

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, June 15, 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, June 15, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chairman Bart Miller presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Chairperson Rita Johnson was absent. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., County Attorney, Jim Fortune and Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, to record the minutes.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** by Vice Chairman Bart Miller.
- II. **INVOCATION** led by Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor.
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.
- IV. **APPOINTMENTS**

- 1. Consider appointments to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that we were notified earlier this year that appointments to this committee needed to be staggered. We are recommending two appointments due to expire on June 30th, 2015. The first is for Paul Beamon who is the Director of EMS and the second is Kenny West, who is Spalding County's Fire Chief. The request is to reappoint these individuals for a two year term ending June 30, 2017.

- (a) To succeed Paul Beamon for a two year term ending June 30, 2017.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to appoint Paul Beamon to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a two year term ending June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (b) To succeed Kenny West for a two year term ending June 30, 2017.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to appoint Kenny West to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a two year term ending June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to amend the agenda to allow for a closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Fairgrounds Manager Ralph Jones to make a presentation to the Board concerning the Kiwanis Fairgrounds property.

Ralph Jones, 620 Maddox Road, Griffin, Georgia stated that he was at the meeting representing the Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis Fair Association and the citizens of Spalding County. Mr. Jones stated that every activity sponsored by the Kiwanis Club or held at the Kiwanis Fair Grounds benefits the citizens of Spalding County. He advised the Kiwanis Club currently has a 20 year lease on the property that the building sits on; however, this does not include the parking lot and that the Kiwanis Fair Association only rents the fairgrounds during the nine days of the fair. There is no assurance that the next owner of the property will rent the parking lot or fair grounds to the association or at what price.

Mr. Jones stated that at the time the current lease was negotiated, the Airport Authority was advised by the FAA to charge the Kiwanis Club the same amount as they would charge for a hanger occupying the piece of property. Ten years ago, when this lease was written, no one was aware of the significance of getting a new airport. He stated that the purchase of this land would be a good deal for Spalding County and a good investment.

2. Presentation regarding Aging Services provided in Spalding County.

Mr. Wilson advised that Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager, would be making the presentation to the Board.

Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager, introduced Kelly Leger, Superintendent of Recreation and Don Garvin, Food Service Manager at the Correctional Institute who have been instrumental in preparing the program being presented to the Board. He also introduced Lanier Boatwright, Executive Director of Three Rivers Regional Commission who introduced Joyce Early, the Director of our Agency on Aging which manages all of the aging programs in the ten county area. LeAnn Davis, who is the Fiscal Officer for the Aging Program and Chairman of the Board for the Council on Aging, Janie Clark. He advised that they are here to answer any questions and respond to any comments the Board may have regarding the presentation.

Mr. Mosley advised that the presentation for a proposal that was brought to the County by the Council on Aging and Three Rivers Regional Commission. The proposal was that the Recreation Department take over the nutrition program which is currently being offered at the Old Senior Center and managed by the Council on Aging. With the retirement of the current staff, it is an opportunity for

the County to combine the two programs and offer expanded services to all of the seniors in Spalding County.

- Mr. Mosley stated that the current Council on Aging offers the following services: Meals on Wheels which serves an average of approximately 75 seniors across the county on a daily basis.
- Congregate meals that are served to the seniors that actually come to the facility to eat the meals on site. They serve an average of 18 to 20 meals daily at this site.

Mr. Mosley advised that the current meals being delivered to seniors and being served to seniors are prepared by Golden Cuisine in Americus, Georgia and shipped to the facility here in Spalding County for distribution. The goal of this project is to improve the process and provide better options for our senior population.

The funding for the current program comes from various sources; State Funding, Federal Funding and the Council on Aging has grants from United Way, Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority, CSBG, Georgia Power, EMC Round Up Program and First Presbyterian Church. Additionally, donations are accepted from the seniors who take advantage of the congregate meals or receive meals on wheels and the estimated income from that program is \$5,200 annually. He advised that anyone over the age of 60 is not required to make a donation, but donations are encouraged.

Mr. Mosley advised that the Council On Aging is no longer going to exist in Spalding County and the County has been asked to operate this program going forward. He stated that in order to take over this program, there will need to be some improvements made to the Senior Center to accommodate these additional services. He then reviewed for the Board the improvements that will need to be made to offer the services.

- Meal Delivery Driveway
- Banquet Room Divider
- Walk-In Freezer/Cooler Combination
- Outdoor Dry Storage
- Kitchen Equipment

Mr. Mosley advised that the total capital expenditures needed in order to implement this program will be approximately \$95,000.00.

Staffing of the projects have been factored in through the funding currently being received from the state, federal and grant funding.

Mr. Mosley stated that by expanding this program to the Senior Center, we will

be able to offer the program to hundreds of seniors in Spalding County. He advised that the goal for the program per day will be 50 congregate meals per day. He then added that citizens who are at the Senior Center and want to participate in the congregate meals who are age 50-59 will be charged \$5.00 per meal and all 60+ seniors will be asked for a donation of \$4.00 per meal, but there would be no charge if they are willing to complete the Three Rivers Regional Commission paperwork which would allow them free meals.

