

**After  
Agenda**

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Public Hearing  
Monday, April 11, 2015  
10:00 AM  
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing in Room 108 of the Spalding County Courthouse Annex, Saturday, April 11, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.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., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

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

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.

**B. Order of Business**

1. Receive comments on refuse collection and disposal alternatives.

**Spoke Against Closing the Recycle Centers**

David Greenberg, 167 McDonough Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

David Hudson, 90 Greenleaf Circle, Hampton (Spalding Co.)(*Option 2 or 3*)

Stanley Washington, 709 E. McIntosh Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

Renee Futral, 4953 Jackson Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

Joe Bailey, 4079-H Newnan Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

Jack Tarpley, 101 Clifford Circle, Griffin (*Option 3*)

Jane Bailey, 4079-H Newnan Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

James Brooks, 1218 Rehoboth Church Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

John Henley, 54 Henley Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

Jim Eidson, 127 Maplewood Drive, Griffin (*Option 3*)

Otis Holcomb, 112 Pinedale Circle, Griffin (*Option 3*)

R.P. "Bobby" Shepard III, 2251 Jackson Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

Sunny Glass, 571 Swint Road (*Option 2 or 3*)

Thomas Martin, 312 Stonewood (*Option 2 on a per use basis or 3*)

Marsha Shockley 505 Gibson Street (*Option 3*)

Bill Bryant, 282 N. Rover Road (*Option 3 in favor of user fee, concerned about other counties utilizing the centers.*)

Debbie Daniel-Bryant, 282 N. Rover Road (*Option 3 with a user fee and enforcement of only Spalding County Residents using the centers.*)

Walter Futral, 4953 Jackson Road (*Option 3*)

Betty Brown, 128 Magnolia Drive (*Option 3, but would like trash pick-up*)

Diane Brackett, 106 Princess Circle (*Option 3, find a way to limit usage to county residents only.*)

Jason Lovett, 102 Fox Road (*In favor of closing the centers and going to Free Market for Solid Waste Residential Collection. This allows numerous companies to come in and fill the void at a more competitive rate.*)

Marie Johnson, 600 Hamil Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

Ed Johnson, 600 Hamil Road, Griffin (*Option 3*)

Bobby Peurfoy, 917 South McDonough Road (*Option 3*)

Barbara Peurfoy, 917 South McDonough Road (*Option 3*)

Barbara Morales, 2079 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Extension (*Option 2 or 3*)

Patsy Pledger, 122 Deerwood Circle (*Option 3*)

***Commissioner Johnson requested a 10 minute recess at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Johnson reconvened the Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m.***

2. Receive comments on proposed 2015 SPLOST.

#### **Spoke against the 2015 SPLOST**

Marvin Tackett, 159 Creekwood Drive (*Make sure that we are funding essential items, not unnecessary amenities.*)

Stanley Washington, 709 E. McIntosh Road (*When we look at past SPLOSTS you can't see what has been accomplished, so why would we vote another one in. We don't see our taxes going down, what happens on these projects once the SPLOST funds run out. Need to inform the taxpayers to get support for another SPLOST.*)

Jason Lovett, 102 Fox Road

#### **Spoke in favor of the 2015 SPLOST**

Michelle Knight, 1111 Skyline Drive, (*We need to invest in the youth of this County. We have got to do something to keep them safe and keep them involved. Soccer Lights, the 911 System Update, Roads at the top of the list, Splash pads that could be revenue generating. We need to do a better job by explaining to the tax payers how SPLOST works, what is legal what can be done and what is in the SPLOST and what we will be doing.*)

Thomas Martin, 312 Stonewood (*Ok with SPLOST projects if it's not going to cost more to maintain projects after the funding ends.*)

Peter Phelps, 804 Dusky Sap Court (*Gave a short presentation for a possible SPLOST Project: Pickleball Facility in Spalding County.*)

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked to address some of the concerns voiced at today's meeting:

- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that Mr. Futral made the statement that the millage rate is at 38%. She stated that the actual millage rate for the County is 16% the remaining mileage rate on property tax comes from the School Board which is 19%. She stated that the tax bill does come from Spalding County but our millage rate is 16% on 40% of the assessed value of the property.
- One gentleman made a comment about be fee being a tax. A fee is not a tax, a fee is just that a fee.
- This matter came about as the Board was looking at items as part of the budgeting process that we are required to fund. She stated that she does get the sense that the Recycle Centers are very important to the citizens and she hopes that there is a way that we can look at this and address the wants of the residents of the County.

She further stated that we need to find a way to insure that only County residents are utilizing the collection centers.

- Asked that Mr. Wilson research the \$.05 Alcohol Tax mentioned at the meeting for dumpsters and that he research the Fire District tax and if it was supposed to pay for the compactor sites.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that someone mentioned the SPLOST adding to property tax. She further stated that the SPLOST is the most fair tax that a community can have, if you don't own a single piece of property in the County, but you buy clothes, you buy food, you buy gas or you utilizes services in the County you pay the SPLOST. That is how the SPLOST is collected. So you can live in a rental apartment or you can live in a government apartment and you purchase anything in the County you are going to pay for the SPLOST. It is not a property tax item.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that she agreed with the gentleman regarding any property that we have that we can sell that we should to that so that it can go back onto the tax rolls.

### **C. Adjournment**

***Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to adjourn the Public Hearing at 11:25 a.m. Vote: 5-0***