

After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2014
6:00 PM
119 E. Solomon St., Meeting Room 108

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 of the Courthouse Annex, Monday, October 6, 2014, beginning at 6:03 p.m. with Vice Chairman Raymond Ray presiding. Commissioners Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Bart Miller were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Chad Jacobs, Director of Community Development, Jim Fortune, County Attorney and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes. Chairman Gardner and Commissioner Johnson was not present at this meeting

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** led by Vice Chairman Raymond Ray.
- II. **INVOCATION** – led by Vice Chairman Ray.
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** – led by Commissioner Bart Miller.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS** – None.
- 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.

Spoke in favor of the Barking Dog Ordinance:

W.J. Fortney, 122 Pine Avenue, Griffin.
Bill Young, 124 Runnymede Road, Griffin.
Dan Duncan, 541 Pineridge Road, Griffin.

JS (a concerned Citizen of Spalding County who requested that her name and address not be published as part of the minutes), spoke about animal cruelty in the county and the need to adopt ordinances that have some teeth in them to punish people who are not responsible pet owners. She stated that she lives next door to a home with 26 dogs on one piece of property, the animals are allowed to roam freely through the neighborhood, they are emaciated and do not receive proper food, water or medical attention. She was upset that when Animal Control is contacted they go out and issue Civil citations to the owner of the animals.

These animals are without food and shelter and it doesn't do any good, if nobody is protecting the animals. She asked that the board revisit the number of dogs that can be allowed on a single piece of property and enact an ordinance that will give the Sheriff's Department and Animal Control the authority to properly address the conditions of animal abuse and neglect that exist in Spalding County.

Maria Salvaggio, Animal Rescue, Akin, SC. Ms. Salvaggio stated that she has removed 13 dogs from the residence at 75 Gainer Road. She stated the dogs were infested with ticks and fleas and all of the dogs checked positive for intestinal parasites. Animal Control came out to the property and left the animals there, the owner did not have housing and was unable to feed the animals. She stated that the Sheriff's Department and Animal Control need to work together to charge and prosecute owners who neglect their animals.

Mr. Lawrence Jeremy, 153 Mobley Road, withdrew his request to speak.

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the September 15, 2014 Special Called Meeting, the September 15, 2014 Extraordinary Session and the September 25, 2014 Zoning Public Hearing of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2014 Special Called Meeting, the September 15, 2014 Extraordinary Session and the September 25, 2014 Zoning Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA -

1. Consider approval on second reading of an amendment to the Code of Spalding County, Part VII Motor Vehicles and traffic, Chapter 1 General Traffic Regulation, Section 7-1014 Speed Limits in Subdivisions by adding additional subdivisions to the ordinance.
2. Consider approval on second reading of an amendment to Code of Spalding County Laws of Local Application, Part VII - Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 1 - General Traffic Regulations, Section 7-1013 Authorization of motorized carts.
3. Consider approval on second reading Amendment to UDO #A-14-05: Article 4. General Procedures - Section 419:G(1)(a) - amend building permit fee per dwelling unit.
4. Consider approval on second reading Amendment to UDO #A-14-06: Article 7. R-1 Single Family Residential Low Density – Section 703:C(8), Article 7A. R-1A Single Family Residential – Section 703A:C(8), Article 8. R-2 Single Family Residential – Section 803:C(8) and Article 10. R-4 Single Family Residential – Section 1003:C(8) – add horses as an accessory use. This amendment contains the revisions requested by the board on the first reading.

5. Consider approval on second reading of Application #14-03Z: Duana Smith, Owner - 1553 and 1555 Williamson Road (0.68 acre located in Land Lot 109 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from R-3, Multiple Family, and O & I, Office and Institutional, to C-1, Highway Commercial.

All items on the consent agenda are to be considered at one time.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of an Outside Amplification Permit request from Ms. Elberta Fox on October 10, 2014 at 1832 W. Ellis Road, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson stated that this application has been reviewed and meets all of the criteria for issuance of the permit. This is for a cook out for senior citizens who attend First Assembly. This is an annual event at this location.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to approve the request of an Outside Amplification Permit request from Ms. Elberta Fox on October 10, 2014 at 1832 W. Ellis Road, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval of resolution consenting to de-annexation of Parcel # 054F-01-001, 30.24 acres from the City of Griffin to Unincorporated Spalding County.

