

# After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Extraordinary Session  
Monday, July 21, 2014  
6:00 PM  
119 E. Solomon St., Meeting Room 108

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 of the Courthouse Annex, Monday, July 21, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Samuel Gardner presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Rita Johnson, and Bart Miller were present. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor was absent. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, Chad Jacobs, Director Community Development, Kelly Leger, Superintendent of Parks and T.J. Imberger, Superintendent of Recreation, Jim Fortune, County Attorney and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** – Chairman Samuel Gardner.
- II. **INVOCATION** – led by Commissioner Rita Johnson.
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** – led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**
  1. Consider approval of a joint City/County Proclamation commemorating the life and service of Officer Kevin Dorian Jordan.

Commissioner Raymond Ray read the joint proclamation honoring Officer Kevin Dorian Jordan commemorating his life and service to Spalding County and the City of Griffin.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the joint City County Proclamation commemorating the life and service of Officer Kevin Jordan. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Chairman Gardner presented the joint proclamation to Ms. Deborah W. Jordan, Officer Kevin Jordan's mother. Commissioner Gardner stated that the County appreciates the service of Officer Jordan and we appreciate all of your family members who have served our country.

Ms. Jordan expressed her appreciation to the entire community for their support and love that has been shown during this difficult time to their family. Ms. Jordan stated that she came to Spalding County to attend a graduation, she had no idea she would be burying her son during that visit. Ms. Jordan further stated that due to the kindness shown to their family she has decided to make Griffin and Spalding County her home.

2. Consider proclamation declaring the month of July as Parks & Recreation month in Spalding County.

Chairman Gardner read the proclamation designating the month of July as Parks and Recreation.

***Motion/Second by Miller/Johnson to declare the month of July as Parks and Recreation month in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Chairman Gardner then presented the proclamation to Kelley Leger, Superintendent of Parks, T.J. Imberger, Superintendent of Recreation, and from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission: Beth Horne, Dan McLean, Larry Fears and Ernest Wimbush.

## **V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the twelve month period ended June 30, 2014.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, advised that revenues exceeded expenditures for FY2014, for now, but that it was without audit adjustments. Ms. Garrison also advised that she will be leaving accounts payable open until the second week of August to allow most of the June bills to be processed.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the financial statements for the twelve month period ended June 30, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously 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.

Moin Punjwani, 4243 Jackson Road, Griffin, GA. Requested a change to the Alcohol Ordinance by reducing the distance requirements from 300 feet to 150 feet. Mr. Punjwani stated that the people in the area that his store services are going to Henry County to purchase beer and wine and those revenues should remain in Spalding County.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that any change to the ordinance to accommodate the request would not be a change for the one location, the change would have to be implemented county wide. Mr. Wilson advised that that this was brought before the board at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session by Ms. Sharon Chatham, who also presented the petition to the board. Consensus of the board at that meeting was that the ordinance should not be changed.

Chairman Gardner asked that the County attorney compare our current Alcohol Ordinance to the State law to see what may have changed since adoption of the Alcohol Ordinance and bring that information back to the board to see if any of the commissioners want to look at revising the Ordinance. Commissioner Gardner advised that it is county law at this time and it applies to every business in the county that either has or would like to have an alcohol license.

James Brooks, 1218 Rehoboth Church Road, Griffin, GA. Spoke against the new airport.

Bishop D.C. Watson, 235 Bleachey Street, Griffin, GA. Requested permanent status for a modular building that has been located on the Life Tabernacle and Praise Church property for the last four years.

Joe McIntyre, 103 Jenkinsburg Road, Griffin, GA. Requested that the Personnel Ordinance being considered for the second reading this evening be amended to grandfather in his current candidacy for County Commissioner. He did not feel it was fair that the Ordinance would require his resignation or retirement should he be elected as a County Commissioner.

## VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the June 16, 2014 Extraordinary Meeting, the June 23, 2014 Special Called Meeting, the June 26, 2014 Special Called Meeting (Bonds), the June 26, 2014 Special Called Meeting (Budget), the June 26, 2014 Zoning Public Hearing, the June 26, 2014 Special Called Meeting (SPLOST), the July 3, 2014 Board of Commissioners SPLOST Work Session and the July 14, 2014 Board of Commissioners Work Session.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 Extraordinary Meeting, the June 23, 2014 Special Called Meeting, the June 26, 2014 Special Called Meeting (Bonds), the June 26, 2014 Special Called Meeting (Budget), the June 26, 2014 Zoning Public Hearing, the June 26, 2014 Special Called Meeting (SPLOST), the July 3, 2014 Board of Commissioners SPLOST Work Session and the July 14, 2014 Board of Commissioners Work Session. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading Amendment to UDO #A-14-04: Article 22B. TCC Tri County Crossing Overlay District - amend boundaries of the TCC District.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve on second reading the ordinance amending the FY 2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for yearend budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider approval on second reading the Spalding County Personnel Ordinance.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to move the second reading of the Spalding County Personnel Ordinance from the Consent Agenda to the category of Old Business to allow further discussion regarding the Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Consider approval on second reading the Spalding County Personnel Ordinance.

Mr. Wilson advised that we have the Personnel Ordinance on the agenda for approval on second reading this evening. The staff would recommend that the new ordinance would become effective October 1st. The way the Ordinance is currently drafted and presented makes no provisions for County employees seeking elective office. As written, it would require, should Mr. McIntyre win the election he would have to resign. If you wish to change the Ordinance, you will need to add language a sample of which has been included in the agenda. If amended the Ordinance would go back to first reading with a second reading at the first meeting in August.

Commissioner Miller stated that since Mr. McIntyre started his campaign prior to the Ordinance being completed that he should be grandfathered in under the old ordinance. He stated that any employee in the future should adhere to the new ordinance, but since Mr. McIntyre had already committed to the campaign and if elected, he should be able to take the position under the old ordinance. Commissioner Miller further stated that Mr. McIntyre would have to recuse himself from voting on any matters that would have an effect on him as an employee of the county.

Commissioner Johnson stated that although she agrees with Commissioner Miller, she is concerned that there will be a conflict of interest on many items on which the board is required to vote. We can ask that Mr. McIntyre recuse himself from voting on certain items, but that would be unfair to the citizens as the board would be limited by the reduced number of members which could pose a problem.

Commissioner Ray stated that he does see both sides of the issue, but that conflict of interest would have to rule here. Mr. McIntyre would have to recuse himself not just from personnel matters, he would also have to recuse himself from anything involving Public Works, insurance, personnel actions or the budget. These would all be issues that he would have to recuse himself from voting and in doing so, how effective would he be in representing the needs of the citizens in his district. For the first eleven months of his service on the board he would have to recuse himself from voting on at least 1/3 of the matters coming before the board and that conflict of interest would not only be unfair to the employees of Spalding County, but unfair to the voters as well.

Chairman Gardner stated that he did recall during the retreat earlier this year that the intent was not for this to impact anyone currently running for office. However, he did agree with Commissioners Ray and Johnson in their comments regarding county operations. Chairman Gardner did express his concerns that Mr. McIntyre did make a good faith effort, he has paid the money to run and has

gone through the campaign process and now we get to a few months from the election and now it is like someone is saying that you can't do it.

James Fortune, County Attorney, advised that there is nothing in the current ordinance to prevent Mr. McIntyre from running for election. However, the concerns expressed by the board regarding conflict of interest are valid points. Regardless of the Personnel Ordinance, the conflict of interest issue is going to be there. Mr. McIntyre will have to be very diligent about recusing himself from voting on matters that would present a conflict or be conceived as a conflict. As far as there being a law to prevent him from running the answer is no.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve on second reading of the Spalding County Personnel Ordinance. Motion no action taken 2-2 (Miller/Gardner).***

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to table the second reading of the Spalding County Personnel Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider request from Rita Mace for an Amplification Permit for a wedding to be held at 3345 Williamson Road on August 2, 2014 from 2:00 p.m.-7:00p.m.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the request from Rita Mace for an Amplification Permit for a wedding to be held at 3345 Williamson Road on August 2, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider request of Life Tabernacle and Praise Church, Inc. to permit a temporary building as a permanent structure.

