

# After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Extraordinary Meeting  
Monday, April 21, 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, April 21, 2014, beginning at 6:22 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., William Gay, Director of Human Resources, Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, Jim Fortune, County Attorney and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

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

II. **INVOCATION** – led by Chairman Samuel Gardner.

III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** – led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.

IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS** – None.

V. **PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the nine month period ended March 31, 2014.

Jinna Garrison advised that the format for the financial statements had changed and that she was available for any questions the Commissioners may have regarding the financial statements.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the financial statements for the nine month period ended March 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimous 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.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that we did not have anyone sign up to speak during the Citizen Comments.

## VI. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimous by all.***

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 1 of the Spalding County Animal Control Ordinance by adding section 12-1006 establishing a maximum number of dogs and cats allowed without a kennel license.
2. Consider approval on second reading, an Ordinance to amend Subparagraph (b)(2) of Section 12-1016 of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances by striking said paragraph (b)(2) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subparagraph 2 regarding adoptions by persons other than the Owner, Possessor or Custodian to include fees for the spay and neutering of the animal prior to adoption.
3. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance amending the FY 2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for lease purchase proceeds and other revenues.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items 1, 2 and 3 as presented. Motion carried unanimous by all.***

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider Approval of Resolution to Cover Emergency Management Team Members under the County's workers' compensation insurance.

Mr. Wilson advised that the questions that were presented at a previous meeting had been researched by Bill Gay, Human Resource Director, and that the Board had been provided copies of the OCGA section that covered who could and could not be included under the County's workers' compensation insurance.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve Resolution to Cover Emergency Management Team Members under the County's workers' compensation insurance. Motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Griffin for 800 MHz User fees as proposed by the City of Griffin.

Mr. Wilson advised that for several years the County has been working with the City of Griffin to come up with an equitable agreement for cost sharing of

the 800 MHz radio system. The County presented four options for consideration by the City of Griffin. Two of the options for consideration were at the request of the City. The City of Griffin came back to the County with fifth option that encompassed none of the previous methods presented. As part of the option proposed by the City of Griffin, the City will not be responsible for reimbursing any charges for usage of the system prior to FY2014.

Mr. Wilson advised that a committee had been formed to meet with the City, there were several meetings and the committee believed that the consensus would be for Option #4 which was drafted at the City's request. Mr. Wilson ask how the Board would like to respond to the City's proposal.

Commissioner Ray recommended that the County go back to the City with Method #4 that was requested by the City that equates the usage of the 800 MHz system with the cost of the system. That Method #4 be used to determine the current cost of the system and the money due for past usage of the system. Commissioner Ray further suggested that an Intergovernmental Agreement be requested between the City and County for a period of 10 years and the formation of a communications committee.

Mr. Wilson stated that it is the recommendation that the County go back to the City with Method #4 with a proposal for an IGA for 10 years that we would agree to form a communications committee. That the IGA include language to modify the agreement upon the 2017 Service Delivery Strategy renegotiation.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to go back to the City of Griffin with a counter offer of Method #4 to be used to determine costs of current and past usage of the 800 MHz system. The offer will include a proposal for an Intergovernmental Agreement of 10 years and provide for the creation of a communications committee.***

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that the County enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Griffin as soon as possible for services going forward. At this time, we do not have any legal document stating that they agree to pay for the services they are receiving every day. We need to get a memorandum of understanding and go forward. The agreement should include usage of all towers, mobile data and radio transmissions.

Mr. Wilson confirmed that the proposal should include all five tower sites and be based on the push to talk total % calculations (radio transmissions).

***Motion carried unanimously.***

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider approval of an Amplification Permit request from the Rafferty Family for a wedding reception to be held at 1901 S. 6th Street on July 19, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the Amplification Permit for the Rafferty Family for a wedding reception to be held at 1901 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street on July 19, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider approval of an Amplification Permit request from Ms. Elberta Fox for May 9, 2014 at 1832 W. Ellis Road, from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve the amplification permit for Ms. Elberta Fox for May 9, 2014 at 1832 W. Ellis Road, from 6:00p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider approval of the following amplification permits as requested by Chris Smith of the Griffin Moose Lodge for several outdoor events to be held on the following dates at the Griffin Moose Lodge located at 1425 Zebulon Road:
  1. May 26, 2014 Memorial Day Family Pool Event from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  2. May 30, 2014 Family/Child Birthday Party Event from 7:00pm - 11:00 p.m.
  3. June 14, 2014 Luau Pool Event from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.
  4. July 4, 2014 July 4th Family Pool Event/Party from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  5. September 1, 2014 Labor Day Pool "Family" Event from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the amplification permits for the Griffin Moose Lodge as presented with the exception of the event on June 14, 2014 and that the time be revised to reflect a beginning time of 7:00 p.m. with an ending time of 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Consider request from Walking for Wellness to utilize Big Blue from September 15, 2014, through September 19, 2014, to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Miller requested that the maximum mileage allowed for these trips be reviewed before approval is given for this trip.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to table the request until the policy for trips involving Big Blue can be reviewed. Motion carried 3-2 (Garner/Johnson).***

5. Consider recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for implementation of Field Use Fees.

Mr. Wilson advised that currently the County charges a percentage of teams registered. We are the only county in the area that charges a percentage. Parks and Recreation has been trying to lure more tournaments into the County and as part of that effort they have surveyed Newton, Oconee, Butts, Henry, Pike, Fayette, Troup, Clayton and the City of Alpharetta and found that most of the counties charge on a per field basis.

