

After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, August 18, 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, August 18, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Samuel Gardner presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Rita Johnson, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, and Bart Miller were present.

Also present were William Wilson, County Manager, James Fortune, County Attorney, Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, Kelly Leger, Superintendent of Recreation and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary for Spalding County to record the minutes.

I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** led by Chairman Gardner.

II. **INVOCATION** led by Rita Johnson

III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Bart Miller

IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Consider proclamation declaring the month of September as Workforce Development Professionals month in Spalding County.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the proclamation declaring the month of September as Workforce Development Professionals month in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Presentation to Union Baptist Church acknowledging and recognizing their volunteer efforts in assisting with the Spalding County Summer Food Program in the East Griffin Community.

Kelly Leger, Superintendent of Recreation, stated it is with great pleasure that we are here tonight to express our gratitude to the Union Baptist Church volunteers. Ms. Leger stated that she had received a phone call from the pastors at Union Baptist Church requesting that the staff find some way for them to plug in to our community. Ms. Leger stated that she immediately thought of the Ambucs, or east Griffin area, of the county which is an underserved area for the Summer Food Program. Ms. Leger stated that the volunteers from Union Baptist Church exceeded our expectations, we were able to serve more meals in that area than we ever have before. Without them the children in that area would not have had access to the Summer Food Program. Ms. Leger stated that over 1,030 meals were served at that location.

Ms. Leger further stated that the volunteers became quite attached to the children and the children formed an attachment to the volunteers as well. Ms. Leger stated that it is her hope that in recognizing the efforts of the volunteers at Union Baptist Church

that more individuals, organizations and churches will step forward to make our community a better place to live, work and play.

Pastor Conort stated that he wanted to thank the Parks and Recreation Department for allowing their group to be a part of the Summer Food Program and that they look forward to the opportunity of doing the same next summer.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor thanked the church for coming into her district to work with the Summer Food Program. She expressed her concern that the children in the area would not be able to take advantage of the program. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor further expressed her appreciation of the volunteers who came out of their commission district to help with the program over the summer.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the one month period ended July 31, 2014.

Jinna Garrison was present to answer any questions.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the financial statements for the one month period ended July 31, 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.

Tim Conort, Pastor, Union Baptist Church, 1405 North McDonough Road, they have just applied for an outside application permit for their Fall Festival. He stated that the church has had a Fall Festival for the last 14 years. The Fall Festival is for the community and everything at the festival is free of charge. Pastor Conort stated that they were notified last year that they would need an amplification permit and that is one of the reasons we are here tonight.

Moin K. Punjwant, Ringgold Grocery Store, 4243 Jackson Road, stated that the last time he came he had come with a petition from customers and other small business owners asking that the commissioners grant him a beer license, so that he could sell beer in his store. Mr. Punjwant stated that he needs the additional income that beer sales would provide and again requested that the commissioners grant his request.

Chairman Gardner stated that the county Ordinance is the law and that any change to the Ordinance would affect not only Mr. Punjwant's business but all of the other businesses within the county.

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the August 4, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board

of Commissioners.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the minutes of the August 4 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA –None

IX. OLD BUSINESS - None.

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider request from Griffin Moose Lodge, 1435 Zebulon Road for an outside amplification permit for an End of the Year Pool Event scheduled for September 5, 2014 from 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Mr. Wilson advised that the appropriate departments have reviewed the amplification permit and recommend approval.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that amplification permits traditionally end at 11:00 p.m. and requested that the approval be amended to reflect an ending time of 11:00 p.m. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor further requested that the starting time be moved to 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the extra 30 minutes being deducted from the ending time of the request.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the request from the Griffin Moose Lodge, 1435 Zebulon Road, for an outside amplification permit for an End of the Year Pool Event scheduled for September 5, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider request from Flaticia Berry, 201 Hammerhawk Road, Griffin, Georgia for an outside amplification permit for a birthday party to be held on Saturday, August 30, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00p.m.

