

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, February 16, 2015
6:00 PM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, February 16, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Raymond Ray, Bart Miller and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson Jr., County Attorney, Janice Wallace for Jim Fortune, and Planning Technician Cindy McDaniel to record the minutes.

I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** led by Chairperson Rita Johnson.

II. **INVOCATION** led by Commissioner Don Hawbaker.

III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.

IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Consider a Proclamation celebrating Ms. Evelyn Lee's 100th birthday.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray approving a Proclamation celebrating Ms. Evelyn Lee's 100th birthday. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider a joint proclamation with the City of Griffin to declare February 16th – 20th as Small Business Week in Spalding County.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller approving a joint proclamation with the City of Griffin to declare February 16th – 20th as Small Business Week in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. **PRESENTATION 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.

Shawn Southerland, 85 Gainer Road, Griffin, GA. Mr. Southerland spoke of several code issues on property located at 75 Gainer Road.

Pamela Daniell, 235 Sibley Street, Griffin, GA. Ms. Daniell spoke about dog issues in the County and City.

VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the February 2, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the Minutes for the February 2, 2015 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 Nadine Graham, Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer observance for Spalding County, to utilize the Spalding County Courthouse Veranda on May 1, 2015 at 12:00 noon for this observance.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller approving request from Nadine Graham, Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer observance for Spalding County, to utilize the Spalding County Courthouse Veranda on May 1, 2015 at 12:00 noon for this observance. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval of contract with RS&H for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Spalding County and the cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunnyside.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker approving contract with RS&H for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Spalding County and the cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunnyside. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of contract with Griffin-Spalding School System for conducting municipal elections.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor approving contract with Griffin-Spalding School System for conduction of municipal elections. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of the lease agreement from the Department of Human Resources – Department of Family and Children Services for their offices at 411 East Solomon Street, Griffin, GA 30223.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller approving the lease agreement from the Department of Human Resources – Department of Family and Children Services for their offices at 411 East Solomon Street, Griffin, GA 30223 for the next five (5) years. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider authorizing the County Attorney to work with our local legislative delegation to introduce local legislation to increase the Spalding County Hotel/Motel tax to 8%.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller authorizing the County Attorney to work with our local legislative delegation to introduce local legislation to increase the Spalding County Hotel/Motel tax to 8% contingent upon City's increase to 8% as well. Motion carried 4-1 (Ray).

6. Consider cancellation of the April 20, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to table considering cancellation of the April 20, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting until March 3rd meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Mr. Wilson advised that Kathy Gibson was in Athens attending Clerk's Training. Thanks to Cindy McDaniel for covering this morning's workshop and tonight's meeting.
- Mr. Wilson advised that our new Chief Tax Appraiser, Donald Long, was in attendance tonight.
- Mr. Wilson advised that our new Assistant County Manager, Eric Moseley, will start to work on Monday, February 23rd.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hawbaker

- Commissioner Hawbaker advised he continues to be annoyed by HB170. If gas taxes are raised in Georgia, it is not being done willingly by this Board.
- Commissioner Hawbaker reminded the Board that today is President's Day as observed in other States and by the Federal Government, but technically it is not

observed in the State of Georgia. He further stated that Presidents Day is actually observed on December 24th in the State of Georgia that is actually why State Offices are closed on December 24th.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor

- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked who decides in Georgia, or is it a state law, that President's Day is celebrated the day before Christmas.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor applauded the new editor at the GDN's on a job well done. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated she liked the pictures and the articles that are being published.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor advised Ms. Daniell when contacting the County on a matter to please get the county employee's name and contact information. The behavior of the employee Ms. Daniell talked with is unacceptable for the County.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor advised Mr. Southerland that a workshop is being scheduled on the Substandard Housing Ordinance and will be addressing infractions he addressed earlier. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor invited Mr. Southerland to attend this workshop. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if the County could impose an additional fine in addition to the fine paid when an issue goes to court.

Commissioner Ray

- Commissioner Ray advised he has spoken with Sheriff Beam and County Manager Wilson about scheduling a workshop to have someone from the Sheriff's Department to come and speak with the Board about gang information in the County as well as the City.
- Commissioner Ray asked if anyone had reviewed the handout Terry Collings had distributed regarding required ethics filings. He recommended everyone visit the website and advised it is very user friendly.

Commissioner Miller

- Commissioner Miller asked County Manager Wilson is there was anything that could be done to have the trash picked up on Highway 16 West. Commissioner Miller stated the state advised him they had no one to pick up the trash.

County Manager Wilson advised he had spoken with Warden Humphrey about the trash problem and Warden Humphrey is working on a special detail to pick up trash on state routes. County Manager Wilson advised trash is bad on all state route right-of-ways.

- Commissioner Miller stated he has visited the location on Gainer Road and has seen the problem with the dogs and other issues on this property.

- Commissioner Miller advised County Manager Wilson that ACCG is not doing their job. Commissioner Miller advised he had taken an on-line course in November and ACCG cannot find his information. If ACCG does not get this straightened out, Commissioner Miller recommends Spalding County not spend any more money with them.

Chairman Johnson

- Chairman Johnson stated she had attended the GRPA lunch with Parks and Recreation. There were over 80 Parks and Recreation attendees from all over the State of Georgia here to attend class at UGA.
- Chairman Johnson extended her congratulations on the issuance of the proclamation to declare February 16th – 20th as Small Business Week.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to adjourn. Motion carried unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.***