

After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 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, March 3, 2014, beginning at 6:06 p.m. with Chairman Samuel Gardner presiding. Commissioners Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Raymond Ray, Rita Johnson, and Bart Miller were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., County Attorney, Jim Fortune and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** – Chairman Samuel Gardner.
- II. **INVOCATION** – led by Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor.
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** – led by Commissioner Bart Miller.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**
- V. **PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Consider approval of financial statements for the seven month period ended January 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve financial statements for the seven month period ended January 31, 2014. 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.

Shane Bearden - 25 Woodland Road, Griffin, Georgia

Glenda Bearden - 27 woodland Road, Griffin, Georgia

Steve Boyd - 35 Woodland Road, Griffin, Georgia

Eddie Todd - 47 Woodland Road, Griffin, Georgia

All spoke regarding an illegal kennel operation being ran in their neighborhood zoned Residential/Agricultural and requested that the Board establish parameters limiting the number of animals that can be housed on property in a residential area:

VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the February 3, 2014 Regular Meeting, the February 8, 2014 Planning Retreat and the February 24, 2014 Work session.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Regular Meeting, the February 8, 2014 Planning Retreat and the February 24, 2014 Work. Motion carried unanimous by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of revised Spalding County Financial Policies and Procedures.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the Spalding County Financial Policies and Procedures as written. Motion failed by vote of 2-3 with Commissioners Miller, Flowers-Taylor, Johnson voting against.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson that the Spalding County Policies and Procedures be approved with the following revision to the award of bids: that the word “may” be stricken from the subsection regarding local contractors and that the word “shall” be added in its place. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Miller voting against.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider issuance of new 2014 Alcohol License-Retail Package for Carver Bottle Shop located at 1557 Williamson Road:

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve a new 2014 Alcoholic Beverage License – Retail Package for Carver Bottle Shop located at 1557 Williamson Road, Griffin, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider request from Nadine Graham, Coordinator for the National day of Prayer observance for Spalding County, to utilize the Spalding County Courthouse Veranda on May 1, 2014 at 12:00 noon for this observance.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve request from Nadine Graham, Coordinator for the National day of Prayer observance for Spalding County, to utilize the Spalding County Courthouse Veranda on May 1, 2014 at 12:00 noon for this observance. Motion

carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider request from Eagles Way Church for the use of the Annex Parking lot for their "Mid Georgia Doc Holiday Festival" September 26-27, 2014.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Miller to approve the request of Eagles Way Church for the use of the Annex Parking lot for their "Mid Georgia Doc Holiday Festival" to be held September 26-27, 2014 at a lease rate of \$150 per day. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision-Del Webb Boulevard Phase III.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller approve the final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision – Del Webb Boulevard Phase III. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider acceptance of Right-of-Way Deed for Del Webb Boulevard Phase III (Sun City Peachtree Subdivision).

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to accept the Right-of-Way Deed for Del Webb Boulevard Phase III (Sun City Peachtree Subdivision). Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision-Pod 29 A.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision – Pod 29A. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider acceptance of Right-of-Way Deed for Pod 29A (Sun City Peachtree Subdivision).

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to accept the Right-of-Way Deed for Pod 29A (Sun City Peachtree Subdivision). Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider request from the Fire Department to submit a grant to the Firehouse Public Safety Foundation for the purchase of updated hydraulic extraction tools.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the request from the Fire Department to submit a grant to the Firehouse Public Safety Foundation for the purchase of updated hydraulic extraction tools. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of FY2015 Budget Calendar

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the FY52015 Budget Calendar. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

1. The Budget Requests have been sent out to the Department Heads & Elected Officials. This years' budget will be entered electronically, the goal is to have a completely paperless budget process. All are currently working on their individual budgets when they are ready to enter their budgets hands on training will be provided on how to enter them electronically.
2. The County will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 25th, at the Welcome Center. We encourage you to come and donate, the Red Cross will be at the Welcome Center from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Wendy Law in the Human Resource department to set up a time.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller – No comment.

Flowers-Taylor – Stated that on Thursday, February 27, she had attended a City of Griffin informational meeting at the Fairmont Community Center that focused on providing information to everyone on the road improvement projects scheduled for North Hill Street at Sixth and at North Hill and Northside Drive. There were more than 125 residents there excluding the Commissioners and the press. It became clear at the meeting that we, as a county, had not properly informed the residents of the changes in the traffic patterns and plans for improvement in that area.

Concerns were expressed that the only grocery store available to the community would be taken out by the proposed improvements. Most of the people in this area do not have transportation and are forced to walk to get their groceries or to do whatever they need to do. By eliminating the only grocery store in the area, they will be forced to go to Walmart to Kroger to get groceries. While she is very much for improving the aesthetics, improving the road quality and making North Hill Street an area that everyone can feel comfortable and welcome to travel through. She is concerned that there are citizens in this community that will have to walk a great distance to simply feed their families.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like for the county website to be an open forum that is easy to navigate and more user friendly. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she had visited the City of Griffin website recently and found it very user friendly and easy to navigate.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked that the County Manager to provide an update on the list of Vendors that is to be compiled and posted on the County website for the service area established by the Purchasing Policies and Procedures that were adopted earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that a series of one to two hour work sessions be held to review the new Personnel Ordinance one section at time. She feels it is simply too much data to review at one time and would like to have a series of short work sessions to review these policies and procedures.

William Wilson, County Manager suggested that the Chairman and staff get together and work on the animal control issue. Then work on coming up with some dates to review the individual sections of the Personnel Ordinance.

Johnson – No comment.

Ray – Stated that he wanted to acknowledge Alvin Huff's efforts during the recent rounds of snow and ice storms. Alvin did an excellent job of informing City Residents as to what was going on in the City.

We have heard from the Bearden family tonight regarding the illegal kennel activities occurring in their neighborhood. This has been a long term issue and He wants to encourage the Board to work toward limiting the number of animals on residential lots of one acre or less. We need to determine how many dogs occupying a piece of property are to be considered pets and how many animals occupying a piece of property constitute a kennel.

Gardner – Thanked the Commissioners and staff for the retreat/workshop that we had. He thought it was very productive, he felt like we all worked through some issues and that we got a lot done. Chairman Gardner stated that he appreciated everyone's willingness to give up what turned out to be a very pretty day to sit inside and work on these issues.

Chairman Gardner requested a motion to amend the Agenda for a resolution to condemn the MAC property at the airport for governmental purposes as discussed in the Executive Session.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to amend the Agenda to include the condemnation proceedings as discussed in the Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve condemnation of the property located at 1134 Uniform Road in conjunction with the City. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.