appeal	3,877,504		BOA Concessions at Appeal	167,148
Percentage Loss	5.1%		Percentage Loss	1.7%
Total BOA Proposed Values	72,710,164		Total BOA Proposed Values	9,606,004
Total BOE Established Values	71,865,851		Total BOE Established Values	9,501,450
BOE Additional Reductions	844,313		BOE Additional Reductions	104,554
Additional	1.1%		Additional	1.1%

Percentage Loss			Percentage Loss	
Total Starting Value	76,587,668		Total Starting Value	9,773,152
Final Value	71,865,851		Final Value	9,501,450
Loss on Appeal	4,721,817		Loss on Appeal	271,702
Percentage Loss	6.2%		Percentage Loss	2.8%

Presentation from Robert Mohl in reference to the new proposed Griffin-Spalding County Airport.

Mr. Mohl presented the Commission with a map that delineated the area necessary for land acquisition of the new airport. Furthermore, Mr. Mohl advised that copies of the map may be found on the City's website: <http://www.cityofgriffin.com/Departments/Airport/IWANA.aspx> Mr. Wilson advised that the County will keep a copy of the map in Community Development.

At this point Chairman Flowers-Taylor called for a recess of five minutes. Motion by Ray/Gardner to recess at 6:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor called the meeting back to order at 6:56 pm.

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following meetings: October 7, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve Minutes of the following meetings: October 7, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider recommendation from the Griffin Main Street Program for construction of a storage facility for the Park @ Sixth and purchase of a restroom trailer utilizing Hotel/Motel Tax Funds.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Gardner to approve recommendation from the Griffin Main Street Program for construction of a storage facility for the Park & Sixth and purchase of a restroom trailer utilizing Hotel/Motel Tax Funds for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for a Mobile Restroom & \$13,400 for a Storage Facility. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval of Master Services Agreement with Paragon Consulting Group, Inc.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve Master Services Agreement with Paragon Consulting Group, Inc. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider ratification of appointments to the CERT Administrative Council as recommended by Homeland Security Director Kenny West.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to accept the following appointments to the CERT Administrative Council as recommended by Chief West: Commissioner Raymond Ray, Sheriff Wendell Beam (or his designee),

Barbara Lights (911 Training & CAD Coordinator), Cynthia K. Tidwell (County Nurse Manager), Donna Parks (Griffin-Spalding School System), William P. Wilson, Jr., Ricky L. Clark, Jr., Deputy Chief Jamie Clark & Deputy Chief Polk. After discussion amongst the Board Commissioner Samuel Gardner will also serve on the Citizens Cert Administrative Advisory Council. There is still one outstanding appointment for a Faith-Based representative. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider bids for Commercial Fire Pumper for the Spalding County Fire Department.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Miller to approve low bid as submitted by E-One in the amount of \$222,874.00 for purchase of a Commercial Fire Pumper for the Spalding County Fire Department.

5. Consider proposal from HDR Engineering, Inc. for groundwater monitoring and financial assurance cost estimates for the Yamacraw Road Landfill as required by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve proposal in the amount of \$28,400 as submitted by HDR Engineering, Inc. for groundwater monitoring and financial assurance cost estimates for the Yamacraw Road Landfill as required by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider entering into a contract with Joe Tanner & Associates to petition the EPD and EPA to remove Spalding County from the 2.5 PM Nonattainment Area.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve contract with Joe Tanner & Associates to petition the EPD and EPA to remove Spalding County from the 2.5 PM Nonattainment Area. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval, on first reading, Ordinance #2013-14 to amend the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002- All Speed Zones by adding the following: Oak Avenue from Woodlawn Avenue to the Dead End to be zoned 25 miles per hour.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Miller to approve, on first reading, Ordinance #2013-14 to amend the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002 – All Speed Zones by adding the following: Oak Avenue from Woodlawn Avenue to the Dead End to be zoned 25 miles per hour. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider request from the Griffin-Spalding County School System, Assistant Superintendent Jim Smith for the use of Big Blue for the College and Career Academy Task Force trip to the Newton County College and Career Academy in Covington, Georgia.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve request from the Griffin-Spalding County School System for the use of Big Blue for the College and Career Academy Task Force trip to the Newton College and Career Academy in Covington, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider setting a date for a workshop discussion on Appendix A- Travel Policy and Appendix B – Board of Commissioners Training and Travel Expense Policy to become part of the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual.

Board consensus to hold workshop on November 18, 2013 beginning at 4:00 pm.