Chad Jacobs, Director of Community Development, stated in 2007 the Board of Commissioners approved new commercial criteria in reference to temporary buildings. In May of 2010, the Board approved a temporary structure for Life Tabernacle and Praise Church for a period of five years and this is the structure referenced by Bishop Watson during the public comments. In July of 2013 there was a similar request that came before the board requesting that the current temporary structure become permanent and expressing their desire to add a second temporary structure to the property. The Board at that time took no action on that request. Tonight, Bishop Watson is requesting to make the temporary structure a permanent structure pursuant to the alternate design view guidelines contained in Appendix J.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to deny the request of Life Tabernacle and Praise Church, Inc. to permit the temporary building as a permanent structure, but will extend the use of the temporary structure by 24 months to be added at the end of the current 5 year term. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider approval of Contract for Indigent Defense Services in Spalding County,

Georgia for FY 2015 from the Office of the Public Defender.

***Motion/Second by Miller/Johnson to approve the Contract for Indigent Defense Services in Spalding County, Georgia for FY2015 from the Office of the Public Defender. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Consider approval of contract with AVTACS for continuing support services to the Tax Assessors Office for FY 2015.

Mr. Wilson advised that the funding for these services have been budgeted for FY2015. AVTACS is assisting in conversion of files for the Tax Assessors office and will also assist in training new staff. Mr. Wilson also stated that this should be the final year of this contact.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve the contract with AVTACS for continuing support services to the Tax Assessors Office for FY2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

5. Consider approval on first reading an ordinance amending the FY 2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for yearend budget amendments.

Mr. Wilson advised that most of the amendments are where the County Commissioners approved funding at the end of the year for items such as Animal Control, the Special Operations Task Force and to the Library. In addition, there are expenditures for the JAG Grant and the hospital authority grant that require funding at the end of the year.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve on first reading an ordinance amending the FY2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for yearend budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously.***

6. Consider approval of resolution authorizing the execution of an USDA Credit Support Annex, JP Morgan August 2012 and March 2013 bilateral Dodd-Frank Agreements and to authorize and adopt certain policies and procedures for Swap transactions in compliance with the Wall Street transparency and accountability act.

Mr. Wilson advised that the County has a lease purchase arrangement through the Georgia Municipal Association that dates back to the 1990's. We borrowed money for 20 years that funds our lease purchase projects. In 2012, that money was placed with JP Morgan and due to the decline in the JP Morgan credit rating, the funds are being moved and we have to approve GMA moving the funds to US Bank per the Dodd-Frank Agreement. This is all federal mandated paperwork that authorizes the Chairman to allow the trustee to move from JP Morgan to US Bank.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of an USDA Credit Support Annex, JP Morgan, August 2012 and March 2013 bilateral Dodd-Frank Agreements and to authorize and adopt certain policies and procedures for Swap transactions in compliance with the Wall Street***

**transparency and accountability act. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

7. Consider approval resolution calling for an election on November 4, 2014 to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$3.3 M for the construction of a new Airport.

Mr. Wilson advised that per the direction of the board, these documents were prepared by King and Spalding along with Todd Barnes our investment banker calling for an election in November on General Obligation Bonds for a period of eight years in the amount of \$3.3M. This is the county's portion of the newly revised airport contribution.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to table the approval of the resolution calling for an election on November 4, 2014 to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$3.3M for the construction of a new airport as there may be an opportunity to obtain alternate funding for this project. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson then advised that in order for this bond referendum to be on the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot we will have to adopt the resolution on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Ray then requested that the County Manager, prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, contact the City of Griffin and the Airport Authority to arrange an intergovernmental meeting. If alternate funding cannot be developed at the meeting the resolution should be included as item on the agenda to be reconsidered at that meeting.

