

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2015
6:00 PM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, February 2, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., County Attorney, Jim Fortune, Administrative Services Director, Jinna Garrison, Superintendent of Parks, T.J. Imberger, Superintendent of Recreation, Kelly Leger and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** by Chairman Rita Johnson.
- II. **INVOCATION** led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Commissioner Bart Miller.

William Wilson, County Manager, then introduced Mr. Don Long who is the new Chief Appraiser. Mr. Wilson stated that he comes to Spalding County from Thomas County where he held the office of Chief Appraiser for 7 1/2 years.

Commissioner Ray requested that the Agenda be amended to include an Item #17 under New Business to consider acceptance of deed from the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for partial right-of-way of "The Lakes Parkway" to allow for construction of a natural gas main line to serve Otsuka Chemical Company, Ltd.

Motion/second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to amend the agenda to include an Item #17. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IV. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Consider approval of a Proclamation celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of Kiwanis International and proclaiming Wednesday, January 21, 2015 as Kiwanis International Day in Spalding County.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor approving a Proclamation celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of Kiwanis International and proclaiming January 21, 2015 as Kiwanis International Day in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Miller Edwards IV of Mauldin & Jenkins LLC to present the June 30, 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Miller Edwards of Mauldin & Jenkins then reviewed the findings of the June 30, 2014 Audit of the Spalding County financials. Mr. Edwards stated that not every government in the State does a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). He further stated that Spalding County goes above and beyond what is required when preparing their financials.

Mr. Edwards advised that the County has received a clean audit opinion, or an unmodified audit opinion which means that the auditors believe the financials do represent the results of operation and the financial position of the County and its' component units fairly.

Mr. Edwards advised that the County needs to start looking at slowing increasing the fund balance. Currently the fund balance is at approximately 20-25 days that amount needs, on a minimum, to be at three to four months. If the county wants to continue to be proactive, attracting businesses and attracting people to move to this county, that fund balance is going to have to move back up. Mr. Edwards then suggested that the county should look at a five year plan for increasing the fund balance to at least two months and if possible more.

Mr. Edwards stated that in the compliance reports it should be noted that the audit had no findings this means that the audit revealed no material weaknesses, nor significant deficiencies. There were two findings last year and those two matters have been addressed and properly resolved. He was happy to say there is nothing to write the County up about regarding better controls or a need for following the rules and regulations as established.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consider approval of financial statements for the five months ended November 30, 2014 and the six months ended December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the financial statements for the five months ended November 30, 2014 and the six months ended December 31, 2014. Vote 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.

Spoke in favor of Georgia Elite:

Michael Bowman, 834 Pamela Drive, Griffin, GA
Tyrone Williams, 712 Euel Drive, McDonough, GA
Kennerd Turner, 466 Buckboard Lane, Griffin, GA
Cedric Moses, 1900 North Hill Street, Griffin, GA

Spoke in favor of South Atlanta Youth Association:

Donald Driver, 534 Moore Street, Griffin, GA
Norma Cline, 411 Harkness Road, Jackson, GA

Ms. Jewel Walker-Harps, 103 McEthel Drive, Griffin, GA. Ms. Walker-Harps stated that she is President of the Griffin Branch of the NAACP. Ms. Harps stated that she is concerned at the direction the County appears to be going in supplying sewer service to the north side of town. Ms. Walker-Harps stated that this issue has been going on for at least 30 years. She stated that there has been numerous meetings with the City and the County on this matter and that in the 2008 SPLOST they felt that they were on their way to receiving affordable sewer service on the north side of town and now it appears we are going to go back to square one. She further stated "We expect you to fix this matter."

VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the January 5, 2015 Regular Meeting, the January 5, 2015 Executive Session, the January 16, 2015 Work Session, the January 22, 2015 Public Zoning Hearing and the January 24, 2015 Commissioner's Planning Retreat.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the Minutes for the January 5, 2015 Regular Meeting, the January 5, 2015 Executive Session, the January 16, 2015 Work Session, the January 22, 2015 Public Zoning Hearing and the January 24, 2015 Commissioner's Planning Retreat. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider on second reading approval of an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2015 budget ordinance to provide for donations for construction of a disk golf course at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Fortune advised that both of the items on the Consent Agenda be considered at the same time if no one had an objection. The Board agreed to address both items on the Consent Agenda at the same time.