Mr. Fortune advised that the City of Griffin has consented to the de-annexation, due to funding issues. The proposed facility for this property cannot qualify for certain funds if they are located in the city. Therefore, the owners have asked that the property be removed from the city and the city has approved that the property be placed back into the county.

Mr. Fortune stated that the proposed facility would be a medical facility that is specifically designed to treat women who have been in the armed services or are still in the armed services. This facility will address the problems that women might encounter both physically and emotionally when trying to acclimate to the world outside of the military. The request this evening is for the board to agree to the de-annexation of this property.

Commissioner Miller asked if the complex would cover the entire 30 acres.

Chad Jacobs, Director of Community Development, stated that it is his understanding that they plan to develop the facility along the lines of a campus based format.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concern about this establishing a type of island where the county piece of property is surrounded by city property.

Mr. Jacobs stated that from this parcel west all of the property will be in the County, beginning at the parcel and going east all of the property will be in the city. He stated that we are simply moving the city limit line from one side of the property to the other side. This property will not be surrounded by city property.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor wanted to know what guarantees the county has that the property will be utilized as the owners are stating it will be used.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the plan is to zone the property as an O&I designation which would significantly limit the type of development on the property. O&I acts as a buffer between dense commercial type developments and acts as a good transition between dense commercial developments and residential areas. This zoning would provide some protection for the county and the residents.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor restated for her understanding that if the board choses to de-annex the property, that the next step would be to rezone the property.

Mr. Jacobs advised that his department has already prepared a county initiated application to rezone the property should it be de-annexed back into the county. We have the paperwork ready to go before the Planning Commission at the end of this month and it would be presented to the Board of Commissioners in November.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to approve the resolution consenting to de-annexation of Parcel # 054F-01-001, 30.24 acres from the City of Griffin to Unincorporated Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of a contract with Sullivan & Ogletree, PC to provide Indigent Defense Services for Spalding County State Court for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Mr. Wilson stated that we currently have a contract for indigent defense services with Sullivan and Ogletree that will expire at the end of this fiscal year. This contract will cover the next three fiscal years of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Those funds will be budgeted by fiscal year. Mr. Wilson then advised that Judge Esary and Sam Sullivan were present should the board have any questions regarding the proposed contract.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve a contract with Sullivan & Ogletree, PC to provide Indigent Defense Services for Spalding County State Court for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017 and 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of contract with Sullivan & Ogletree, PC for Indigent Defense Services for Spalding County Juvenile Court for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Mr. Wilson advised that Sullivan & Ogletree have provided this service to the Juvenile Court for many years and there are letters of recommendation from the Juvenile Court Judge and the Associate Judge recommending the contract be continued. This contract contains the same termination clause as the contract with the State Court and it will automatically renew every year for three years.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the contract with Sullivan & Ogletree, PC for Indigent Defense Services for Spalding County Juvenile Court for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017 and 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider approval of resolution authorizing adoption 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.

Mr. Wilson stated that we have received notification from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs that they have reviewed our request and Spalding County has adequately addressed all applicable requirements of State Law and this is a formality to finalize the CIE and STWP for this year.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve a resolution authorizing adoption 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 carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of agency contract with the City of Orchard Hill for Fire Protection Services for the period October 1, 2014- September 30, 2015.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the standard contract with the City of Orchard Hill and the City of Sunny Side for Fire Protection Services that we require annually. The fee is based on the value of the taxable property within their incorporated limits and based on a millage rate that excludes the county's insurance premium tax because Orchard Hill and Sunny Side both collect insurance premium tax as well. Orchard Hill and Sunny Side have approved the contracts and they are budgeted in the FY2015 budget.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the agency contract with the City of Orchard Hill for Fire Protection Services for the period October 1, 2014- September 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval of Agency Contract with the City of Sunny Side for Fire Protection for the period October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the Agency Contract with the City of Sunny Side for Fire Protection for the period October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider approval of the Spalding County FY'14 CSBG Carryover Contract Amendments with the Council on Aging for McIntosh Trail, Inc., the Spalding County Salvation Army and the Three Rivers Regional Commission for carryover amount of amended CSBG Contract.