Consensus of the board was to instruct the County Manager to arrange, prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, an intergovernmental meeting to discuss alternate funding for the airport and that the resolution be included as an item on the agenda for consideration should alternate funding fail.

Mr. Wilson then requested possible dates for the intergovernmental meeting. Friday morning, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. or Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

8. Consider resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side for allocations of a proposed 2014 SPLOST.

Mr. Wilson stated this resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute the intergovernmental agreement as agreed upon with the dollar amounts with the cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and SunnySide. The City of Griffin has it on their agenda for Tuesday, July 22, the City of Orchard Hill and SunnySide will meet on Wednesday and Thursday. Once the documents are completed, we will have a Special Called Meeting for next week to adopt the resolution calling for the election for the SPLOST.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to the resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the***

***Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and SunnySide for allocation of a proposed 2014 SPLOST. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

9. Consider approval on first reading, Ordinance #2014-03 to amend the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part VI, Chapter 2, Article A, Section 6-2004, Item (e), relating to no thru trucks for: Vaughn Road beginning at Georgia Highway 16 and continuing north for 4.8 miles to Georgia Highway 92.

Mr. Wilson stated that this was requested by the Public Works Department, it has been submitted to the Sheriff's Department and the Sheriff's Department is in agreement. This will route all truck traffic from Rover-Zetilla into the bypass and then up to Hwy 92.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson approve on first reading, Ordinance #2014-03 to amend the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part VI, Chapter 2, Article A, Section 6-2004, Item (e), relating to no thru trucks for Vaughn Road beginning at Georgia Highway 16 and continuing north for 4.8 miles to Georgia Highway 92. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

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

Mr. Wilson advised that there is a Facility Naming Policy, and as a part of that policy the Board of Commissioners can establish a committee composed of five members, one member from each commission district, the County Manager (who is ex-officio, non-voting). Upon appointment of the commission, the Board of Commissioners will provide the County Manager with the names of the committee members. The committee would then meet and make a recommendation to the board.'

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to table the recommendation from the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to rename the Spalding County Senior Citizens' Center to the Louis F. Greene Senior Citizens' Center. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Mr. Wilson stated an item would be placed on the August 4<sup>th</sup> agenda to create a committee to review and make recommendations as to renaming the Spalding County Senior Citizens' Center. Appointments to the committee would be received from the commissioners at that time.

11. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor would like to discuss the County Vehicle Usage Policy.

Commissioner Miller stated that he would address the issue in Commissioner Flowers-Taylor's absence. Commissioner Miller stated that several months ago the board asked why Mike Windham was given a county vehicle to drive. The County Manager was asked to check to see if Mr. Windham should have a county vehicle and report back and the board hasn't heard back. Other county employees have been asked to relinquish their vehicles and Commissioner

Flowers-Taylor wanted to know the status of this vehicle.

Mr. Wilson advised that Mr. Windham was assigned the county vehicle during Mr. Wilson's sabbatical. Mr. Windham is the only person that can work on our 800 MHz communications system. Mr. Windham does have a county vehicle, he does drive it back and forth to his home, he is on call 24 – 7, 365 days a year and he is the sole person who can make short term fixes on our communication system, so that is why he has a vehicle.

Commissioner Ray stated that although his job description is not classified as an emergency, if the communication system goes down the fire department can't talk, the sheriff can't talk, 911 goes down so in that respect Mr. Windham's position is part of the emergency systems for the county. Commissioner Ray stated that the Vehicle Policy gives the County Manager the authority to assign county vehicles to employees.

Mr. Wilson advised that on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 a workshop was held and at that time changes were made to the Vehicle Policy and were approved by the board. The policy does state that the County Manager has the authority to determine who can take home a county vehicle. Mr. Wilson advised that the only individuals who take home vehicles at this time are the Fire Department, Mr. Windham and the Sheriff's Department is exempt from the policy.