Mr. Wilson advised that Ms. Berry went to the neighbors and brought in signatures showing that they are aware of the party and have no problem with the amplification permit being that is being requested. The application has been reviewed by the appropriate departments and approval is recommended.

Motion/Second by Miller/Miller to approve the request from Flaticia Berry, 201 Hammerhawk Road, Griffin, Georgia for an outside amplification permit for a birthday party to be held on Saturday, August 30, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider request from Union Baptist Church, 1405 N. McDonough Road, Griffin, Georgia for an outside amplification permit on Friday, October 31, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for their Fall Festival.

Mr. Wilson stated that Union Baptist Church has met all of the requirements and approval is recommended.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the request from Union Baptist Church, 1405 N. McDonough road, Griffin, Georgia for an outside amplification permit on Friday, October 31, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for their Fall Festival. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Conduct public hearing for the 2014 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP).

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to open the meeting to a public hearing for the 2014 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP). Motion carried unanimously by all.

Commissioner Gardner opened the meeting to public comment and asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the 2014 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) or the Short Term Work Program (STWP).

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor requested that she be able to make a public comment. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that some of the items on the list are no longer relevant, some of the items are completed and some of the items need to be combined. She requested that the board have time to review the list to determine the items that are still relevant and combine the projects that can be combined. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor further stated that the projects are covered by impact fees and that some of the commissioners may not be aware of what the impact fees are, why they were implemented and how they are to be used.

Mr. Wilson stated that it has been a while since the impact fees were implemented. He asked that the commissioners keep in mind that the list has to be submitted to Three Rivers Regional Commission in October. Mr. Wilson agreed that it would be a good idea to have a workshop to bring the commissioners up to date on the impact fees.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor requested that the Board have a workshop to review the impact fees and the list presented to the board before the next regular scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Johnson asked that that a Special Called Meeting be set for the same day as the next scheduled meeting September 15.

Consensus of the board was to set a Special Called Meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider approval of Resolution authorizing transmittal to Three Rivers Regional Commission of the 2014 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 Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to table approval of the Resolution authorizing transmittal to Three Rivers Regional Commission of the 2014 capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) and incorporation of these charges into the Spalding county 2025 Comprehensive Plan until the September 15 Extraordinary Session of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of street name change from "Evergreen Drive" to "Cobblestone Drive" in Sun City Peachtree Pod 37B.

Mr. Wilson advised that the original plans for Pod 37B showed Evergreen Drive and that was going to cause a problem for both the developers and E-911 so they have renamed the street Cobblestone Drive. This is a new pod and there have been no houses constructed to date. The board has already accepted the right-of-way for this pod with the Evergreen Drive street name, so at this time the board's approval is requested for the name change.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the street name change from "Evergreen Drive" to Cobblestone Drive" in Sun City Peachtree, Pod 37B. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval on first reading Ordinance 2014-04 amending the Licensing and Regulation Ordinance Part VI, Article A, Section 6-1012, relating to renewal of alcohol licenses in Spalding County.

Jim Fortune, County Attorney stated that the amendment does two things. There is conflicting language contained in the ordinance regarding the due date for when the application for renewal of alcohol license are due. Additionally, the language that would allow a renewal application to be streamlined, should there be no complaints or offenses on record for the applicant and gives the County Manager authority to grant the renewal, was omitted due to an oversight at the time the ordinance was rewritten and accepted on by the board. Mr. Fortune further stated that the amendment would correct the language.

Mr. Wilson stated that the language in this amendment mirrors the old ordinance.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve on first reading Ordinance 2014-4 amending the Licensing and Regulation Ordinance Part VI, Article A, Section 6-1012, relating to renewal of alcohol licenses in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider authorizing Chairman to execute the ACCG-Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund Safety Discount Verification form.

