

After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2014
6:00 PM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, February 3, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Samuel Gardner presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Rita Johnson, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Bart Miller were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., Attorney Stephanie Windham and Planning Technician Cindy McDaniel to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Samuel Gardner

II. INVOCATION – led by Commissioner Rita Johnson

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Raymond Ray

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation of FY 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) by Miller G. Edwards, IV, CPA of Mauldin & Jenkins LLC.

Mr. Edwards of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC presented the FY 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consider approval of financial statements of financial statements for the six month period ended December 31, 2013.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve financial statements for the six month period ended December 31, 2013. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VI. 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.

Spoke in opposition of new airport:

Bruce Penn 507 Musgrove Road, Griffin, Georgia

Billy Merritt 2060 High Falls Road, Griffin, Georgia – did not wish to speak.

Sue Nelson 510 Musgrove Road, Griffin, Georgia

Spoke in opposition of a roundabout at the intersection of Northside Drive and Tuskegee Avenue on North Hill Street:

Amjad Abuzaidieh 1251 North Hill Street, Griffin, Georgia

Charlotte Hall 116 Laurel Street, Griffin, Georgia

VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimous by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Consider appointment to the Griffin Spalding Area Transportation Committee to succeed Harlan Plagmann for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Todd Harris, Director of Transportation for the Board of Education, to the Griffin Spalding Area Transportation Committee to succeed Harlan Plagmann for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Gresham to end December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Miller/Johnson to appoint Nancy Morris to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Gresham to end December 31, 2014. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Ray opposing.

3. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board:

(a) to succeed Kimberly Searcy (Post #1) for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2014. Ms. Searcy tendered her resignation to the Board of Commissioners and the Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board of January 10, 2014.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor appointed David Melton to fill the unexpired term of Kimberly Searcy to end December 31, 2014.

(b) to succeed Terry Colling (Post #2) for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Ray requested this item be tabled.

(c) to succeed Kelly Palmatier (Post #3) for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Johnson requested this item be tabled.

4. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children Inc. to succeed Francis Phillips for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to table appointment to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority Board to succeed Francis Phillips for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of a new 2014 Alcoholic Beverage License – Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for the following:

- a) 7-11-18 Gas and Food Mart Inc. d/b/a/ Shell located at 3200 High Falls Road (Formerly Highfalls Shell)

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to approve a new 2014 Alcoholic Beverage License – Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for 7-11-18 Gas and Food Mart Inc. d/b/a Shell located at 3200 High Falls Road (formerly Highfalls Shell). Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-1 with Commissioner Ray recusing himself due to a business association with this location.

- b) BMJA Inc. d/b/a Copeland Grocery located at 1578 High Falls Road

Motion/Second by Johnson/Miller to approve a new 2014 Alcoholic Beverage License – Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for BMJA Inc. d/b/a/ Copeland Grocery located at 1578 High Falls Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider request from the Griffin-Spalding County Library Board of Trustees and Administration for \$51,700 grant match to replace the carpeting at the Flint River Regional Library.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve request from the Griffin-Spalding County Library Board of Trustees and Administration for \$51,700 grant match to replace the carpeting at the Flint River Regional Library. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider authorizing submission of application for the GDOT GATEway Grant Program for funds to be used for The Lakes at Green Valley Park entrance on AKB Parkway.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor authorizing submission of application for the GDOT GATEway Grant Program for funds to be used for The Lakes at Green Valley Park entrance on AKB Parkway. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of Ordinance amending the FY2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for receipt of proceeds from the 2013 Tax Anticipation Note and repayment of same.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve Ordinance amending FY2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for receipt of proceeds from the 2013 Tax Anticipation Note and repayment of same. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider adoption of the revised Spalding County Financial Policies and Procedures.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to table the adoption the revised Spalding County Financial Policies and Procedures and discuss at BOC Retreat on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of the revised Spalding County Travel Policy as Appendix A of the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve the revised Spalding County Travel Policy as Appendix A for the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioner's Johnson and Flowers-Taylor voting against.

7. Consider approval of proposal from HDR Engineering, Inc. for 2014 Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Services as required by GA EPD for the Yamacraw Road Landfill.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve proposal from HDR Engineering, Inc. for 2014 Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Services as required by GA EPD for the Yamacraw Road Landfill. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider policy requiring employees of the Annex and the Courthouse to park personal vehicles in the Annex Parking Lot or the City Parking Deck in order to leave Solomon Street, 6th Street and Hill Street available for downtown merchant business unless parking spaces are designated for personal use.

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XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

1. Reminded the Board of their retreat to be held on Saturday, February 8th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located at 885 Memorial Drive.
2. The Transit Feasibility Study Workshop that was scheduled for January 30th has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 13th, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Board Room in One Griffin Center.
3. Due to inclement weather, the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for January 28th was cancelled; therefore the Board of Commissioners will not have a zoning public hearing on Thursday, February 27th.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller – Thanked Public Works for an excellent job on the work done on the roads in his district. He knows, due to all the inclement weather, it is hard to do. Inquired to where Kathy Gibson was. Mr. Wilson stated she was at training in Athens. Mr. Miller stated Kathy was doing a great job and was very pleased.

Flowers-Taylor – Inquired to when the Board would be receiving their agenda for the retreat. County Manager Wilson advised the retreat agenda would be on Novus Agenda this year and should be posted to the website on Tuesday. Stated she had received a call from Gordon Maner, facilitator for the BOC retreat, asking questions prior to the retreat. Mr. Maner stated that Mr. Wilson had given him the Board's contact information and she felt this was a good idea that way Mr. Maner could speak with them prior to the meeting. Inquired to status of retreat with School Board, City Commissioners and County Commissioners that Commissioner Johnson inquired about last year. Manager Wilson advised the Chamber of Commerce had taken this on as a project and that there was a meeting at the UGA Griffin Campus later this week to kick off the project.

Johnson – Stated in her class today at the ACCG conference they discussed joint planning sessions and their importance to the community and she would like to see the different governmental entities get together so each could understand the roles they play in the County/City and looked forward to that event. Thanked the leaders; County Manager, City Manager, School Superintendent and all departments for on an excellent job handling the inclement weather.

Ray – Stated Channel 2 News usually doesn't have good things to say about Spalding County, but commended Spalding County on how they handled the inclement weather. Thanked Sheriff Department Investigator Sheryl Brown and Melanie West, of the BOC office, for an excellent job on their work on Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. Stated Spalding County employees have had numerous family member losses, just too many to list and wanted to extend The Board's sympathy to all employees on the loss of family members.

Gardner – Praised Spalding County staff on how well the inclement weather was handled. Stated with all the rain we have had, he had received several complaints on roads in his district, but he has never had so many citizens call back from a citizen thanking him for a job well done. Thanks Public Works for job well done. Stated he has also had calls regarding the striping of roads previously paved and when paving would be completed on other roads. Asked Mr. Wilson to address this issue on striping and paving.

Mr. Wilson first thanked Homeland Security and the Fire Department for organizing meetings every day both before and during the storm and keeping abreast of the inclement weather in Spalding County. Mr. Wilson stated in order to resurface a roadway, the temperature needs to be 50 degrees and rising. Same goes with striping. After a road is paved, you need to wait 7 to 10 days for the road to cure before the striping. Manager Wilson will get with Public Works Director Tim Crane and see when our contractor C. W. Matthews can resume resurfacing and striping.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.