Commissioner Miller asked that Mr. Wilson document that he has reviewed the use of a Vehicle Policy and determined that Mr. Windham's position does qualify as a position that can utilize a county vehicle.

12. Discussion regarding Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Griffin for 800 MHz user fees.

Mr. Wilson advised that this has been discussed many times, the most recent being on April 7, 2014. At that meeting there was a motion by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second by Commissioner Miller to table the agreement for an indefinite period of time. The motion carried 3-2 and that is the last action taken. Approximately a week ago Mr. Wilson received an email from Commissioner Flowers-Taylor wanting an update. Fees for 800 MHz were discussed during the Budget Review session and the board did state that we needed to respond to the city that we are not willing to accept their proposed agreement.

Mr. Wilson stated that he has spoken with Kenny Smith, City Manager for the City of Griffin, and told him that once we completed the SPLOST and GO Bonds we would have to readdress this issue.

Mr. Wilson confirmed that it is the county's stance that we will not accept the counter proposal offered by the city and go back to them with our proposal as previously submitted as was discussed at the Budget Review sessions.

13. Discuss criteria for establishing policies and procedures for the usage of the Portable Restroom facilities and rental rates for said units.

Mr. Wilson advised that the portable restroom facilities were purchased at the

request of the Main Street Program. As a result the county purchased a handicapped unit and a regular unit. The units have been delivered and they have been in use.

Mr. Wilson advised that at this time there is no policy for the use of these portable units. The current rental agreement at the Park at 6, which was developed by the County Commissioners and the Griffin Main Street program, calls for two porta-potties at the current rental rate to be utilized at the Park at 6. We have not formally addressed the use of these facilities, they do require more maintenance than the porta-potties.

Mr. Wilson stated that he had asked T.J. Imberger to keep a record of the cost for providing the units for events. Mr. Imberger came back with costs for labor only and we have been able to determine employee costs for supplying the facilities in employ costs only would be for half a day use at the Park @ 6<sup>th</sup> \$384.00 (employee costs only because it is all overtime) minus the amount currently charged for the porta-potties would result in an additional \$204.00 to the rent for the Park @ 6<sup>th</sup> and if we do the same thing for a full day usage it is an additional \$470.00 in addition to the amount currently charged for the Park @ 6<sup>th</sup>. So half day rental for the Park @ 6<sup>th</sup> would go from \$300.00 to \$504.00 and full day rental would go from \$600.00 to \$1070.00.

Mr. Wilson did state that the portable restroom units are different from the porta-potties in that they do have sinks within the units that allow people to wash their hands when using the facilities and when you add that feature it adds flow. These units have to be pumped out and the waste water taken to the treatment plant.

Mr. Wilson added that although money had been saved on the initial purchase of these units, additional money had been spent to provide generators for the units and to purchase a pumping trailer in that the units are not equipped to be transported with the tanks full of waste water. Our intention had been to drive the units down to the sewerage plant; however, after the purchase we learned that the facilities were not constructed to accommodate transporting them full of waste water.

When the portable facilities were recommended we were not aware that the units would have to be pumped out prior to being moved, nor did we anticipate having to staff the units every time they were in use. The units are very nice, very clean and it's not something that you would want to leave unattended for very long.

After discussion it was the consensus of the board that a committee be formed consisting of two (2) members from Parks and Rec. Advisory Commission, one (1) member of the Downtown Advisory Board, one (1) member from the City of Griffin to discuss the usage of the portable units, the policy for usage of these units and the fees for the utilization of the units. Additionally, it was requested that T.J. Imberger represent the Board of Commissioners as a member of the committee and come back with a recommendation.