Mr. Mosley stated that currently the Meals on Wheels program serves approximately 75 meals per day we would hope to increase this number to 80-100 meals delivered daily of the course of the next year. The increase in deliveries will be as funding sources permit we hope to further increase this number.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked how an individual would qualify for the Meals on Wheels program.

Ms. Early advised that Three Rivers Regional Commission has a gateway department that will call them and ask to be part of the program. This department will do the screening for family members or for the individuals and then notification would be sent on to the Senior Center.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor requested a workshop to discuss this program and gather more information regarding the proposed program. She stated that we need to look at the funding of the project a little closer to get a better idea of the requirements for taking over this project.

Commissioner Hawbaker also express his concern over being asked to vote on this project without further discussion and review.

Janie Clark with the Council on Aging stated that she would be happy to present any questions that the Board might have to the Council on Aging at their meeting on Tuesday, June, 23rd. Any questions the Board has, if you will forward them to Mr. Wilson, we will present them to the Council and get your questions and concerns answered as quickly as we can.

After discussion it was determined a Work Session will be set for 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18th. Mr. Wilson asked that everyone email their questions to him so that we can research the items of concern and have answers ready for the work session on the 18th.

VI. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the eleven months ended May 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve the financial statements for the eleven month period ended May 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VII. 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.

Stewart Lapidus, 450 Beacon Court, Griffin, GA, spoke against the taxing of amenities being included as part of the property tax for the residents of Sun City. He stated that the amenities for this subdivision are taxed and they are also included as part of the property tax to the individual land owner. Mr. Lapidus then gave a copy of a letter sent to Marcia Norris, Spalding County Clerk of Court in November 2013.

Peter Phelps, 804 Dusky Sap Court, Griffin, GA, asked the Board of Commissioners to support their petition of an audit of the Tax Assessors Office by the State of Georgia. He advised that they have more than 400 signatures supporting the request.

Craig Rickman, 433 Beacon Court, Griffin, GA, supports the petition to have an audit of the Tax Assessors Office by the State of Georgia. We are asking that the State audit the Tax Assessors Office for uniformity. If the assessments were equalized the County would win and the individual home owner would win. He stated that a copy of the petition was given to Donald Long during his presentation at Sun City.

Jewel Walker-Harps, 103 McEthel Drive, Griffin, GA, commended the Board on the program being undertaken with the Council on Aging. She offered the assistance of the NAACP in providing any help that they could in making the proposed program a workable alternative for the poor and the people of color in Spalding County.

VIII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes of the June 1, 2015 Board of Commissioner's regular meeting and the June 9, 2015 Special Called meeting.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 Board of Commissioner's regular meeting and the June 9, 2015 Special Called meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

X. OLD BUSINESS – None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider approval of Resolution to Amend the ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Spalding County Employees to provide for employer matching contributions.

Mr. Wilson stated that this year's budget includes restoring 1% of the matching funds for the ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Spalding County Employees. This is the paperwork necessary to implement that match.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Resolution to Amend the ACCG 401(1) Defined Contribution Plan for Spalding County Employees to provide for employer matching contributions. Motion Carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval for the Spalding County Human Resource Department to apply for the 2015 ACCG- Group Health Benefits Program Health Promotion & Wellness Grant.

Mr. Wilson stated that this grant is applied for with ACCG every year, the funding from this grant was used for the Employee Appreciation Day that was held on Saturday at Dundee Lake Park. This activity was paid for from this grant and if the grant is awarded it will allow us to do something like this again next year.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the Spalding County Human Resource Department application for the 2015 ACCG Group Health Benefits Program health Promotion & Wellness Grant. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval on first reading an Ordinance amending the FY 2015 Budget Ordinance to provide for yearend adjustments.

Mr. Wilson advised that the budget amendments for the year includes miscellaneous revenues received and miscellaneous expenditures for the year that were not budgeted.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve on first reading an ordinance amending the FY2015 Budget Ordinance to provide for yearend adjustments. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval on first reading the FY 2016 Budget Ordinance.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the Budget Ordinance for the FY2016 Budget. The first reading is tonight and we held the Budget Public Hearing at the June 1st,

second reading will be set for Thursday, June 25th at 5:45 p.m.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve on first reading the FY2016 Budget Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider approval of contract with the City of Griffin for two additional Work Details for FY 2016.

Mr. Wilson advised that the City of Griffin currently has three contract details with the County, they are asking for two additional work details. The City of Griffin will pay 100% of the salary and benefits of the contract Detail Officer and they will provide all equipment, materials, supplies, transportation, etc. The County is reimbursed 100% for any expenditure that we have in regard to these details and we do recommend approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve the contract with the City of Griffin for two additional Work Details for FY2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of submittal of an application to the Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Mr. Wilson advised that we have applied for this grant in the past and have been successful. The Sheriffs' Department would like to apply for the grant to purchase stab vests for the employees at the detention center. This should provide everyone who works in the detention center with a stab vest. This is a \$10,793 allocation for Spalding County and no match is required.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve submittal of an application to the Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval on first reading Ordinance 2015-04 Amending Part VII, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 7-1004 of the Code of Ordinances of Spalding County to provide for No Parking on "The Lakes Parkway".

