

After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County Extraordinary Session Monday, April 15, 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 15, 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 –Kevin Lobello, Senior Pastor, Griffin First United Methodist Church

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Gardner

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation to the Bain Proctor Award Nominees- Louis Greene, Director Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Greene presented certificates to the following nominees: Otis Blake, Ginger Burnett, Amy Dunham, Douglas Hollberg, Terry Ivey, Grady Jones, Richard Martinez, Mettelen Moore, Barnes & Jean O’Neal, Eula Redding.

2. Announce 2013 recipient of “The Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism.”

Chairman Flowers-Taylor announced that Eula Redding is the 2013 recipient of “The Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism.”

3. Consider Proclamation in honor of the 15th Anniversary of New Generation Christian Fellowship.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve Proclamation in honor of the New Generation Christian Fellowship. Motion carried by all.

4. Consider Proclamation designating April 28, 2013 – May 5, 2013 as “Paint the County Purple Week” in honor of Relay of Life.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve Proclamation designation April 28, 2013 – May 5, 2013 as “Paint the County Purple Week” in honor of Relay for Life. Motion carried by all.

5. Presentation by Dick Morrow in reference to the Griffin-Spalding County Archives.

City Commissioner Dick Morrow was present to give a brief overview on the proposed Griffin-Spalding County Archives and the proposed budget. Mr. Morrow requested that the County fund 50% of the budget for the archives and noted that the Griffin-Spalding County School System has donated facilities for the archives.

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 urged the commission not to approve the intergovernmental agreement for the Airport Authority. Furthermore, Mr. Bailey questioned if there was even any funding for this airport and questioned if a profit could be generated from a new airport. Mr. Bailey noted that he does not want to see a tax increase or see employee's loose benefits because of the county funding the airport.

Carl Pruett – 120 Four Oaks Drive Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Pruett, Airport Authority Member & Airport Advisory Board Member stated that the current airport was opened in 1939, paved in the 1950's and built solely for single engine airplanes. Mr. Pruett noted that the current problem is that the airport, as built, cannot make a profit because the runway is not long enough to accommodate larger planes (i.e. jets). Mr. Pruett noted that an LPA group was brought in to do an extensive study and looked at eight (8) different locations for an airport. The location off of Banks Road was chosen for the airport. Mr. Pruett urged the Board to consider several options as they relate to the airport. Those options included: 1.) Extend runway 2.) Close the Airport 3.) Build new airport. In closing, Mr. Pruett noted that the current airport is going to cost 5 million dollars for repairs. In closing, Mr. Pruett noted that a new airport would cost \$6 million and to extend the current runway would cost over \$9 million.

Jewel Walker-Harps – 103 McEthel Drive Griffin, Georgia

Mrs. Walker Harps, President NAACP, was present to clarify issues addressed at the public forum. Mrs. Walker-Harps stated that her main concern is about the summer food program and summer school breaks. Additionally, Mrs. Walker-Harps stated that the food sites have been cut and limited, even though the need is greater than ever. This being because the Federal Funds provided are not enough to sustain the project adequately and management has not been able to find ways to meet the needs. Mrs. Walker-Harps advised that these programs are too vital not have in Spalding County. In closing, Mrs. Walker-Harps requested that the Board inform the public about the programs and receive applications, begin programs when school ends for summer & reinstate the Ambucs Park as a site and assess other areas where there is a dense population of poverty stricken residents for the need of the program.

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: April 1, 2013 Regular Meeting; April 8, 2013 Special Called Meeting.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve Minutes of the following: April 1, 2013 Regular Meeting; April 8, 2013 Special Called Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider approval of the following amplification permit as requested by Chris Smith of the Griffin Moose Lodge for various outdoor events to be held on the following dates at the Griffin Moose Lodge located at 1435 Zebulon Road:
 1. May 27, 2013 Family Pool Event from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 2. June 1, 2013 Luau Event from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 3. July 4, 2013 Family Pool Event from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 4. Sept. 2, 2013 Family Pool Event from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve the aforementioned amplification permits. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Griffin, Spalding County and the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for the Joint Funding of General Aviation Operations at the Griffin-Spalding County Airport.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to table Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Griffin, Spalding County and the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for the Joint Funding of General Aviation Operations at the Griffin-Spalding County Airport. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider Agreement & Resolution between the Georgia Department of Transportation & Spalding County to operate and maintain roundabout lighting for SR 16 @ CR 496/Old 85 Connector/ Hollonville Road.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Agreement & Resolution between the Georgia Department of Transportation & Spalding County to operate and maintain roundabout lighting for SR 16 @ CR 496/Old 85 Connector/Hollonville Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider Memorandum of Agreement between Spalding County Correctional Institution & the Department of the Army for use of civilian inmate labor details.

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to approve Memorandum of Agreement between Spalding County Correctional Institution & the Department of the Army for use of civilian inmate labor details.

5. Consider establishing a date for a Pension 101 Workshop with GEBCorp.

Board consensus to hold Pension 101 Workshop on May 6, 2013 in Meeting Room 108 at 3:00 p.m.

6. Discuss 800 MHz user fees.

Board consensus to allow County Manager to work with users of the 800 Mhz system for the purpose of negotiating contracts and back amounts due.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- A. **Spring into Fitness will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Wyomia Tyus Park. Mr. Wilson urged all to attend.**

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller- Suggested that before the County pays for the Airport Budget that we require the City to pay their user fees for the 800 Mhz system.

Gardner- None

Johnson- Congratulated New Generation Fellowship on their 15th church anniversary.

Ray- Requested that the Board gather information to hold an Airport Information Workshop. Commissioner Ray commended staff for a successful grand opening ceremony for the Senior Center. Additionally, Commissioner Ray stated that he has received two phone calls from Board of Equalization members that have not been paid their per diems or training fees.

Flowers-Taylor- Noted that at the April 1st meeting, she was referring to grass cutting as it pertained to the Parks & Recreation Department, not Public Works. Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that Parks & Recreation did in fact cut the grass at the fields twice per week. Additionally, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that she, too, has concerns with the summer food program locating. She assured Mrs. Walker-Harps to see that this program is not dissolved and hopefully expanded.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

The County Manager requests discussion or deliberation on 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(6).

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.
Motion carried by all.***

Motion/Second by Miller/Johnson to adjourn Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried by all.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. motion carried by all.