Mr. Wilson stated that the board had approved the amended contract with the State of Georgia for the CSBG carryover amount of \$30,840.21, this amends the existing contracts with the Salvation Army, McIntosh Trail and Three Rivers Regional Commission to include the carryover amounts in their contracts for the current year.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the Spalding County FY'14 CSBG Carryover Contract Amendments with the Council on Aging for McIntosh Trail, Inc., the Spalding County Salvation Army and the Three Rivers Regional Commission. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider request from Griffin-Spalding Development Authority for letter of support to the Georgia Department of Transportation for installation of a traffic signal at the intersections of SR16 (A K Bolton Parkway) and Wild Plum Road.

Mr. Wilson stated in a letter received by the board from David Luckie the Executive Director of the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority, the two industries currently under construction are anticipating approximately 300 trucks per day moving through stated intersection. Mr. Luckie also advised that they are currently negotiating with two other companies that if they move into the park will have approximately 400 trucks each moving through the intersection on a daily basis.

Mr. Wilson further stated that the Development Authority believes that a traffic signal will remedy the potential problem and they are working GDOT to put in a traffic signal at the intersection of SR16 and Wild Plum Road. The Development Authority has already done a traffic signal study and they are requesting a letter of support from the board. The Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee approved a letter of support at their meeting on September 19, 2014.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the request from Griffin-Spalding Development Authority for letter of support to the Georgia Department of Transportation for installation of a traffic signal at the intersections of SR16 (A K Bolton Parkway) and Wild Plum Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider approval on first reading an ordinance amending Part X Offenses, Chapter 4 Noise Abatement and Control, Section 11-4002 Noises Enumerated by adding a new subsection to said section to be denominated as subsection 6 Barking Dogs.

Mr. Wilson advised that the amendment is a compilation of many drafts of this ordinance. This amendment was drafted by the County Attorney and it has been reviewed by the commissioners and by animal control and we believe the amendment is ready for approval on first reading.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve approval on first reading an ordinance amending Part X Offenses, Chapter 4 Noise Abatement and Control, Section 11-4002 Noises Enumerated by adding a new subsection to said section to be denominated as subsection 6 Barking Dogs.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she didn't understand the amendment and it was hard for her to imagine that the Animal Care and Control Advisory Board was in agreement with this amendment. She stated that she had two concerns regarding this amendment:

- First, most noise ordinance violations are based on complaints and she asked the distance a noise could be discernable in the current ordinance to be in violation.

Mr. Fortune stated for the purpose of this amendment the noise should be discernable by a person of reasonable hearing at a distance of 50 feet beyond the boundary of the property where the dog is confined. There is a provision in the ordinance where the dog has to be barking for a period of 15 minutes or longer in order for the complaint to be issued.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she has a problem with the verbiage "such noise must be discernable by a person of reasonable hearing." She stated that she always has a problem when something is reasonable because something that is reasonable to one person may not be considered reasonable by someone else. She stated that that makes the ordinance very subjective and opens it up for people who simply do not like their neighbors to file a complaint.

- Secondly, that is what dogs do, that is their form of communication, they bark. Part of the ordinance states that the burden of proof is on the individual making the complaint, but dogs bark to warn of intruders, they bark if there is a snake or other animals in the yard, they bark if they are hurt in some way and if the owner is not there, they could continue to bark because no one was there to rescue them.

Commissioner Flowers Taylor stated that the biggest problem she has with the ordinance is that it doesn't have any teeth to it, it doesn't do us any good to have an ordinance when the enforcement part of it is a "slap on the hand."

She stated that is what is wrong with the other ordinances currently on the books for animals whether it is controlling the number of dogs, or the abuse of the animal, the punishment is a civil offense.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that she has seen federal charges filed against people in Atlanta for animal abuse. We expect our Code Enforcement people to address the issue whether it be animal abuse or a barking dog and the only thing that he can do is issue a citation for a civil infraction. What good are the ordinances if we don't have any teeth for enforcement.

Mr. Fortune stated that he understood Commissioner Flowers-Taylor's concern over the wording of "reasonable hearing"; however, the alternative would be to require a decibel reading and that would require special equipment and training and calibration. We can't pass an ordinance that is going to make someone have good manners or be a good neighbor.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that this is not the first incident that the county has had regarding noise control. There have been incidents in the past where we could not regulate noise levels because there was no way to measure the level of the noise. She stated that it is time the county does something so there is actual proof the problem. If we have to purchase a decibel meter and train code enforcement on its use, then lets to something so there is actual documented proof of the problem.

