

# After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Extraordinary Meeting  
Monday, April 7, 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 7, 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., William Gay, Director of Human Resources, Kelly Leger, Recreation Superintendent, 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 Bart Miller.

#### IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Consider Proclamation declaring April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Spalding County.

Kim Stephens with Spalding Regional Hospital and Molli Pruett, Spalding Health Department and the Healthy Children's Strategy Team were present to receive the Proclamation.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the Proclamation declaring April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Ms. Pruett stated that the Spalding County Collaborative is hosting a Healthy Children's Conference on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and so far they have 150 participants registered. Ms. Pruett stated they have had amazing participation from the Spalding County Hospital, Well Care of Georgia and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She stated that if anyone would like to join them, the event is scheduled for Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at the UGA Griffin Campus.

2. Consider Proclamation declaring April 2014 as Confederate History & Heritage Month.

William Wilson, County Manager advised that there were several representatives of the Sons of Confederate Volunteers (SCV) present to receive the Proclamation.

Mr. Robert Bailey – West Ellis Road, Griffin, Charles Winsted, 55 Cedar Ridge Airport Road and Ken Morgan – Gay, Georgia are members of the John McIntosh Camp of the Sons of Confederate Volunteers group here in Griffin.

Mr. Winsted stated that the Sons of Confederate Volunteers meet at the Panda Bear Restaurant on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for lunch. Then the group will have a lecturer to come who relates stories of the Confederacy.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the Proclamation declaring April 2014 as Confederate History & Heritage Month in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider a Proclamation designating the week of April 13-19 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the Proclamation designating the week of April 13-19, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. The Spalding County Parks & Recreation Department would like to recognize the 2014 Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism nominees and present them with a certificate.

Kelly Leger, Recreation Superintendent for Spalding County. Recognized three outstanding volunteers for their contributions.

Ms. Judith Jones Brewer, Ms. Chelsea Howell and Ms. Dona Robertson.

These individuals were presented Certificates for their nomination and the Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the outstanding work they have done in our community

5. Announce the 2014 recipient of the "Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism".

Ms. Leger then announced the recipient of the “2014 Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism”, Ms. Judith Jones Brewer, and Chairman Gardner presented Ms. Brewer with the award.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to recognize the 2014 Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism nominees and announce the 2014 recipient of the Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

6. Representatives from the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority are present to update the Board on the proposed new airport.

Airport Authority Chairman, Dick Morrow and Airport Manager, Robert Mohl, were present to give an in depth PowerPoint presentation on the operations of the present airport and on the progression of plans for the new airport.

## V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - None

## 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.

Sheila Matthews, of **The Grip**, asked to speak regarding an factual error published in the article entitled "Latest proposed new airport footprints includes land owned by commissioner's relative," that appeared in the March 17, 2014 edition of **The Grip**. She learned after release of the publication that the information was incorrect and since the next edition would not go to print until after this meeting, Ms. Matthews wanted to set the record straight since the Airport is an issue for this meeting.

### **Spoke Against the Proposed Airport**

W.J. Fortney, 112 Pine Ave., SW  
Carol Baker, 401 Pinelea Rd.  
Jim Pritchett, 419 Pinelea Rd.  
Joe McIntyre, 103 Jenkinsburg Rd.  
Kerri Gebler, 646 McArthur Dr.  
John Sullivan, 129 Old Scott Rd.  
Jimmy Spradley, 611 Sapelo Rd.  
Norma Giles, 302 Elizabeth Lane  
James Harrison, 581 Sapelo Rd.  
Bruce Penn, 507 Musgrove Rd.  
Jason Lovett, 102 Fox Rd.  
Angela Cannon, 1615 High Falls Rd.  
Bobby PleurFoy, 917 S. McDonough Rd.