10. Discuss attendance at the Upper Flint River Regional Water Council meetings by former County Commissioner Eddie Freeman.

Board consensus for County Manager Wilson to bring up attendance at the Upper Flint River Regional Water Council meeting to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Authority. Mr. Wilson can attend on behalf of the County and submit a synopsis of the meeting to the Board or ask alternate

member Dr. Brant Keller to make future presentation regarding the Council Meetings.

11. Consider approval of Resolution adopting the 2013 CIE-STWP.

Motion/Second by Miller/Gardner to approve Resolution adopting the 2013 CIE-STWP. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- A. Please remember Drive-thru Flu Shots will be given tomorrow and Wednesday at the Spalding County Health Department for Spalding County residents at no charge. Hours are: Tuesday 6:00 am – 6:00 pm & Wednesday from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm. Be sure to have picture id and remember supplies are limited and will be issued on a first come first serve basis. Enter the Health Department from the back entry, behind Griffith's Drive-in off Harlow Avenue.
- B. The Spalding County Water & Sewerage Authority will meet on Wednesday, October 23rd at 8:30 am.
- C. The Spalding County Parks & Recreation Festival of Lights will be held on November 26th at the Airport Road Track. The annual event will begin at 6:00 pm.
- D. The Georgia Recreation & Park Association Banquet (GRPA) will be held on October 23rd at the Spalding County Senior Center. The Banquet will begin at 7:00 pm.
- E. The ACCG 4th District Meeting will be held on October 28, 2013 at the Coweta County Cooperative Extension Office. The Meeting will begin at 10:30 am. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that he will not be able to attend due to the College & Career Academy tour.
- F. There will be a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, October 24th at 5:00 pm to discuss the North Hill Street Intersection Project. Staff has reviewed the plans and cost estimates and representatives from Falcon Designs & Paragon will present the different concepts for each intersection and the associated costs. This is a joint project with the City of Griffin and the project costs at the North Hill Street/Northside Drive Intersection are to be split 50/50 City/County and the North Hill Street/ East McIntosh Road Intersection is 100% County funded. We will also be discussing the replacement of the bridge over Cabin Creek as part of these projects.
- G. Another round of In-Rem Hearings have been scheduled for October 24th beginning at 6:00 pm. There are a total of 16 properties.
- H. Over the past six (6) months, Parks & Recreation in conjunction with Art Cain at UGA Griffin have been working on the possibility of co-hosting some State and National Parks & Recreation Educational Opportunities at the campus. Staff was made aware of two specific programs that were looking to change venues: GRPA Maintenance Management School and the NRPA Certified Playground Safety Inspector School. We are happy to report that both of these schools will be ran at the UGA Campus. The GRPA Maintenance Management School will be held on February 3rd- 6th and the NRPA Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course will be held 22nd – 24th. Both classes will attract over a hundred attendees and up to 150 hotel accommodations. Great Job to Parks & Recreation. This is a great example of how cooperation and collaboration between Spalding County and UGA Griffin Campus can showcase our assets.
- I. The Bridge on Buckcreek Road will reopen on Tomorrow, October 22, 2013 which is about three days ahead of the projected 30 day project. A GDOT inspector has looked at the bridge and advised that it's ok to reopen.
- J. The Georgia Academy for Economic Development will be hosted on August 13th, September 10th, October 15th and November 12th at the Coweta County Fairgrounds in Newnan, Georgia. This conference will cover leadership, community development &

economic development. The cost is \$195.00 for all four (4) classes. Please advise if you wish to attend.

