

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Work Session
Monday, February 2, 2015
9:00 A.M.
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, February 2, 2015, beginning at 9:10 a.m. with Vice Chairman Bart Miller, Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald F. Hawbaker present. Chairman Rita Johnson joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr, Administrative Services Director, Jinna Garrison, Community Development Director, Chad Jacobs, Parks Superintendent, T.J. Imberger, Recreation Superintendent, Kelly Leger, Code Enforcement Officers, Michael Heath and Jim Green and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes. County Attorney, Jim Fortune, joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

- A. **Opening (Call to Order)** led by Vice Chairman Bart Miller.
- B. **Invocation** led by Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor.
- C. **Pledge to Flag** led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.
- D. **Agenda Items**

A request was made at the beginning of the meeting that Item #2 be discussed first since we have representatives from the Georgia State Patrol at the meeting to provide information on Federal and State regulations regarding commercial vehicles.

- 2. Discussion relative to the development of a Semi-Truck/Trailer Parking Ordinance.

Chad Jacobs, Community Services Director, stated that numerous complaints have been received from Andrews Road residents and other locations in the County regarding trucks being parked in residential and agricultural areas. Mr. Jacobs then read a section of the Spalding County Code of ordinances covering vehicles allowed in Agricultural and Residential zonings in Spalding County: Only vehicles designed and used primarily as a passenger vehicle (including pick-up trucks) shall be used in connection with home occupation businesses.

Mr. Jacobs advised that Spalding County Code Enforcement and representatives from the State of Georgia were also present to address this issue.

SFC Stephen Sample and SFC A.J. Allen with the Georgia Department of Public Safety, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, were present and reviewed both the

Code of Federal Regulations regarding Commercial and Non Commercial vehicles and the State of Georgia Regulations regarding light weight commercial vehicles.

Michael Heath, Spalding County Code Enforcement, then provided Mr. Jacobs with a copy of Spalding County Ordinance Section 6-2004 (a) that states: All trucks or delivery vehicles having more than six (6) wheels, including the load thereon, or having an over-all length in excess of thirty(30) feet, except vehicles designed to carry passengers, are prohibited from using or parking on any street or road within the unincorporated county, which is so posted, or on any residential street in the county road system, except those authorize and designated as truck routes by ordinance.

After much discussion, the Board then instructed Mr. Jacobs to take section 6-2004(a) as a base and build an ordinance that would meet the needs of the citizens of Spalding County and once the ordinance is drafted the Board would meet and invite the public to comment on the proposed ordinance. Comm. Flowers-Taylor stated that we need to get the trucking community involved and start a dialog on how to address this problem.

Commissioner Ray asked that Mr. Jacobs also contact the City of Griffin while researching and constructing the ordinance for the County to see how they address the issue.

Mr. Jacobs advised that he would “put together a draft” and present it to both Mr. Fortune and Mr. Wilson for consideration.

***Commissioner Johnson recessed the meeting for a break at 10:15 a.m.
Commissioner Johnson reconvened at 10:23 a.m.***

1. Discussion of the creation of a Capital Improvement Program for Spalding County and review of Capital Improvement Programs (CIP's) utilized by other governments.

Mr. Wilson stated that we currently do not do a formal CIP; however, Spalding County does have a type of CIP in that vehicles and major equipment required by the county departments are financed through lease purchase programs. Mr. Wilson advised that this is something that Commissioner Ray has talked with him about since he came on board as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Ray stated that the purpose of a CIP would be to serve as a guideline for planning for major expenditures over the next fifteen (15) years. He further stated that we should start small, naming just a few items initially and allow the CIP to grow from there. He further stated that it is important for the Board to project what they would like for Spalding County to be in the next fifteen years and plan toward that goal.

The Board then identified two areas in which to work for establishing a CIP:

- IT Infrastructure
- Transportation

The Board asked Ms. Garrison and Mr. Wilson to research and put together a proposed CIP for the items identified above for FY2016.

A. Adjournment

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.