### **Spoke For the Proposed Airport**

Terry Anderson, 3035 Hill Street  
Carl Pruett, 120 Four Oaks Dr.  
Tommy Hopkins, 1435 Maple Dr.  
David Lamb, 1702 Quail Dr.  
Larry Johnson, 122 Sherbrook Way  
Vikki Hyatt, 811 East College St.  
Kathy Noble, 876 Musgrove Road  
Daa'ood Amin, 132 N. Hill Street

### **Spoke in favor of the Good Samaritan/Reunited Training and Counseling Program being considered by the Board.**

Zach Holmes, 357 Moreland Road  
Tommy Johnson, 105 Quincy Avenue  
Chester Milner, 1531 Pineview Drive

Ms. Karri Gebler, 646 McArthur Drive, spoke in favor of the Animal Control Ordinance.

Ms. Jane Bailey, 4079-H Newnan Road, spoke against the limiting of animals in residential neighborhoods.

Ms. Dona Robertson, 110 Paul Circle, spoke in favor of adding a new library to the list of projects to be considered for the 2014 SPLOST.

## VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the March 17, 2014 Extraordinary Meeting and the March 24, 2014 Board of Commissioners Work Session.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 Extraordinary Meeting and the March 24, 2014 Board of Commissioners Work session. Motion carried unanimous by all.***

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

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

Chairman Gardner stated this position has to be filled by a County Commissioner and he had asked Commissioner Rita Johnson she would serve and Commissioner Johnson has agreed to serve.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to appoint Commissioner Rita Johnson to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children to succeed Francis Phillips for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.***

## X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of an Amplification Permit for the Phil Mouchet Family for a wedding to be held at 109 Runnymede Road on May 3, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

***Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to approve the Amplification Permit for the Phil Mouchet Family for a wedding to be held at 109 Runnymede Road on May 3, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider approval of new 2014 Alcohol License-Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for High Value Business Ventures Inc. d/b/a Chevron Food Mart located at 3200 High Falls Road (Formerly High Falls Shell).

***Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Alcohol License – Retail Sale of Beer and wine for High Value Business Ventures Inc. d/b/a/ Chevron Food Mart, located at 3200 High Falls road (formerly High Falls Shell). Motion carried 4-1, Commissioner Ray abstained due to a business relationship with the previous owner.***

3. Consider approval of contract with Reunited Training and Counseling, Inc. and

Good Samaritans Community Development Group, Inc. for Summer Camp; After School Program and School Break Camps at Fairmont, City Park and AMBUCS Community Centers.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concerns over entering into the contract; however, she feels that if the program is administered as it has been represented it will be a beneficial to the children of Spalding County.

The Commissioners asked that Kelly Leger and Robbie Milner monitor this program closely and report any inconsistencies or deviations from the proposed plan immediately. The Board also asked that Reunited Training and Counseling, Inc. /Good Samaritans Community Development Group, Inc. provide a Budget for the program, for review by the County Manager, prior to implementation of the program at the County locations.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the contract with Reunited Training and Counseling, Inc. and the Good Samaritans Community Development Group, Inc. for their proposed Summer Camp, After School Program and School Break Camps at Fairmont, City Park and AMBUCS Community Centers contingent upon this organization providing a Budget for these programs, prior to implementation at the County locations. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Consider proposals for renewal of Employee Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Life Insurance and voluntary benefits as presented by Matt Bidwell of MSI Benefits.

Matt Bidwell, of MSI Benefits, gave an overview of the benefit options that MSI is recommending for the upcoming enrollment period. Mr. Bidwell explained that, as expected, the overall premium for health insurance benefits had increased, but approximately half of the increase was due to the Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Bidwell presented four options for health care to the Board for consideration. Additionally, Mr. Bidwell stated that Blue Cross and Blue Shield had absorbed the tax implemented on the Dental portion of the benefits offered to the County and there would be no increase for Dental coverage.