Mr. Wilson advised that Spalding County is a member of ACCG's Worker's Compensation program and every year we designate Bill Gay as our safety representative to attend the appropriate training and meetings required by ACCG. This discount saves the county approximately 7.5% by having a representative and the accident review committee. Mr. Wilson stated that savings on the current premium is \$24,400.00.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to authorize the Chairman to execute the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund Safety Discount Verification form and appointing Bill Gay as the Safety Officer. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of Georgia County Internship Program Grant Application for the Spring 2015 Academic Semester.

Mr. Wilson advised that we have just finished up with the internship for the Summer Semester. When the ACCG representative came to meet with Ms. Garrison and the intern to exit the program, we were advised that there were funds remaining for a Spring 2015 Academic Semester. Ms. Garrison has asked that she be allowed to apply for that Internship Grant to obtain an intern to work on a current inventory for the county. Mr. Wilson stated that there has not been a physical inventory of fixed assets in a number of years and we would like to get our inventory up-to-date and establish a list of assets that match what is actually owned by the county and can be used for insurance purposes. The internship is for 200 hours and pays \$10.00 an hour.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve submitting an application to the Georgia County Internship Program Grant for the Spring 2015 Academic Semester. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Griffin to provide for the funding of a joint Comprehensive Transportation Plan update.

Mr. Wilson stated that the ARC has allotted us an allocation of \$312,500.00 for a Comprehensive Transportation Plan update. This will encompass Spalding County, the cities of Griffin, Sunny Side and Orchard Hill. There is a 20% local match of \$62,500.00 and we have tentatively agree to share that 50/50. Anthony Dukes, the Transportation Planner will be the City/County Project Manager will be heading that initiative. Mr. Wilson advised that \$31,250.00 was appropriated in this year's 2008 SPLOST budget and approval is recommended.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Griffin to provide for the funding of a joint Comprehensive Transportation Plan update. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

1. The Cooperative Extension will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, August 19, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at their new location at 835 Memorial Drive. We encourage everyone to stop by and see the outstanding job that Terry Tardy and his crews have done on their offices.
2. Since we have now approved the SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement and selected the projects for the 2014 SPLOST a SPLOST Committee needs to be organized. Once that committee is set up, the board can make appointments to that committee. Mr. Wilson stated that he has an information packet from the Board of Elections with instructions on how the committee would file reports in order to raise money to promote the SPLOST. There are a couple of folks on the Park & Recreation Advisory Board who are interested in serving on the committee.
3. There is a meeting with GDOT, Wednesday regarding the new Airport at 10:00 a.m. At that meeting the Airport Authority will present them with the signed Intergovernmental Agreement and find out the next steps to lock down the federal funding. If any of the commissioners wish to attend the meeting, please let Mr. Wilson know as soon as possible.

4. Mr. Wilson advised that he had sent the board information regarding housing statistics for the county. He reviewed the housing start up trends over the past twelve years and advised that new house permits appear to be improving. Mr. Wilson stated that it is anticipated that the county will have close to 200 new house permits by the end of the year. He advised the permits are for new development in Sun City, Heron Bay and other subdivisions which had been in bankruptcy that have been bought and are currently building.
5. Mr. Wilson stated that The Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by the Fire Department will be September 18th at Morgan Dairy Golf Course. It is the Spalding County Fire Departments' way of raising money for Christmas for Kids.
6. Mr. Wilson advised that there will be a county Blood Drive on September 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Welcome Center and he encouraged everyone to donate.
7. Mr. Wilson reminded everyone that Monday, September 1 2014 is the Labor Day Holiday. There will be no meeting that evening and all county offices will be closed.
8. Mr. Wilson stated that we have been notified that Spalding County has received the ACCG Group Benefits Program, Health Promotions & Wellness Grant again this year.
9. Mr. Wilson stated that he went to a meeting today regarding the drive by flu shots which will be held September 30th - October 2nd at the Health Department. The flu shots are free to all Spalding County residents.
10. Mr. Wilson advised that the Georgia Department of Transportation notified us of the Short Term Improvement Program (STIP) public meetings. The one for this area, District 3, will be September 8th in Americus or September 11th in LaGrange. He stated that the Commissioners should have a flyer in their mailbox on regarding these meetings. He stated that Anthony Dukes will be attending the meeting in LaGrange. Mr. Wilson stated he thinks there are two projects on the STIP for Spalding County.
11. Mr. Wilson stated that he had sent the Commissioners information on a letter of support for the college and career academy/GRCCA Grant. They need letters of support from the community and with approval of the board he will get the chairman or vice chairman to sign a letter of support for this grant.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Miller stated that he needs the list of the roads that will be paved and resurfaced on the 2014 SPLOST.

