

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners was held in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, January 7, 2008 beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m. Commission Chairman Eddie Freeman presided, and Commissioners Edward Goss, Jr., Johnie McDaniel, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and David Phillips were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant to the County Manager Paul Van Haute, County Attorney James R. Fortune, Jr., Administrative Services Director Jinna L. Garrison, and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Eddie L. Freeman

II. INVOCATION – Pastor R.G. Floyd

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Phillips

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN - CALENDAR YEAR 2008

Commissioner Freeman was nominated for Chairman by Commissioner McDaniel. Commissioner Goss was nominated by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor. Motion and second to close nominations by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor and Phillips carried by a 5-0 vote. Commissioner Goss was elected Chairman by a vote of 3-2.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor was nominated for Vice Chairman by Commissioner Phillips. There were no other nominations and on motion and second by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor and Phillips, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor was elected Vice Chairman by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Goss assumed chairmanship of the meeting and thanked Commissioner Freeman for his service as Chairman for the past two years.

V. APPOINTMENTS – CALENDAR YEAR 2008:

County Manager – William P. Wilson, Jr.

Motion to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 5-0.

County Clerk – William P. Wilson, Jr.

Motion to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

County Attorney – James R. Fortune, Jr.

Motion to reappoint James R. Fortune, Jr. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ex-Officio County Clerk – Teresa A. Watson

Motion to reappoint Teresa A. Watson by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Recognize 2007 Graduates of Spalding County Rookie Firefighters Training School: Christopher Nathan Blanks, Perry Robert Glanton, Benjamin Derek Henning, Renee Antoinette McIver and Henry De Marcus Sims.

Fire Chief Chipper Gardner said two of the graduates were absent due to illness and one was finishing up at a fire on Old Atlanta Road and could not be present. Assistant Fire Chief Kenny West and Captain David Smith assisted in the presentation and thanked the graduates.

VII. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of Financial Statements for Five Months Ending November 30, 2007.

Motion to approve Financial Statements for Five Months Ending November 30, 2007 by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, carried by a vote of 5-0.

VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Kempson, 90 Richardson Street, Griffin, Georgia

Ms. Kempson spoke on behalf of residents of Richardson Street to request that the Board remove the no parking restrictions on this street. Previously a petition with 99% resident participation called for removal of the No Parking designation, and the only one against is the one who was the driving force behind getting the designation instituted. They don't abuse the parking at street level, but find they need it for visitors.

Mark Rowland, 726 North McDonough Road.

Mr. Rowland requested the Board please correct the road sign for South McDonough Road for directional purposes along Arthur K. Bolton Parkway.

Tom Ross, Ideal Homes, 101 Moreland Road, Griffin, Georgia

A handout to commissioners was read by Mr. Ross stating his displeasure with the special exception process for a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Head, trying to purchase a replacement manufactured home for their property.

Ken Dorsey, 261 Dobbins Mill Road, Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Dorsey wanted the Board to reconsider the Moratorium on North Hill Street development that passed recently. He has a project in progress (for about a year) that is being halted, even though he had paid his fees on September 3 and submitted plans. He wondered, also, about the renovation of Spalding Heights, with their recent fire, and which is located in the area affected by the moratorium. They should at least be allowed to demolish the damaged units because the debris is hazardous. Commissioner Phillips stated he had voted against it initially and would like to see the Board revisit this issue. Chairman Goss advised they would explore options.

Mark Head, 235 Field Road, Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Head stated he and his wife are renting a duplex currently. They moved the previous manufactured home off the property and reapplied but found they could not replace the previous home after a period of time had elapsed because of this ordinance. There has been a manufactured home there for 25 years until recently. Personal belongings and pets are still there now, and they just want to get back home. The Special Exception process will cost another \$650 with the survey and he understands the ordinance may change anyway in short time. Consequently, he requested some relief.

David Hunnicutt, 463 Martin Dairy Road, Milner, Georgia

Mr. Hunnicutt wants the Board to reconsider its vote of approval on the 30% fee required for tournament play in Spalding County. He also expressed his opposition to scheduling tournament play until after regular play is over for the season. This may result in the association taking dollars to another county, not just from fees but from peripheral costs, as well, such as tourism.

Darlene Hightower, 449 Dutchman Road, Griffin, Georgia

Ms. Hightower requested the Board adjust its requirement of not using white mesh background for fencing advertisements; the required green mesh with yellow writing cannot be viewed well. They would prefer to be able to use the sponsor's solid signs, perforated with flaps to allow for wind, but if that is not possible they at least want to be able to use a mesh in a lighter color for better visibility.