MSI Benefits has been able to consolidate the Life Insurance and voluntary benefits (Short Term and Long Term Disability) with one company. This company is a division of Blue Cross Blue Shield and the rates being offered will mean a reduction in premiums for individuals who take advantage of the voluntary benefits.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson approve Option 2A of the Employee Health and Dental Insurance, Life Insurance and Voluntary Benefits as presented. Motion carried unanimously by***

***all.***

5. The Board to reconsider its action of April 7, 2011, agreeing to move forward preparing design agreements with the LPA Group, Inc. for land acquisitions-phases I and II, environmental permitting and mitigation plan, airport layout plan, and site clearing and storm water management phase I for the new Griffin-Spalding County Airport.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked for clarification on what the Board was hoping to accomplish. She stated that before the County goes forward we should have a memorandum of understanding with the City of Griffin. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor recommended that the \$3 million for the airport be added as an item on the upcoming SPLOST. This would not only give the people an opportunity to voice their support or non-support, it would also give us the avenue for funding this project.

Commissioner Johnson asked that the Board think about the future. She stated that the Board has an opportunity to make a decision that will result in growth for the County.

Commissioner Ray stated that the majority of individuals who voiced opposition this evening to the airport, stated that they felt the decision was being forced on them. Commissioner Ray requests that the airport be added to the ballot for November 2014 referendum.

Commissioner Ray further stated that the Airport has been put on past SPLOST projects and the projects have failed due to the Airport being made a part of the project. He feels that there are too many valuable projects that may suffer if we include the Airport as part of the 2014 SPLOST.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that since this has been a joint venture, that the City of Griffin be advised of our intentions.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to notify the City of Griffin that the new Airport project will be placed on the November 2014 ballot for the citizens of the County to vote on. Motion carried 3-2 (Johnson/Flowers-Taylor).***

6. Consider approval on first 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 (b)(2) regarding adoptions by persons other than the Owner, Possessor, Custodian to include fees for the spay and neutering of the animal prior to adoption.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the first reading of 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 (b)(2) regarding adoptions by persons other than***

***the Owner, Possessor, Custodian to include fees for the spay and neutering of the animal prior to adoption. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

7. Consider approval on first reading of 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.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the first reading of 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. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

8. Consider approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and Spalding County regarding capacity at the Spalding County Correctional Institution.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Miller to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Georgia Department of Corrections and Spalding County regarding capacity at the Spalding County Correctional Institution. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

9. Consider approval of the Makin 'Tracks Travel Club request to utilize the Motor Coach for a one day trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on August 14, 2014.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the Makin' Tracks Travel Club request to utilize the Motor Coach for a one day trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on August 14, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

10. Consider approval on first reading an ordinance amending the FY2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for lease purchase proceeds and other revenues.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending the FY2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for lease purchase proceeds and other revenues. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

11. Consider authorizing funding of April 18, 2014 Good Friday Holiday for all County employees.

***Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to authorize funding of the April 18, 2014 Good Friday Holiday for all County employees. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

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

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to table the Agreement for an indefinite period of time. Motion carried 3/2 (Ray/Gardner).***

13. Review and approval of 2014 SPLOST Survey.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the 2014 SPLOST Survey with corrections as noted. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

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

1. There were 53 units of blood collected at the County blood drive on March 25th.
2. Georgia Trend magazine highlighted the Lakes at Green Valley Industrial Park in the latest issue.
3. The Fire Department recently had 9 rookies graduate and they are now working shifts. The Department is still short 4 positions and will be starting a new rookie school in the near future.
4. The Intergovernmental dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.
5. In- Rem: A total of four houses have been demolished with six structures remaining. The Fire Department is scheduled to burn several this week.
6. A Healthy Children's Conference & Expo is scheduled for April 17, 2014. He will sending out a copy of the brochure to everyone.
7. The Water Authority meets on April 16 at 8:30 a.m.
8. Several members of the Board and County Manager Wilson will be attending the 2014 AGGC Annual Conference from April 11 – 15. ACCG is celebrating 100 years of service to Georgia Counties.

## **XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Miller** – No comment.

**Flowers-Taylor** – No comment.

**Johnson** – Stated she feels that that the Board had missed an opportunity to do what is in the best interest of its citizens when it comes to the new Airport.

**Ray** – No comment.

**Gardner** – No comment.

## **XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.**

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to adjourn at 10:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***