Mr. Wilson advised that he is working on the lists. He stated that we have to determine the roads that will be paved on the 2015 LMIG program first and he hopes that that list is ready to present to the board by September 15th. Once that list has been determined we can put together the list of roads for the 2014 SPLOST.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that the City of Griffin had hosted an employee, family and friends appreciation day at City Park. She stated that approximately 300 people

attended the event. She felt that it was nice that the City simply wanted to say thank you to the people who were working for them. The department heads cooked hot dogs and hamburgers, they had games for the children and other participants. She stated that they had a softball tournament and a tennis tournament for employees. She feels that this was good for the employees and would like to see something done for the county employees. She was surprised at the turn out and in talking with the employees who attended the function they were appreciative that the city would do something like this for them.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she again wanted to thank the volunteers that helped with the Summer Food Program, it means a lot to the kids who simply do not have access to other resources. She would like to have programs available to the children in the future to help make a difference in the lives of the children in that area.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to see some advertisement for the free flu shots.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that there are still citizens that are not aware that there public transportation available to them. Many of the citizens think that the buses are for handicapped people who need transportation to the doctor. She stated that Mr. Hiatt did make the telephone numbers larger on the side of the buses, but everyone thinks that these are just a short bus. She is concerned that the word simply is not getting out and transportation needs are still not being addressed.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked what the 2 projects were that we already have on the STIP.

Mr. Wilson stated that he believes they are the West McIntosh Bridge and Jordan Hill Road Bridge.

Commissioner Johnson stated she attended unveiling of the Doc Holliday Marker, she stated that this will be a wonderful added value to Griffin. She also attended the UGA, turf grass field day, she stated that she learned a lot about turf grass. The governor was there and it was a great event and UGA does a great job and we should be proud of the job that they do.

Commissioner Ray stated that the Spalding County Board of Health will have its annual Emergency Drill by administering flu shots in a drive by fashion, that is held behind the Health Center and is scheduled for September 30 until October 2nd or until the flu vaccine is exhausted, last year we ran out. It is for all Spalding County Residents and is a great way to get your flu shots. In addition, the Board of Health is also working with the school system to provide free flu shots to the Griffin-Spalding County students between October 6th and October 20th.

Chairman Gardner wanted to know if we needed to set a time frame for the SPLOST committee.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that a press release be prepared stating that we are asking for people to volunteer and put an announcement on the website and supply the form for people to sign up. Hopefully we can get a pool of names to choose from to appoint members to the committee.

Chairman Gardner stated that we will need to look at appointing folks to the committee at the September 15 meeting.

Chairman Gardner also thanked the folks from Union Baptist Church for all that they do for the citizens of eastern Spalding County.

Chairman Gardner stated that he had been contacted regarding Sam Solomon, Amelia and Apple Roads. He stated that he had advised the individuals to call because the dirt roads that we have right-of-ways already granted on will be moved up in the list for consideration and the roads that were ready would be the ones paved. He also asked that Parham Road needs to be checked on as well.

Chairman Gardner asked that the Commissioners and the community show support for all of the activities sponsored by the county employees, like the Golf Tournament sponsored by the Fire Department. We have blood drives and other initiatives that the county employees host and participate in and it is important that we show our support for these initiatives.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION - None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/second by Ray/Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***