Sinclair Hollberg, 3335 Jackson Road, Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Hollberg thanked the Board for their leadership and noted that the most significant event of 2007, in his estimation, was the designation of Futral Road School as a School of Excellence. This prestigious award is good news that is much needed by Spalding County. He urged the Board to issue a proclamation commemorating this event. Finally, he encouraged commissioners to consider ethics as an important factor in their board appointments.

Commissioner Phillips agreed, advising that all of Spalding County should be very proud of the showpiece facility that is Futral Road School.

Eric Taylor, 228 Lake Chase Drive, Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Taylor surmised the sports situation in Spalding County is a travesty, particularly concerning baseball and softball. He coaches travel ball and wanted to know what the 30% fee assessed is used for that associations pay. He did not feel it was put into maintenance of the field as he felt the fields were a travesty, as well. Mr. Taylor felt the process was taking kids games and making them political. He cautioned that tournament play might migrate to other counties. Travel ball is here to stay in this area, and the level of competition so much higher. Spalding County can benefit from both. Commissioner McDaniel advised the Board simply wants to ensure that all children have an opportunity to play, have fun and learn regardless of whether it is with travel ball or not.

Regina Abbott, 1129 Placid Road, Griffin, Georgia

Ms. Abbot explained that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has heard nothing but complaints for last two years from parents. So, a subcommittee headed by Dan McLean was formed and

they spent months meeting with youth associations, officers, coaches, and others to reach a consensus of what could be done. She credited the associations with creation of free youth sports camps during the summer for those not involved in competitive sports, and this has been a real boon for the program. They are still having problems with parents complaining about the strong emphasis placed on more competitive sports. The 30% fee attached to tournament play goes back into the County's field (baseball to baseball, soccer to soccer), and with the level of professionalism and care for the facilities, she cannot imagine any field under the Spalding County Parks and Recreation program being considered a travesty.

X. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2007 Regular Monthly Meeting and the December 20, 2007 Zoning Public Hearing.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2007 Regular Monthly Meeting and the December 20, 2007 Zoning Public Hearing by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, carried by a vote of 5-0.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider second reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the following:
 - Application #07-14Z: Curtis C. Bland, Owner, 132 Johnson Road Extension, 3.3 acres, from R-2 to AR-1, Conditional, and
 - Application #07-15Z: Anthony F. Johnson, Owner, Georgia State Highway 16 West, 6.71 acres, from AR-1 to C-1, Conditional.

Motion to approve Application #07-14Z and #07-15Z by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, carried by a vote of 5-0.

2. Consider second reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the following:
 - Application #07-18Z: William Boyd, Owner, Boyd's Crossing Road, 29.27 acres, from AR-1 to C-2, Conditional.

Motion to approve Application #07-18Z by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 5-0.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Lift from the Table: Consider approval of amended and restated trust indenture with Community Services, LLLP for sewerage system, including sanitary sewers and appurtenances, with a sewage treatment plant.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to lift, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wilson advised the problem County Attorney Fortune had with language in the previous agreement had been rectified, and the trust indenture is ready for consideration.

Motion to approve amended and restated trust indenture with Community Services, LLLP for sewerage system, including sanitary sewers and appurtenances, with a sewage treatment plant by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider setting qualifying fees for publication for each County office to be filled in the upcoming General Primary and General Election as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-131(a)(1) – County Commissioners Districts 1, 3, and 4; Probate Judge; Clerk of Superior Court; Tax Commissioner; Sheriff; State Court Judge; Coroner; Chief Magistrate; and Board of Education Member.

