

After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County Regular Meeting Monday, April 1, 2013 6:00 PM Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, April 1, 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 –Dr. Mamie Harris-Smith, Senior Pastor, New Generation Christian Fellowship of Griffin, Georgia.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG - led by Commissioner Raymond Ray

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Consider Proclamation designating the week of April 14-20 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Johnson to approve Proclamation designating the week of April 14-20 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider Proclamation declaring April as “Donate Life Month” in Spalding County.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve declaring April as “Donate Life Month” in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider Proclamation declaring April 2013 as Confederate History & Heritage Month.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve declaring April 2013 as Confederate History & Heritage Month. Motion carried unanimously by all.

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.

Joe Bailey- 4079 Newnan Road,Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Bailey noted that he is not for a new airport and does not remember ever taking an official vote on a airport. In response to the information release by Channel 11 News, Mr. Bailey noted that he doesn't even see how the county would fund an airport. Furthermore, Mr. Bailey urged the commission not to go along with the Intergovernmental Agreement proposed by the City.

Jewel Walker Harps- 103 McEthel Drive Griffin, Georgia

Mrs. Walker Harps questioned the Golden Age Program and why they are not being allowed at the new senior center. Mrs. Walker Harps noted that the meals on wheels program prepares and delivers lunch

to many homebound seniors. Mrs. Walker-Harps noted that we as a County should never have a first class senior center group and a second senior center group. Mrs. Walker-Harps stated that seniors in this county are all just seniors and should be treated the same.

Pastor Mamie Harris-Smith- 816 W. Poplar Street Griffin, Georgia-

In response to the article in the Grip, she noted that she is shocked with the status of our community. Pastor Harris noted that as she began to pray and ask what we could do, she pulled a map of the County. Pastor Smith urged the Commission to have someone in leadership fly over the county and begin praying for poverty and the betterment of our community. Furthermore, Pastor Smith noted that leaders must be sensitive to the needs of every citizen. When this begins to happen, our community will flourish and begin to grow.

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: March 18, 2013 Extraordinary Session; March 18, 2013 Executive Session; March 28, 2013 Zoning Public Hearing.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Minutes of the following: March 18, 2013 Extraordinary Session; March 18, 2013 Executive Session; March 28, 2013 Zoning Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Consider approval, on second reading, Ordinance 2013-03 to amend the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part II Government & Administration, Chapter 11 Smoking Policy, by striking said section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof, a new Chapter 11 entitled Smoking & Tobacco Use Policy.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve, on second reading, Ordinance 2013-03 to amend the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part II Government & Administration, Chapter 11 Smoking Policy, by striking said section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof, a new Chapter 11 entitled Smoking & Tobacco Use Policy. Motion failed due to a vote of 2-3 with Commissioners Flowers-Taylor, Johnson & Miller opposing.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider approval of Project Application Plan (PAP) and Resolution to contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) to receive \$119,190 in CSBG grant funds. The CSBG program provides community services to low-income residents of Spalding County. The contract shall have an effective beginning date of October 1, 2013, and shall terminate on September 30, 2014.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to table approve of Project Application Plan (PAP) and Resolution to contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) to receive \$119,190 in CSBG grant funds. The CSBG program provides community services to low-income residents of Spalding County. The contract shall have an effective beginning date of October 1, 2013, and shall terminate on September 30, 2014.

Staff Directive- Set date to hold a workshop with Aronda Smith of Three Rivers Regional Commission to further discuss CSBG Grant.