14. Consider cancellation of the September 1, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners due to observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to cancel the Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners scheduled or on Monday, September 1, 2014, due to the observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

15. Set a date for annual Performance Appraisal of the County Manager set a date for annual Performance Appraisal of the County Manager

Mr. Wilson advised that Mr. Gay has emailed the forms for the current year along with last year's performance appraisal. Mr. Wilson also advised that when he met with the Chairman the dates of August 18<sup>th</sup> or September 15<sup>th</sup> would be the dates to consider. Mr. Wilson stated that the only requirement was that in his employment contract the Board of Commissioners have to give written notice if they do not intend to renew the contract thirty (30) days prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> and both of the proposed dates meet that criteria.

Consensus of the Board was to set the date for August 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. for the annual Performance Appraisal for the County Manager.

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

1. The Chamber of Commerce sent out a notice that he forwarded to the Board on an intergovernmental retreat has been scheduled in October, notices have been sent out to the commissioners. To date he has received responses from Chairman Gardner and Commissioner Ray. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Miller stated they would also be attending.
2. Chairman Gardner has suggested that whoever is successful in tomorrow's runoff election should be the delegate for district 5 to attend the intergovernmental retreat. Consensus of the board was that the successful candidate of the election for District 5 be invited to attend the meeting in Chairman Gardner's stead.
3. Asked that everyone take a look at the new website. The new website also has a link to the new ACCG website "You are why we're here". The ACCG website was designed to educate the public on county government.
4. We have a vacancy on the Personnel Appeals Board, Tootsie Powers has moved out of state and that is an at large appointment that will be placed on the August 4<sup>th</sup> agenda. We do have some names of people who have been recommended for the Personnel Appeals Board, and we do prefer to have someone with HR experience.
5. With the execution of the intergovernmental agreement tonight, we have drafted a letter to the Department of Revenue asking that they allow us, should the SPLOST pass in November, that the collections would continue on as they are now and not stop on January 1<sup>st</sup> to have to restart on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will send this out tomorrow and hopefully get an approval back.

Mr. Wilson advised that should the referendum fail, the county will be obligated to repay the Department of Revenue a fee for notifying businesses and taxpayers of the change in collections. In 2007 that was estimated at less than \$5,000.00.

6. The county will be sending six participants to the Leadership Development Institute at the City of Griffin. The following individuals have been recommended by their department heads: Ms. Wendy Law, Assistant to the Human Resource Director, Ms. Lauren Brown, Administrative Assistant II for Parks and Recreation, Battalion Chief Lee Slaughter, Spalding County Fire Department, Keith Bradford, Animal Control Officer, Tele-Communicator, Latressia Ferguson and Robbie Milner, Athletic Supervisor for Parks and Recreation.
7. Mr. Wilson stated that he would work with Kenny Smith in setting up the meeting for the County, the City and the Airport Authority on Friday. Then we will set up the sales tax special meeting on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> to adopt the resolution calling for the election then on Tuesday the Board of Elections will meet and we will be good to go. After that the board will need to appoint a steering committee for the SPLOST that will be charged with getting information out to the voters. Please remember that you cannot encourage anyone how to vote, you can encourage them to vote and give them all of the information.

## **XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Miller** – Commissioner Miller wanted confirmation that we did not raise property taxes this year.

Mr. Wilson advised that the mileage rate has not been set that won't be done until August or September.

Commissioner Miller stated that he had had someone call him who had called the animal shelter to have a stray dog that was in their yard picked up and that someone from the animal shelter inquired as to the dog's name. The dog was a stray, it didn't have a name and people answering the phone at the Animal Shelter shouldn't be asking questions of that nature.

Mr. Wilson asked Commissioner Miller to find out on what day the call was made and see if a time could be determined so that he could find out who may have been answering the phone and making those kind of inquiries.

**Johnson** – Nothing.

**Commissioner Ray** wanted remind everyone that tomorrow is the day to make your voice heard, if you have not voted during early voting, tomorrow is the day to do it.

**Gardner** – Nothing.

## **XIII. CLOSED SESSION - None**

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Miller/Johnson to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***