2. Consider approval on second reading: Application #14-06Z: Mabbett Family Limited Partnership, Owners - 300 Airport Road (0.14 acre located in Land Lot 116 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a rezoning from R-1, Single Family Residential Low Density, to C-1 Highway Commercial.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Lift from the table consideration of an appointment to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council to replace Jeff Head whose term expired on June 30, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to lift from the table consideration of an appointment of an appointment to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council to replace Jeff Head whose term expired on June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider appointment to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. To succeed Jeff Head for a two year term ending June 30, 2016.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that John Hamilton, of the City of Griffin Fire and Rescue has expressed his desire to serve on this Council as the City of Griffin's representative.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to appoint John Hamilton to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a term of 2 years to expire on June 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision - Pod 29B.

Mr. Wilson advised that Pod 29B has been reviewed by the Community Development Department and by the Public Works Department all departments have recommended the acceptance of the final plat.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision, Pod 29B. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider acceptance of the Right-of-Way Deeds for roads in Pod 29B (Sun City Peachtree Subdivision).

Mr. Wilson stated this is for the streets within Pod 29B, have been reviewed by all departments and recommendation is to accept the deed.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to accept the Right-of-way

Deed the roads in Pod 29B (Sun City Peachtree Subdivision). Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Set a date for a Public Hearing to establish as street lighting districts for Sun City Peachtree - Pods 29B and 31C.

Mr. Wilson advised that staff is recommending February 16, the next meeting as the date to hold the Public Hearing on street lighting districts for Sun City Peachtree – Pods 29B and 31C.

Consensus of the Board was to hold the Public Hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners which will be Monday, February 16, 2015.

4. Consider recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to transfer the youth football program to the South Atlanta Youth Association.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to have the South Atlanta Youth Association to continue to shadow the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Department for another year and at the end of the year an RFP would be issued in order to determine who will be awarded the program.

Commissioner Hawbaker expressed his concern regarding questions in the budgeting for the football program by South Atlanta Youth Association. He stated that he would support the motion as stated and would like to see an RFP issued for these services at the end of the year.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor also stated that she has some concerns with regard to the differences in budgeted items reflected by the South Atlanta Youth Association and the actual costs that the Spalding County Recreation Department has presented to the group for the program. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor also stated that she would like to see a contract developed between Parks and Rec and the South Atlanta Youth Association that would allow the Association to fund raise for the upcoming season, but also provide for the Parks and Recreation Department to guide SAYA as they move forward through the season. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then rescinded her second to the motion as she stated she did not agree with the issue of an RFP at the end of the year.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to have the South Atlanta Youth Association to continue to shadow the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Department for another year and at the end of the year an RFP would be issued in order to determine who will be awarded the program. Motion failed by a 2/3 vote (Flowers-Taylor/Miller/Johnson).

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to table a decision pending a hybrid agreement between South Atlanta Youth

Association and Spalding County Parks and Recreation can be drawn and presented to the Board for consideration at the March 2nd, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for the Parks & Recreation Department to partner with the AMBUCS Club to host a Kickball League.

Mr. Wilson advised that kickball would be an additional service that the County would provide, so he has asked Parks & Recreation to advise how the program would be administered in association with Ambucs.

Kelly Leger advised that the program would be open to individuals over sixteen years of age. The program would be operated by the Parks and Recreation Department, the leagues could be Church, leagues could be open, they could be family, business and will be co-ed. They have had a number of people contact their office requesting that this service be added. She further stated that they have looked at other communities that offer kickball and it is extremely successful and very popular. Ms. Leger advised that the communities that offer this program are seeing their parks open on Sunday evenings, filled with families, fellowship and having a lot of fun.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for the Parks & Recreation Department to partner with the AMBUCS Club to host a Kickball League for 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of Portable Restroom Trailer Use Policy as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

Mr. Wilson advised that as discussed during the work session this morning the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission and Main Street recommended the policy. He also advised that there is a memo provided to the Commissioners from T.J. Imberger requesting that Southern Crescent Technical College and the Industrial Development Authority be added to the approved agency list.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concern over the amount that is being charged for park rental, combined with an added cost for the portable restrooms making the Park @ 6th cost prohibitive for most individuals. She also expressed her concerns over the number of agencies who can utilize the Park @ 6th at no cost.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve a Portable Restroom Trailer Use Policy as recommended by the Spalding County Parks and Recreation and include the addition of Southern Crescent Technical College and the Industrial Development authority as

additions to the agency list. Motion carried 3-2 (Miller/Flowers-Taylor).