2. Consider approval of Safety Discount Verification confirming Spalding County meets the requirements to receive a 7.5% Safety Discount for the January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 policy year on the ACCG-GSIWCF workers' compensation insurance premium.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve Safety Discount Verification confirming Spalding County meets the requirements to receive a 7.5% Safety Discount for the January 1, 2014- December 31, 2014 policy year on the ACCG-GSIWCF workers' compensation insurance premium. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider appointment to Animal Care and Control Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Christine Greene for a term ending December 31, 2013.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Miller to appoint Daryl Williams to the Animal Care and Control Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Christine Greene for a term ending December 31, 2013. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider request from Golden Age Club to utilize Big Blue for a trip to New Orleans, LA from June 10-13, 2013.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve request from the Golden Age Club to utilize Big Blue for a trip to New Orleans, LA from June 10-13, 2013. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider request from Makin' Tracks Travel Club to utilize Big Blue for a trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee from June 20-22, 2013.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve request from Makin' Tracks Travel Club to utilize Big Blue for a trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee from June 20-22, 2013. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Chairman Flowers-Taylor requests discussion on the current Spalding County Educational Incentive Program.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor briefed the Board on the current Educational Incentive Program and recommended that revisions be made to incorporate other training certifications. After substantial discussion amongst commissioners, Staff shall recommend an Educational Committee to research this policy further. Committee shall be composed of a broad cross section of employees and not just upper-level employees. Staff shall make committee member recommendations to the Commission at their April 15th meeting.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- A. Staff has finalized the RFP for Pest Control Services for all County offices. The mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Tomorrow, April 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
- B. The Animal Care & Control Advisory Board will meet on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 5:15 p.m.
- C. The Joint Work-Session scheduled for the presentation the Griffin Housing Authority will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 in the UGA Learning Center Room 104 at 10:00 a.m.
- D. The Spalding County Wellness Committee is hosting a "Spring Into Fitness Day" on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Wyomia Tyus Park. There will be plenty of activities for everyone: walking/hiking trail, hula hoop contests, sack races, a bean bag toss, scavenger hunt and fishing. The day of fun will begin at 10:00 a.m. Funding of this event is made possible by ACCG and Blue Cross Blue Shield.
- E. The Georgia Rural Water Association is hosting a 2 Day multijurisdictional disaster preparation and emergency response on May 20th at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. The training is designed to bring together City and County

- leaders from all across Georgia. If you plan to attend, please contact Ricky to make reservations.
- F. Parks & Recreation crews have checked the progress of the Fairmont Community Center and have advised that the floor is finished and almost complete with insulation. Mr. Wilson noted that Fairmont is expected to be opened by the end of the month.
 - G. There will be a workday at the Fairmont Community Garden on Wednesday, April 3rd beginning at 9:00 a.m.
 - H. Over the weekend, staff was made aware of the Silver Sneaker Program. Louis Greene & T.J. Imberger have already signed up and began the application process. The Silver Sneaker Program helps provide funding for walking programs and health programs for seniors. Mr. Wilson noted that we tried this program ten (10) years ago and due to certain regulations we weren't able to bring it to fruition.
 - I. The Spalding County Fire Department will be working with the Griffin-Spalding County School System and their mentor program. Fire Chief Kenny West has volunteers from the Fire Department who would like to work with the mentoring program. This is something that will be done outside of work but is a county encouraged program.
 - J. The Grand Opening of the Senior Center will be held on April 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller- None

Gardner- After questioning the status of the Jordan Hill Bridge project, Mr. Wilson stated that the project is still moving forward. Additionally, Mr. Wilson added that staff has met with GDOT and are working on the redesign of this project. The Smoak Road bridge will be bid in July; all acquisition is complete. Mr. Wilson noted that the bridge will be replaced 100% with Federal ROW funding. Additionally, Mr. Wilson added that the bridge will be reconstructed and realigned. Furthermore, Commissioner Gardner questioned the status of the FY 13 LMIG Program. Mr. Wilson noted that we received notification that 17 projects submitted have been approved. Mr. Wilson has received copies of bid documents completed by the City and will be modifying those to work for our projects. Commissioner Gardner also commended staff for always giving prompt responses and attention to citizens' complaints.

Johnson- None

Ray- Commended the Spalding County 4-H Program and their recent awards at the competition held in Douglasville. Commissioner Ray noted that there were 427 total participants and our 4-H program brought home 44 first place awards, 22 second place awards and 20 third place awards. Additionally, Commissioner Ray thanked the Public Works Department and employees that help to get the trees down on East Maddox Road.

Flowers-Taylor- Agreed that the Silver Sneaker program would be a good idea; however, would like to see someone hired to do billing because of the associated reporting and costs of the Silver Sneaker program. Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised staff that she would like to see an update on the goals set at the February retreat. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor also would like the Board to set a date to look at the County Manager's evaluation sometime after the budget is finalized. Additionally, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that after visiting the Senior Center, she would like to see a part time employee hired due to the high volume of participants utilizing the center after

5:00 p.m. Furthermore, Chairman Flowers-Taylor requested a date be set with the Board to outline priorities for the FY 14 budget. ***Board consensus to hold budget meeting on April 8th at 11:00 a.m.*** In response to Mr. Bailey's citizens comments, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that there is an airport authority created by state statute; however, there has been no official county-wide vote for the airport. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that in response the article posted by the Griffin Daily News, the airport can issue debt themselves without indebting the county. In response to Jewel Walker-Harp's comments, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that the intent was for the Council on Aging to utilize the entire building at 1005 Memorial Drive (formally the Senior Center).

XIII. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.