

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Special Called Meeting
Monday May 18, 2015
4:00 PM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting in Room 108 of the Spalding County Courthouse Annex, Monday, May 18, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with Chairman Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Raymond Ray and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Commissioner Flowers Taylor was absent. Also present for Spalding County were County Manager, William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant County manager, Eric Mosley, County Attorney, Jim Fortune and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

Present for the City of Griffin were: Chairman Doug Hollberg, Commissioners Joanne Todd, Dick Morrow, Ryan McLemore and Cynthia Reid-Ward. Also present for the City of Griffin were City Manager, Kenny Smith, City Attorney, Andrew Whalen, and Teresa Watson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes. ‘

Present for the City of Orchard Hill were Chairman James Morgan and Robert Morgan.

Present for the City of Sunny Side were Chairman Bill Slaughter and Commissioner Jerry Miller.

A. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairperson Rita Johnson for Spalding County.

OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairman Doug Hollberg for City of Griffin

OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairman James Morgan for City of Orchard Hill.

OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairman Bill Slaughter of the City of Sunny Side.

B. INVOCATION led by Commissioner Don Hawbaker.

C. PLEDGE TO FLAG led by Commissioner Bart Miller.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Discuss with the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side, projects for inclusion on the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) referendum to be held November 3, 2015.**

Mr. Wilson stated that after discussions with numerous sources including ACCG, Bond Counsel and our Underwriter and we believe that HB170 will not have a big effect on our SPLOST collections. He stated that we are estimating \$50.4 million for an intergovernmental agreement, 6 year SPLOST and look forward to working with all of the entities present toward a 2015 SPLOST.

Mr. Wilson then reviewed the 2015 SPLOST Calendar and noted the following dates:

- No later than July 3rd Board of Commissioners to meet with governing authorities of Municipalities in the County. We are ahead of the schedule with this meeting.
- August 4th is the last day that we can adopt a resolution calling for the election. So everything will have to be finalized, all of the projects finalized, all of the debt service finalized, bond issuance and everything we are going to do by August 4th.
- August 5th we will submit the ballot question to the ballot builders.
- We will publish notices of election in September and October.
- On November 3rd we will hold the election.

Mr. Wilson then provided copies of the calendar to all representatives present. He advised that this is a schedule that was developed by Bond Counsel for the 2015 SPLOST.

He advised that a six year SPLOST will require an intergovernmental agreement between all of the entities present today. The purpose of this meeting is to hear what each entity would like to have considered for a SPLOST project for the 2015 SPLOST.

Chairperson Johnson then asked the City of Griffin to present their proposal for 2015 SPLOST Projects

City of Griffin Chairman, Doug Hollberg, stated that the projects for consideration are basically the same as submitted for the 2014 SPLOST. He provided copies of the project list.

Kenny Smith, City Manager advised that these figures are not final, they are very much estimates at this point. The City of Griffin is in the process of working on the numbers and will have more up-to-date figures within the next 30 days.

Chairman Hollberg then reviewed the list:

- ✓ Pay-off General Fund Debt Service on One Griffin Center, this would be a bonded project with an estimated cost of \$3,000,000
- ✓ Fire Department, replace the North Expressway Fire Station (estimate \$4,250,000) and potentially adding some equipment, like a ladder truck,

which will add approximately \$1,000,000 to that estimate. Bonded project of approximately \$5,250,000.

- ✓ Remodel and Re-purpose Historic City Hall, bonded project of approximately \$4,000,000. The City of Griffin approved a historical reuse study of the building that will provide the city with the cost to repurpose this building and hope to have their report within 30 days.
- ✓ Substandard Housing Abatement \$3,000,000, representing abatement of approximately \$500,000 per year, this is a pay as you go project to continue to tear down substandard housing in the City.
- ✓ Transportation, we need to put money back into our infrastructure this would be a pay as you go project with an estimated cost of \$8,094,000.

Total projects for the City of Griffin: \$22,344,000

Total Bonded Projects	\$11,250,000
Total Pay As You Go Projects	\$11,094,000

Mr. Wilson asked if the projected bond issue amount of \$11,250,000 included the interest as well as the principle.

Mr. Smith advised that interest is not currently calculated in the projections, but they would put it in there.

Mr. Wilson then confirmed the grand total for the City of Griffin would be \$22,344,000±.

Chairman Hollberg and Mr. Smith agreed that the amount as stated was correct plus or minus depending on the results of the study findings over the next 30 days.

Kenny Smith stated that these are the same projects as submitted in 2014. He further advised that they are still getting together numbers on the fire equipment and we are getting a more detailed number on Historic City Hall. He just wanted to make sure that the numbers presented today are not “written in stone” at this point.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked if there was a proposed use for the Historic City Hall facility once it is refurbished.