Based on the information gathered from the surrounding areas, it is recommended that Spalding County establish a per field calculation for Field Use. It is believe that this will bring more tournaments and more money into the area.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve the implementation of Field Use Fees as proposed by the Spalding County Parks and Recreation. Motion carried unanimously.***

6. Consider approval of the engagement letter with Robert W. Baird & Company to serve as managing underwriter for the 2014 SPLOST.

Mr. Wilson advised that on August 19, 2013, the Board authorized the County to work with King and Spalding and Robert Baird on the 2014 SPLOST. This letter of engagement formalizes that agreement.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve engagement letter with Robert W. Baird & Company to serve as the managing underwriter for the 2014 SPLOST. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

7. Consider approval of the Service Agreement for Operation of the Three Rivers Regional Transit System in Spalding County.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the 5311 Public Transportation Program. The total required is \$15,193.00 and that includes \$9,000.00 for the replacement of vehicles. This amount reflects the County's portion of the expense, this is a project shared by the City and the County. It is a Regional Transportation System administered by Three Rivers and operates in Pike, Upson, Lamar and Spalding Counties. Mr. Wilson reported that the buses belong to the County and are insured by the County. Spalding County owns three buses.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed concern that the buses were not marked to reflect that it is a service available to all of the citizens of the county. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if the County could add advertising to the buses to reflect the number to call to utilize the bus and possibly the cost of service.

Mr. Wilson stated that he would check to see if the County could place some type of advertisement on the buses and if the County could advertise the service on the Website and Facebook page to make the service more available to the public and increase ridership.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray the Service Agreement for operation of the Three Rivers Regional Transit System in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

8. Consider approval of multi-year lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for Williamson Road tower site.

Mr. Wilson stated that this lease is the result of a two year negotiation between the County and Verizon. This is a multi-year agreement with a 2.5% escalation at the end of every year. The County has secured the appropriate

easement for Verizon, or anyone else that the County authorizes, to have ingress and egress to the tower site. There is space on the tower site and it will not adversely affect the 800 MHz service.

Mr. Fortune advised that the easement exhibit on the contract currently before the board will be replaced with a new exhibit reflecting the updated easement information.

***Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to approve the multi-year lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for the Williamson Road tower site. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

Mr. Wilson stated that he had no comments.

## **XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Miller** – Commissioner Miller inquired as to whether the County could get someone from the FAA to come down and give us an update on the current airport. He stated that all the County has received is a letter from GDOT as to what needs to be done to bring the airport into compliance with FAA regulations. He stated that he would like to see something in writing from the FAA on the matter.

**Flowers-Taylor** – Commissioner Flowers-Taylor agreed with Commissioner Miller. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated it is impossible to educate people on what is going on if we do not understand the ramifications of the new regulations and do not have the documentation to back it up.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she saw the email that the gentleman wrote today regarding the response from the fire department today. She stated that she felt that Spalding County has an awesome group of first responders, they do an exceptional job in the community and are well thought of in the community.

**Johnson** – Commissioner Johnson stated that she attended the AGGC Conference in Savannah, that she had an opportunity to take some classes and had learned a great deal from the classes. Additionally, Commissioner Johnson stated that the intergovernmental dinner hosted by the Chamber of Commerce went very well and wanted to know if anyone had received any feedback.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Chamber is working on a survey with regard to the dinner and the results would be distributed to the attendees.

Mr. Wilson stated that the College and Career Academy meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Ray, Commissioner Johnson and myself are members of the committee and he encouraged everyone who could to attend the meeting

**Ray** – Commissioner Ray asked that Mr. Wilson send him a copy of the noise ordinance. He also stated that he had received a request from approximately 15 employees of the Sheriff's Department who would like to take their health and wellness money to use it to pay for the Amucos Park guy for playing basketball one

night a week.

**Gardner** – Chairman Gardner stated that he has a request from citizens on Jackson Road on the cost and what they would need to do to have a water line installed on Jackson Road. Extending the water service from Jenkinsburg Road where service currently ends to Bailey Jester and tie into the water line there.

Mr. Wilson advised that if the residents would contact him, that he could look up the cost per customer formula that the Water Authority uses to evaluate if it is feasible to provide service.

Commissioner Gardner stated that the area of the road that was patched on Johnny Cut Road at Locust Grove Road is coming apart and we need to look at the materials being utilized to patch these roads because it is going to cost additional money every time someone has to go out and redo an area that was patched.

**XIII. CLOSED SESSION** – None.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***