- K. On October 25-27th a team of students and faculty from the University of Georgia College of Environment and Design will be in Griffin to study potential design improvements for the old Griffin Vocational School, the Fairmont Homes public housing complex and the surrounding neighborhoods. Commissioners have been invited to attend a dinner on Friday October 25th from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. So far, Commissioner Ray has been the only one to respond.
- L. The Senior Center Staff would like to host an Alzheimer's fundraising event on the morning of Saturday, October 26th. It will feature events such as cake walks, hot dog sales and crafts. Those selling craft items will pay \$10 per table for reservation. All money and revenues will go to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. There will be no cost incurred by the County. ***Board consensus to allow the Senior Center Staff to host the Alzheimer's event but to give further advance notice of future events.***
- M. Mr. Wilson received a call from City Manager Kenny Smith concerning the remaining asphalt where the old 5th Street Building was behind Cooperative Extension. Mr. Wilson questioned if the Board wanted the City to demo the remaining asphalt and grass/mulch the area while they are demolishing the old City Property. We are currently paying a stormwater fee on the impervious surface that is there...approximately \$10 per month and it would go away if the demolition was permitted. ***Board consensus to allow the City to continue demolishing the remaining asphalt.***
- N. Staff sent out an email today regarding the proposed 155 project within the City limits of Griffin. The proposed project would reduce automobile lanes to one lane in each direction, adding a buffer zone between the on-street parking and travel lane. The National Historic Preservation Act requires the Federal Highway Administration and GDOT, to identify potential consulting parties and to invite them to participate in the Section 106 process. All interested parties must notify GDOT via written correspondence to become a consulting party for cultural resources. Responses must be submitted within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notification letter.
- O. Spalding County employees have completed their United Way campaign and we are happy to report that we reached 69% of our goal of \$12,500.00 For campaign pledges we raised \$8,115.00; for the Gas Card Drawing thanks to Petro South we raised \$195.00; for the Tuesday Zumba class we raised \$116.00 & for Dress-Down Wednesdays we raised \$245.00. A grand total of \$8,671.00 was collected.
- P. The Construction & Maintenance Department has begun renovations to the Memorial Drive Property (Old Cooks Shopping Center) for the relocation of Cooperative Extension. During the budget and retreat, the Board talked about moving Cooperative Extension where the old Crown Center Church was. Crews are doing demolition and building walls for a completion date of spring 2014. Mr. Wilson also advised that staff is working with a couple of State agencies on lease arrangement for the old jail.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bart Miller

Questioned why the county is paying storm water fees for the Park @ Sixth. Mr. Wilson advised that there is a storm water fee for the impervious surfaces; however, the City of Griffin is absorbing those costs.

Commissioner Samuel Gardner

Questioned HR Director Bill Gay to make sure that the County was staying abreast of the Affordable Health Care Act Reform. Mr. Gay advised that HR is staying abreast of the Health Care Act Reform and have sent out the required notices to all employees and also a

question and answer pamphlet for employees. Furthermore, Mr. Gay advised that our plan is not considered a “Cadillac Package.” Furthermore, Commissioner Gardner stated that he has spoken with several board members about looking at a Citizens Budget Review Committee for coming year’s budget. Commissioner Gardner stated that this may curb the many questions asked by citizens regarding how the budget works. In addition, Commissioner Gardner questioned the status of 2013 LMIG project. Mr. Wilson advised that he thinks that Public Works is working on patching the last road, McDonough Road. Mr. Wilson advised that to his knowledge all other roads are complete. Crews should begin within the next two weeks working on paving. Mr. Wilson also advised that staff anticipates approval of the 2014 LMIG on the next Board agenda. Additionally Commissioner Gardner stated that he received a tour of the library from Executive Director Carrie Zeiger and saw some bookshelves that had been built and donated by residents of Sun City. Commissioner Gardner stated that while he was there, he received a photo-op with the gentleman that built the bookshelves along with Executive Director Zeiger. In closing Commissioner Gardner questioned if any official action was need in regards to the Jordan Hill Road Bridge. Mr. Wilson explained that staff has received a letter from GDOT which states that they have tried all alternatives as recommended and have expended all funds they will spend. The only plan that GDOT will fully fund is the alternative to remove and replace the bridge on its current alignment utilizing an off-site detour during construction. Mr. Wilson noted that the bridge will be closed for 6-8 months. Mr. Wilson noted that the County will have to acquire right of way and relocate utilities. Staff has been trying to work with Pulte Homes as this is the main route that Pulte uses to bring prospective home owners to showcase the residences.

Commissioner Rita Johnson

Commissioner Johnson commented that she was thrilled to see all of the soccer supporters show their enthusiasm about the sport. Commissioner Johnson noted that being a former athlete she understands the importance of staying fit.

Commissioner Raymond Ray

Commissioner Ray stated that he received a phone call from a resident asking his opinion about the SPLOST. Commissioner Ray noted that he informed the individual that he thought there would not be any Parks & Recreation items on the SPLOST.

Chairman Gwen Flowers-Taylor

Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that she had asked County Manager Wilson to bring a resolution forward that addressed the Board having an equal sum taken from their pay that equaled the same percentage cut from employees. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that this will dispel any rumors that were raised at past meetings in regards to these funds being given to United Way. Furthermore, Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to thank Mr. Lattimore for sharing his concerns regarding the recent auction held at the Sheriff’s Department. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that it bothers her that any one would think that the process is not transparent.

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 amend agenda by deleting the Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Gardner/Johnson to adjourn at 8:58 pm. Motion carried unanimously by all.