Commissioner Ray advised that before he attacked this issue he had talked with several property owners who had filed complaints in his district. Commissioner Ray stated that this issue is prevalent within his district, so he talked with several of the property owners and then he went to the Animal Care and Control Board for guidance. He stated that he received approval from the Animal Care and Control Board for 50' to 100' from one house to the next and if an animal is continuously complained about then for:

Complaint 1 – there would be a warning.

Complaint 2 – there would be a citation issued; however, if the owner of the animal had made an attempt by either moving the animal inside or obtained a device to help control the animals' barking or shows where they have put forth an effort to train the animal not to bark. Then some consideration would be given the owner at that point.

Commissioner Ray stated that the ordinance is not totally subjective because the complainant can produce a 15 minute video of the animal barking or they can produce a journal of how often the dog barks and for what duration. We come up with the policy and the Spalding County Animal Control enforces, but they can only enforce based on what we have provided. The current ordinance was weak on the definition of what a barking dog is and this amendment establishes the parameters for the ordinance. We were subjective and we tried to bring it within reason for a common sense approach to the problem, without having to go to the additional cost for equipment and training with funds that we don't have.

Commissioner Ray also stated that this amendment is not a spur of the moment thing, we have been working on this since July. There has been a lot of effort expended in making the amendment prudent with a common sense approach in addressing the issue through complaints.

Commissioner Miller stated that he had two members of his community call him prior to the meeting to express their concern that if a neighbor doesn't like them what will prevent them from calling and making a complaint about their dog barking. He stated that he could sympathize with the citizens who live in a more densely populated part of the county, but his section of the county is rural and his neighbors are concerned about an ordinance that would allow for people to come over to their property and antagonize their dog while they are at work and make a video.

Commissioner Ray withdrew his motion and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor withdrew her second.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to table the ordinance amending Part X Offenses, Chapter 4 Noise Abatement and Control, Section 11-4002 Noises Enumerated by adding a new subsection to said section to be denominated as subsection 6 Barking Dogs. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Consensus of the Board was to conduct a workshop on this ordinance, state cruelty laws and review the animal limit ordinance.

11. Consider approval on first reading an Ordinance amending the FY 2015 Budget Ordinance to provide for the 2015 tax levy.

Mr. Wilson advised that the board had set the 2015 tax levy and that in order to balance the budget we need a budget ordinance amendment to appropriate \$876,815.00 from the LOST Reserve to the General Fund.

Motion/Second Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve on first reading an Ordinance amending the FY 2015 Budget Ordinance to provide for the 2015 tax levy. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Commissioner Miller requests an update regarding the 800 MHz system user agreement with the City of Griffin.

Mr. Wilson advised that at the July 21st, Extraordinary Session of the Board of Commissioners he presented an update to the Board of Commissioners. On April 7th this matter was tabled indefinitely, motion carried 3-2. During the budget review process we talked about going back to the city and telling them that we would not accept their proposal that was made in April and we would work toward coming up with a new proposal.

Mr. Wilson further advised that since that time the City of Griffin has discontinued their use of the 800 MHz Open Sky Data System. In July, 2014 the

Griffin Police Department adopted the usage of air cards for their digital data and have moved away from the analog system provided by the county. Mr. Wilson stated that he had asked Mike Windham to update the usage numbers for us on the number of units that were turned in mid-July or late August. That will effect any charges that we have for the City.

Mr. Wilson stated that there are currently 72 units in use by the Sheriff's Department that uses the Open Sky Data Technology. Mr. Wilson further advised that he has an appointment with Kenny Smith on Wednesday, October 8, to discuss the matter. Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Windham is updating the numbers and there should be something to report in the near future.

Mr. Wilson stated that based on the discussion in July a new proposal will be drafted to include the 5 tower sites and utilizing the push to talk option that has no bearing on data.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that we look at the proposal that the City of Griffin offered and come up with something that will work for both the City and the County. She stated that she felt the board should come up with a negotiation package that could be submitted to the city.

Consensus of the board is for Mr. Wilson to poll the commissioners and arrange a workshop to include the four options that Spalding County presented to the city and the option that the City of Griffin returned to Spalding County for consideration. This workshop will be for 800 MHz only.

13. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor would like to discuss building maintenance requests by the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) at the 411 East Solomon Street location.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she had received correspondence from a member of the DFCS board and from Ms. Barkley, who is the manager at DFCS. According to the correspondence, there have been repairs that were requested back in 2007 that have not been completed.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she went to the DFCS offices and the carpet is worn and has tape covering places in the carpet. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that Terry Tardy is getting quotes on replacing the carpet, but she is wondering if carpet is the best option for the facility. She asked if some other type of floor covering might be a better option in that carpet isn't a good option when there is high traffic on the flooring.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that the building does belong to the County and we need to be good landlords to our tenants and the items that were noted in the correspondence are valid items that need to be addressed.

Mr. Wilson stated that all of the concerns expressed in the correspondence had been addressed with the exception of painting the walls and replacing the carpet.

He advised that the repainting, materials alone is between \$9,400 and \$10,000 for the building. Mr. Wilson also stated that the carpet had been replaced about ten years ago, and the carpet estimate that has been received is for \$54,500.00 that is installed, but the county would be responsible for moving all of the furniture in and out for installation.

Mr. Wilson advised that the bathrooms and the entrance area are already tiled, those areas were tiled a few years back. The current request is to replace the carpet in the hallways and in the offices. Mr. Wilson stated that at the current time many of the offices in the building are not being utilized.

Mr. Wilson stated that in FY2013 we spent \$35,900 on maintenance for that building and in FY2014 we budgeted \$30,000 and we have already spent a little over \$11,000 and we still have to purchase 4 more HVAC units that have to be replaced because heat exchangers are bad on the current units and that funding will have to come out of this year's budget. The bulk of the maintenance budget for the past two years has gone to replace HVAC units for the building, we have replaced 16 units to date.

Mr. Wilson asked Commissioner Flowers-Taylor if she would join him and Terry Tardy in touring the building now that some of the renovations have been made so that everyone will be on the same page.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated she would join Mr. Wilson and Mr. Tardy and tour the facility.

14. Consider approval of the spring 2015 Georgia County Internship Program Grant Agreement.

Mr. Wilson stated that the board had approved for Ms. Garrison to apply to the ACCG for a spring intern position. The grant has been approved by the ACCG and this is the paperwork that has to be completed for that grant. This will be for the spring semester and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the spring 2015 Georgia County Internship Program Grant Agreement. Motion carried unanimously by all.

15. Consider approval of the BB&T Positive Pay Services designed to eliminate check fraud on County accounts.

Mr. Wilson advised that the county has recently had a check fraud issue, this incident has been reported to the Sheriff's Department and their investigators are looking into the matter. In order to prevent this, there are several services offered by BB&T. The service that staff is recommending is the Positive Pay service. Currently, BB&T is not paying interest on our account, therefore, the interests is not off-setting the cost of the account, so we will be bidding out these services in the near future. For the short term it is requested that the board approve Positive Pay to protect the Spalding County accounts.

Commissioner Ray stated that the cost of the service is \$50.00 per month plus \$0.08 per check for the 600-800 checks issued per month which would be under \$150.00 per month.

Mr. Wilson stated that the amount of the expenditure was well within the authority that he can approve, but he wanted to make sure the board was aware that the county had been a victim of check fraud and we are taking the appropriate steps to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Motion/Second Miller/Ray to approve the BB&T Positive Pay Services designed to eliminate check fraud on County accounts. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Spalding County blood drive on September 11 had 54 donors.
- As part of the upcoming "Make A Difference Day" and the City of Griffin Community Involvement Day, in collaboration with Master Gardner's and the Flint River Iris Society, a request has been made to design and plant a small iris bed at the entrance to the Senior Center along Memorial Drive. Volunteers will prep and plant the irises on October 25th, any expenditures will be covered by Master Gardner funds.
- Early Voting
 - ✓ Today was the last day to register to vote.
 - ✓ Early voting begins October 13 and continues through October 31, it will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday voting will be October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - ✓ All early voting will be held at 825 Memorial Drive.
- Cynthia Barton the City/County Archivist will be presenting "**Oak Hill Cemetery: Deciphering the Stones-Symbols and Grave Markings**" in the meeting room at the Griffin Spalding County Library on Thursday, October 23rd, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- The Spalding County Point of Distribution Exercise (Drive-thru Flu Shots) exercise administered 1250 flu shots over the 3 day period.
- Three Rivers Regional Council will prepare a presentation on the 5311 Program that outlines both the Federal and State regulations/requirements for the program. This presentation will start with the original 5311 program from the 1990's and how the program is being utilized today. They have requested a time when they can present this information to the Board of Commissioners.

- The Spalding County Board of Commissioners public zoning hearing on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The items that were tabled at the last meeting will be the only items for consideration at this meeting.
- Economic Outlook 2015 – Business Day @ UGA Griffin – October 2, 2014. Commissioner Johnson was part of the panel who talked about entrepreneurship in small business.

The Outlook for 2015 is for a 2% growth in calendar year 2015 for the state of Georgia which is a little behind the growth projection for the U.S. of 2.8%. The good news is they also projected a 3% growth for Spalding County.

- Smithsonian Sport Exhibit – the board approved applying for this exhibit in conjunction with the Sports Hall of Fame and the Chamber of Commerce. That application has been submitted and we should know something later this year.
- Warden Sikes has advised that he will be retiring at the end of the year. We have updated the job description and we will be accepting applications for the position of warden. Hope to have someone here by the end of the year. This candidate has to be approved by the Department of Corrections. Warden Sikes has been with us seven years, he has done a great job and we really appreciate Warden Sikes.
- Spalding County appeared in the ACCG Georgia County Government Magazine – Changing Forms of County Government – New Tools Bring New Savings highlighted the Facility Dude’s Utility Track system. This tool allows the County to better monitor all utility usage and billing, including electricity, natural gas, water, cable TV, or any other consumable.
- Airport was approved by FAA last week.
- SPLOST committee is up and running.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Miller asked where a map is located that shows the 700+ acres that will be taken by the airport.

Mr. Wilson stated that the map is in the administrative offices of the Annex Building. He advised that he would check with the Airport Authority to make sure that it does show the entire 700+ acres.

Commissioner Miller stated that the residents are still having a problem with people going onto the reservoir property. The city has not put the posts back up at the entrance off Vaughn School Road.

Commissioner Miller stated that Bill Young had told him that the county receives \$0.135 off every gallon of gas sold in Spalding County.

Mr. Wilson stated that to his knowledge the county does not receive any tax directly, we do benefit through LMIG funds that comes from GDOT, but he would check into the matter.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked for an update on where we are with the North Hill Street LCI roadwork. She also stated that she would like to address a concern that was shared with her that one of the animal control officers advised that it would be legal for the owner of the dogs, that were discussed earlier in the meeting on Gainer Road, to kill the dogs. She stated that that she felt that was inappropriate and she wants to make sure that no one from Animal Control is suggesting that to anyone.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she is concerned that the County has noise ordinances, but no definitive manner in which to enforce the ordinance. She stated that we really need to look at the cost of equipment and training that would be required to effectively enforce these ordinances. We need something that would be objective and definitive, something more concrete than saying what a reasonable person would deem an offense.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like for the county to look at the State Animal Cruelty laws are and how they can be incorporated into our ordinance.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked for an update on removing the gas chamber at the Animal Shelter.

Mr. Wilson advised that he has sent the request to Construction Maintenance and Mr. Tardy will be removing the unit as soon as he can work it into the schedule.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked for an update on the North Hill Street intersection.

Mr. Wilson stated that we should have a preliminary design on the roundabout at the flats by the end of this week. What the board authorized was the design of the roundabout at the flats and a T-intersection at East McIntosh and Hill Street. There is nothing final on these projects at this time, the last email stated the design for the roundabout at the flats would be finished by the end of this week.

Vice Chairman Ray stated that we have identified tonight that we need to have an Animal Control workshop to discuss noise, animal cruelty and the number of animals to be house on a piece of property. Also a workshop for the 800 MHz so that we can move forward without retracing any steps.

Commissioner Ray stated that the Fire and Parks and Recreation Departments did a great job on the United Way cardboard boat race at Dundee Park.

Commissioner Ray advised that we have the Kiwanis Griffin-Spalding County fair this week and encouraged everyone to go out and enjoy the fair and the food. He advised that the fair is the Kiwanis' way of making money to facilitate their contribution to our community.

Commissioner Ray wanted to take a moment to say farewell to Dr. Arkin of the UGA Griffin campus, he is retiring after 27 years. Last week they had a retirement ceremony for him at UGA. It was enlightening to find out the impact that one individual could have on the UGA Griffin program and the Griffin-Spalding community.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor added that she is excited about the intergovernmental retreat with the School Board and the City of Griffin later this week. She is hoping that the meeting will spur a project that will make the community better.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***