7. Consider request of the Chamber of Commerce for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Annual Business at the Tee fundraising Golf Tournament to be held on April 13, 2015 at Sun City Peachtree.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is an annual event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Annual Business at the Tee fundraising Golf Tournament to be held on April 13, 2015 at Sun City Peachtree. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider request from the Honor Our KIA Committee for use of the Park @ 6th for a US Flag display from May 17-26, 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the request of the Honor Our KIA Committee for use of the Park @ 6th for a US Flag display from May 17-26, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider appointment to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority.
 - (a) Post 1 to succeed Commissioner Raymond Ray for a term to coincide with their elective office.

Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to reappoint Raymond Ray to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority Post 1 for a term to coincide with his elective office (December 31, 2018).

10. Consider appointments appointment of a Commissioner to the CERT Administrative Council to succeed Commissioner Samuel C Gardner.

Chairman Johnson appointed Commissioner Bart Miller to the CERT Administrative Council.

11. Consider appointment to the Board of Elections to succeed William S. "Billy" McDaniel for a term to end December 31, 2018.

Mr. Wilson advised that the law that created the Board of Elections states that if certain events do not happen by certain days with representatives from both the Democratic and Republican Parties, then the Board of Commissioners has the authority to appoint a member to the Board of Elections.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to appoint Tammy Daniels to the Spalding County Board of Elections to succeed William S. "Billy" McDaniel for a term to end December 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Consider approval of the ZSI/Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. Probation Services Agreement for the Superior Court of Spalding County.

Mr. Fortune advised that this company has been used for some time by the Superior Court of Spalding County. He stated that both he and Judge Edwards had reviewed the contract and they have no problem with the Board approving this contract.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the ZSI/Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. Probation Services Agreement for the Superior Court of Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

13. Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Griffin, Griffin- Spalding Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Georgia to establish a Spalding County Archways Partnership.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve the to Memorandum of Understanding between Spalding County, the City of Griffin, Griffin- Spalding Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Georgia to establish a Spalding County Archways Partnership. Motion carried unanimously by all.

14. Consider approval of resolution authorizing the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority Bond issuance and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement among the County, City and Airport Authority.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve a resolution authorizing the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority Bond issuance and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement among the County, City and Airport Authority. Motion carried unanimously by all.

15. Consider resolution approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Contract with the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority relating to the issuance of 2015 bonds to refund a portion of the 2008 bond issue.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the execution of an Intergovernmental Contract with the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority relating to the issuance of 2015 bonds to refund a portion of the 2008 bond issue. Motion carried unanimously by all.

16. Consider adoption of Resolution establishing a policy for the use of Spalding County Board of Commissioners Official Letterhead Stationary.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to adopt a Resolution establishing a policy for the use of Spalding County Board of Commissioners Official Letterhead Stationary. Motion carried unanimously by all.

17. Consider acceptance of deed from the Griffin-Spalding Development authority for partial right-of-way of “The Lakes Parkway” to allow for construction of a natural gas main line to service Otsuka Chemical Company, Ltd.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to acceptance of deed from the Griffin-Spalding Development authority for partial right-of-way of “The Lakes Parkway” to allow for construction of a natural gas main line to service Otsuka Chemical Company, Ltd. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER – None.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hawbaker –

- Commission Hawbaker expressed his concern over House Bill 170 that was introduced to the legislature on Thursday of last week. He stated that this bill involves the General Assembly wanting to raise a billion to a billion and a half in funding for roads by taking the money from local government sales tax. This Bill, if approved would increase State funding and force local governments to increase taxes to make up the difference.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor

- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she felt that the retreat was very productive and she feels that we are setting a pace for addressing the problems currently facing Spalding County.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor also expressed her concern with regard to HB170. She further stated that unfortunately this bill pits the legislature against us.

Commissioner Ray

- Commissioner Ray wanted to thank the Elected Officials, this Board, the Department Heads and our employees and Administrative Staff for watching the bottom line and saving money this past year.
- Commissioner Ray wanted to express what an awesome job was done on the last News & Views newsletter.

- Commissioner Ray then commented that HB170 is bad legislation. He asked that Mr. Wilson and Ms. Garrison draw up the impact that this would have on Spalding County, so that the impact could be included in the correspondence sent by the County to our local legislative delegation.

Commissioner Miller

- Commissioner Miller stated that he would also like to see the effect that the elimination of the birthday tax has had on the county's bottom line.
- Commissioner Miller advised that on West Ellis Road there is a dip in the road going west at the bridge that needs to be looked at as soon as possible.

Chairman Johnson

- Chairman Johnson stated that she though the retreat was awesome and she wanted to thank Gordon Maner for facilitating that meeting. She stated that she felt that the Board had accomplished a lot at that meeting.
- Chairman Johnson also stated that she is excited about the Archway Partnership and is looking forward to the implementation and seeing the result of this program.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimous.