

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Special Called Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2015
5:45 PM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held Special Called Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Thursday, June 25, 2015, beginning at 5:45 p.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Commissioner Raymond Ray joined the meeting at 5:52 p.m. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, County Attorney, Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson, to record the minutes.

- A. **Call to Order** by Chairperson Rita Johnson.
- B. **Invocation** led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker.
- C. **Pledge to the Flag** led by Commissioner Bart Miller.
- D. **Agenda Items**

1. Consider approval of resolution regarding the Griffin-Spalding County School System General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds Series 2015.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that with the approval of the School Systems SPLOST earlier this year they are wanting to issue bonds for their projects in the amount of \$13,370,000. He explained that in order for them to issue the Bonds the County has to approve the resolution before the Board which states that if they do not collect enough in Sales Tax funds to pay back the bonds that we will authorize a tax levy to collect that money. This is a formality required by O.C.G.A., because they are scheduled to collect much more in Sales Tax than the bond issue and debt service always comes off the top of any funds collected.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the resolution regarding the Griffin-Spalding County School System General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds Series 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

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

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the second reading for this ordinance, the first reading was during the Board's Extraordinary Session on June 15th, these are the end of the year budget amendments to provide for adjustments grants that we received and items of that nature.

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

3. Consider approval on second reading the FY 2016 Budget Ordinance.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the second reading of the FY2016 Budget Ordinance that will go into effect July 1, 2015. We have conducted the Budget Hearing and we have had the first reading of the Ordinance, this reading will finalize this Ordinance.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve on second reading the FY2016 Budget Ordinance.

Commissioner Miller asked how many new jobs would be included in this budget year.

Mr. Wilson advise that there would be approximately four new jobs. One was reinstated in Construction and Maintenance, one in the Tax Assessors Office, one in Parks and Recreation (the Recreation Leader) and he will advise the fourth position.

Mr. Wilson advised, that after the meeting he learned, there were two new full-time positions (one in Tax Assessors and one in Construction and Maintenance), one temporary part-time position in the Finance Department while Jill Crews is out on medical leave and in Leisure Services (Recreation Department) we deleted 3 bus driver positions (in there are no operable former school buses) and replaced them with three Part-Time Recreation Leaders.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the employee raises.

Mr. Wilson advised that that the FY2016 Budget includes is Phase I of a four year plan to get the employees to the step they should be on. If an employee has been with the County a number of years, they will be granted to up to a two-step increase or 5% raise and will continue annually, if the funding in future years allow for the increases, until the employee is at the step they should be on the according to the employment pay scale. These raises will be based on a favorable employee evaluation and will be awarded on the employee's anniversary date.

Mr. Wilson also advised that a 1% match is being re-established for the Employee 401(a) program and employee has to put in 2% in order to qualify for this match.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of reimbursement resolution for the 2015 SPLOST referendum.

Mr. Wilson stated that when the Board discussed the Nutrition Program for the Senior Center, there will be capital expenditure of approximately \$120,000 to implement that program. We talked about adding those costs to the 2015 SPLOST; however, we need to spend the money now because we need this program up and running August 1st. The resolution before the Board is a reimbursement resolution that will allow for funds spent on the projects listed to be reimbursed to the County once the 2015 SPLOST is passed and the funds are collected.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the reimbursement resolution for the 2015 SPLOST referendum. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Mr. Wilson asked the Board to establish a date to discuss Projects for the 2015 SPLOST. He suggested Thursday, July 9th at 5:00 p.m. He stated that he has new numbers from the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunnyside and now that we have already had the presentation of projects we need move forward with determining what projects will be on the 2015 SPLOST.

Consensus of the Board is to hold a work session on July 9th beginning at 4:00 p.m. for discussion of Projects for the 2015 SPLOST.

E. Adjournment

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.