Chairman Hollburg stated there had been a lot of ideas “kicked around” but at this time they are wanting to preserve the historic structure of the building.

Chairperson Johnson then asked the City of Orchard Hill to present their proposal for projects for the 2015 SPLOST.

Chairman James Morgan stated that their list is the same as it was last year:

- ✓ Early warning storm system approximately \$20,000
- ✓ Replace drainage pipe under Johnston Road with a larger pipe approximate cost \$3,300
- ✓ Refurbish Elevated Water Tank in the City of Orchard Hill approximately \$88,000, Mr. Morgan advised that the City does not currently own the tank, but the owner has offered to sell it to the City for \$1.00 if we can get it refurbished.
- ✓ Remove trees on Johnston Road and John Jones Road and improve drainage on City Park Area \$8,000
- ✓ Move the telephone pole at the intersection of Macon Road and County Line Road. Projected cost \$5,300
- ✓ Open ditch on East Side of Macon Road and Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and the drain pipe at Macon Road and Camp Road. Open drainage ditch on Swint Road between South McDonough Road and Railroad crossing. Estimated cost \$20,900.40 plus a \$750 application fee for Norfolk Southern right-of-entry.
- ✓ Three new pavilions in park (1 small and 2 medium) add additional parking spaces on back pavilion and two new bathroom facilities \$250,000
- ✓ New utility building for storage estimated cost \$38,200
- ✓ Inter-city road improvements and equipment \$65,000.

Total cost of all projects for the City of Orchard Hill - \$500,000.

Chairman Morgan stated that approximately \$300,000 of the work on the proposed projects would be done by Spalding County Public Works or Parks and Recreation Departments.

Commissioner Morrow stated that he had heard from someone in Orchard Hill wanting to know why a red light had not been requested in the SPLOST for the intersection of County Line and Macon Road.

Mr. Robert Morgan advised that a traffic light has to be approved by the DOT and it was determined that there is not enough traffic through that intersection to justify a traffic light. We asked about putting a 4-way stop at that intersection and the DOT stated that it would make matters worse at Swint Road if we put a 4-Way stop there. He advised that they have been asking for a traffic light at that location for approximately 10 years, but they haven't been able to get one. He further stated that he feels if they can get the telephone poles moved at the intersection, it would allow a better view for the traffic at the intersection.

Commissioner Miller inquired if the Water Tank is not being utilized, why not tear it down instead of spending \$88,000 to refurbish it.

Mr. Morgan advised that currently the City doesn't own the water tank and therefore is not liable for it and they do not want to assume ownership of the tank unless they can do something to it to make it an asset to the City instead of

a detriment to the City. He further advised that they had gotten a quote to have the tower taken down and it will cost approximately \$70,000.

Chairperson Johnson then asked the City of Sunny Side to present their proposal for projects on the 2015 SPLOST.

Commissioner Jerry Miller, stated that the projects for the City of Sunny Side are exactly the same as they had requested for the 2014 SPLOST.

- ✓ Solar Powered Speed Limit Signs
SP100 Radar Speed Detectors 2 @ \$3,000 each = \$6,000
Speeding is a problem in Sunny Side due to the new Highway 20, there is significantly more traffic on Highway 3.
- ✓ Tornado Warning Sirens = \$25,200
- ✓ 3-way LED caution light head and all of the equipment to install the caution light at the intersection of Teamon Road and Old Atlanta Road
Projected cost for caution light, mounting hardware, flasher cabinet, anchors, guy wire and span wire and 2-45' poles = \$4,930
- ✓ Playground unit with concrete base and rubber protection mats – 4 swing units and overhead covers - \$45,000
- ✓ Road, street and transportation improvements = \$256,300. They are hoping to improve the roads and install sidewalks in the City of Sunny Side.
- ✓ Sanitary sewer study = \$15,000. This will provide a basis for seeking grants in the future to install sewer in the City.

Total of all projects for Sunny Side = \$347,500.

Mr. Wilson advised that the County Commissioners have not decided on their projects. The County Commissioners are going to have a special meeting for groups to submit projects and have up to 10 minutes presentation for the projects. Projects must be submitted by June 2nd at noon for presentation of projects on June 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson thanked the Cities for their submission of projects and advised that any updates, be passed along as soon as they are available. We will continue to look at collections between now and the referendum.

E. Adjournment

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by McLemore/Reid-Ward to adjourn for the City of Griffin. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Chairman Morgan adjourned for the City of Orchard Hill and Chairman Slaughter adjourned the meeting for the City of Sunny Side.