Mr. Wilson advised that items 7 & 8 both deal with The Lakes Parkway. This one deals with no parking on the Parkway as requested by the Development Authority, recommended by the Sheriffs' Department and Code Enforcement. Approval is recommended for both items 7 & 8.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to approve on first reading Ordinance 2014-14 Amending Part VII, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 7-1004 of the Code of Ordinances of Spalding County to provide for No Parking on "The Lakes Parkway". Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider approval on first reading Ordinance 2015-05 amending Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002 to provide for a 35 MPH Speed Limit on "The Lakes Parkway".

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve on first reading Ordinance 2015-05 amending Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002 to provide for a 35 MPH Speed Limit on "The Lakes Parkway". Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider resolution to continue a moratorium on the acceptance of Special Exception Applications for the approval of shooting ranges and shooting training facilities as home occupations and the issuance of permits for shooting ranges and shooting training facilities within Spalding County, Georgia.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to continue a moratorium on the acceptance of Special Exception applications for the approval of shooting ranges and shooting training facilities as home occupations and the issuance of permits for shooting ranges and shooting training facilities within Spalding County, Georgia be continued to August 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Set a date for a Public Hearing to establish a street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 37B and Pod 37B Cobblestone Drive.

Mr. Wilson recommended July 20th as the hearing date as this will be the Board's next meeting and we can have the hearing on that date as well.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to set July 20, 2015 as the Public Hearing date to establish a street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 37B and Pod 37B Cobblestone Drive. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- ✓ The first paperless meeting with the Board of Zoning Appeals was done last week so now the Board of Assessors and Board of Zoning Appeals are using Novus Agenda and the Planning Commission is set to have their first paperless meeting in July.
- ✓ ACCG Regional meeting is next Tuesday, June 23rd at Southern Crescent Technical College at 10:00 a.m.
- ✓ The Turf Grass Facility ground breaking will be Wednesday, June 24th, at 1:30 p.m.
- ✓ We have a Special Called Meeting at 5:45 on Thursday, June 25th, a 6:00 p.m. Zoning Public Hearing and a 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on the proposed Spay and Neuter Ordinance.
- ✓ McIntosh Trail Community Service Board notified us that Mr. Robert Page should not be reappointed to the board once his term expires on June 30,

2015. New legislation provides for only one member of this board be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. We currently have two people on the Board so we will not have to appoint anyone once Mr. Page's appointment expires.

- ✓ We are working with a company called Vendor Registry they will come in and audit our vendor file, they will handle all updates to our vendor files and we will run everything through them including bids. Several counties around us have utilized their services. It will take a few weeks for us to get this implemented, but once it is implemented anything that is put out to bid will not only appear on their registry, but they will advertise to folks who may be looking to bid on certain items or services. The bids will be on our website as well and should assist us in trying to get better pricing. This will get our Vendor List updated and they will maintain the list for us and send the changes to us.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that he enjoyed the time he spent at the Employee Appreciation Picnic and stated that he appreciates the dedication of the Spalding County staff.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that last week there was a fund raiser for Jo Ellis at the Senior Center which sold out and although the final numbers are not in the event raised close to \$10,000 and that doesn't take into account the funds raised on the Go Fund Me account that has been set up.

He stated that he wasn't able to attend the Archways listening sessions and that he hasn't really heard anything about them, but he would be interested in knowing what the feedback was on these sessions.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she too enjoyed the Employee Appreciation Day. She stated that it was a great opportunity to meet people and had it not been for the intense heat she would have had a great time at this function. She stated that the event was awesome and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Commissioner Ray stated that he would ditto what has already been voiced regarding the Employee Appreciation Day. He also wanted to thank Eric Mosley, Human Resources, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Wellness Committee for the outstanding job that was done in pulling this event together for the employees. There were plenty of things to do, great food and entertainment for all ages groups.

He then wished Wade Hutcheson, UGA Extension Coordinator who was in attendance a Happy Birthday.

Vice Chairman Miller stated that it was a Great Employee Appreciation Event, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it looked like a lot of fun. He stated that although he didn't get to stay long enough to eat, he did stay long enough to see Mr. Wilson hit the water in the dunking booth.

He expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Department for the work they have been doing for the citizens in his district in fixing the approaches on the bridges. He stated that the citizens have called him and expressed their appreciation for the work that has been done and he has relayed their comments to the Public Works Department.

Vice Chairman Miller also wanted to thank Code Enforcement for the efforts they have extended with regard to absentee ownership of properties, properties that have been abandoned and properties that are owned by banks that are not kept up and the yards are allowed to grow up.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to enter into closed session at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to come out of closes session at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.