Motion to approve qualifying fees for publication for each County office to be filled in the upcoming General Primary and General Election as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-131(a)(1) – County Commissioners Districts 1, 3, and 4; Probate Judge; Clerk of Superior Court; Tax Commissioner; Sheriff; State Court Judge; Coroner; Chief Magistrate; and Board of Education Member as follows by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 5-0.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Qualifying Fee</u>
County Commissioner	\$ 14,002.....	\$ 420.06

<i>Probate Judge</i>	<i>66,940</i>	<i>2,008.20</i>
<i>Clerk, Superior Court</i>	<i>75,170</i>	<i>2,255.10</i>
<i>Tax Commissioner</i>	<i>77,388</i>	<i>2,321.64</i>
<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>84,313</i>	<i>2,529.39</i>
<i>Judge, State Court</i>	<i>140,627</i>	<i>4,218.81</i>
<i>Coroner</i>	<i>27,163</i>	<i>814.89</i>
<i>Chief Magistrate</i>	<i>66,940</i>	<i>2,008.20</i>
<i>Member, Board of Education</i>	<i>8,152</i>	<i>244.56</i>

2. Consider approval of a new Alcohol License for 2008 – Retail Sale – Beer and Wine – for the following: Anis Ali, president of High Falls Beverage, LLC, d/b/a Dit’s Too (a convenience store selling gasoline) located at 2662 High Falls Road. This is a new owner of an existing business.

Motion to approve new Alcohol License for 2008 – Retail Sale – Beer and Wine – for the following: Anis Ali, president of High Falls Beverage, LLC, d/b/a Dit’s Too (a convenience store selling gasoline) located at 2662 High Falls Road. This is a new owner of an existing business by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

3. Consider approval of Resolution in Support of Prescribed Fire for Spalding County as recommended by the Georgia Forestry Commission.

Spalding County
RESOLUTION
In Support of Prescribed Fire
Griffin, Georgia

WHEREAS, the Spalding County Commission recognizes the use of prescribed fire provides multiple ecological and economic benefits to the public,

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is a land management/public safety tool in the prevention of wildfires, reduces the liability and loss of private property and saves lives while it acts as a preventive measure saving taxpayers the cost of local government public safety and fire fighting officials from responding to wildfires which consume valuable tax resources,

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is a priority in the implementation of the State Wildlife Action Plan to improve wildlife habitat, it assists both public and private land managers in perpetuating fire-dependent ecosystems, its dependent game and non-game species and is a tool in managing endangered species,

WHEREAS, prescribed fire is a valuable tool used by land managers, timber growers and the Georgia Forestry Commission in reducing hazardous fuels, reducing the risk of destructive wildfires, preparing sites for both natural and artificial forest regeneration, improving access and controlling detrimental insects and silvicultural diseases,

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly passed the Right to Burn Act in 1992, defining prescribed fire as, “Prescribed burning means the controlled application of fire to existing vegetative fuels under specific environmental conditions and following appropriate precautionary measures, which causes the fire to be confined to a pre-determined area and accomplishes one or more planned land management objectives or to mitigate catastrophic wildfires.”

WHEREAS, many rural economies are dependent on the use of prescribed fire to manage for game species such as Whitetail Deer, Wild Turkey and Bobwhite Quail, whose hunting economy is vital to the State of Georgia,

WHEREAS, prescribed fire helps keep Georgia’s forest healthy and those forest, in return, provide clean air and clean water,

WHEREAS, prescribed fire practitioners contribute to the air quality of Georgia as healthy forest contribute vital ecological services as “air shed contributors”,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spalding County Commission supports the appropriate and continued use of prescribed fire in Georgia,

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Spalding County Commission supports the Georgia Forestry Commission and Georgia Department of Natural Resources continue to provide educational and technical assistance to landowners in an effort to recognize the benefits listed above,

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Spalding County Commission urges Air Quality Regulators to work closely with all state agencies and landowners in a fair and balanced approach to smoke management,

This Resolution Adopted By the Spalding this 7th day of January, 2008.
County Board
of Commissioners

3) **Prescribed Fire**- ACCG strongly supports the continued use of prescribed fire throughout Georgia where its many benefits support public safety, public health, our vital forestry and recreational economies, promotes healthy forest providing clean air, clean water and sustaining dependent wildlife. Recognizing future growth in Georgia will demand healthy forest for their economic benefits and ecological services, conflict in public perception of prescribed fire management on forested land may occur. Towards ensuring public health and safety benefits are recognized by all Georgians through the continued use of prescribed fire, ACCG:

- Urges the Governor and the General Assembly to support the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) in order to upgrade its prescribed fire and fire fighting capabilities to levels appropriate in addressing increased population demands for education, information, technical assistance, BMP implementation, training, air quality management, fire prevention, and wildfire response.
- Encourages the GFC to secure the appropriate support tools to better predict weather conditions, for gathering additional accurate data and the permitting of prescribed fire activity in Georgia.
- Strongly urges prescribed fire practitioners to attend the GFC Certified Burner Manager Program in order to better understand safety, risk management, smoke management, acquaint themselves with regulations, and enhance personal skills of prescribed fire tools and techniques.
- Encourages the Department of Natural Resources to continue educating the public and promoting prescribed fire as a priority wildlife management tool to sustain biodiversity and support game and non-game species through the implementation of the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP).
- Urges local governments, state and federal agencies to use prescribed fire as a land management/public safety tool in the prevention of wildfires; reducing private property loss, saving lives and preventing unnecessary expenditure of tax dollars.

Motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Prescribed Fire for Spalding County as recommended by the Georgia Forestry Commission by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

4. Consider approval of Resolution and authorize Chairman to execute Agreement Governing Expenditures for State & Local Government Costs relating to reimbursement from the Ga. Dept. of Natural Resources for Hazardous Waste Trust Fund cleanup costs.

Motion to approve Resolution and authorize Chairman to execute Agreement Governing Expenditures for State & Local Government Costs relating to reimbursement from the Ga. Dept. of Natural Resources for Hazardous Waste Trust Fund cleanup costs by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, carried by a vote of 5-0.

5. Consider request of Makin' Tracks Travel Club for a motor coach bus for use by seniors at the Spalding County Senior Center.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Wilson was directed to coordinate with Louis Greene, Parks and Recreation Director, on what other counties do and explore viable options.

6. Consider recommendations from Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission regarding Youth Associations and travel ball.

Dan McLean, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, 812 Sunnybrook Drive, Griffin
Mr. McLean advised he had been charged with chairing the subcommittee to explore travel ball and make recommendations. Over the years he has participated in recreation ball, little league baseball, football and basketball, coaching travel ball back in 1980s, so he was not against it in concept. During that time, they understood Parks & Recreation didn't sponsor travel ball, so they instead utilized Math Field. He wants to emphasize that sports today is for the general population, and tournaments and travel ball belongs on the tail end of that dog. When the regular recreation league is over, then travel ball and tournament ball should be available. This subcommittee recommended this to the Board to better provide for the children of Spalding County. There are much politics on and off the field, and he challenged the coaches to avoid tunnel vision and realize that not players all can compete at a higher level of competition. He also urged coaches not to coach for their own child(ren) but rather for everyone's children.

Associations, to their credit, put on clinics to raise money to offset fees with regard to free youth sports clinics. These children are those who are not getting to play at all in organized sports because of financial constraints. Mr. McLean and Ms. Abbott answered Commissioner Flowers-Taylor that the

30% fees pertained to maintenance costs and were, in fact, put back into the program accordingly. They urged the Board to take care of recreation ball first then tournament ball next. Summer and fall are available for tournaments, and that can be a workable plan.

Commissioner Freeman asked if Parks and Recreation did the same thing as the travel ball people do, so if they are making a little money ... they have to make money in order to do that.

Mr. McLean said that was true, but they wanted to ensure they took care of recreation ball first and then have the tournament ball take care of itself after the Countywide recreation programs have completed.

Commissioner Freeman said he understood that, and had no problem with that, but just like you say, they have money coming into the County and it's a benefit to the County when they have travel ball. It seems like there is something there that is just not gelling. There needs to be some common ground somewhere that needs to be established.

Commissioner McDaniel stated one of the things to consider was that basically, baseball starts around the first of March and is completed by the time kids are out of school. So there is a whole summer and fall in which tournaments can be played. It would suit him if the regular season went a little bit longer even because once the kids get out of school they have no organized recreation. Almost any affiliation with youth sports, if it is a springtime sport, will be over by the time the kids are out of school.

Commissioner Freeman asked who played on the tournaments and who played on the recreation ball, wondering if they were the same kids.

Mr. McLean said some were the same children, which presented another whole issue for the Advisory Commission. They are running two or three different leagues at the same time, sometimes removing children from the day recreation league to play them in travel ball which leaves fewer children playing recreation ball.

Commissioner Freeman said that was one reason he was bringing it up.

Commissioner Phillips recounted some of his own experiences playing recreation ball and travel ball. He agreed with Commissioner Freeman and he agreed with Mr. McLean that recreation ball comes first because that is what the County pays for and that is where the playing field is level and everyone gets to play. The travel ball can follow and there is room for everyone; all parties just need to sit down and resolve their issues without making stupid, arbitrary rules to try and make power plays. He told Matt Quinn of the Griffin Daily News recently that the biggest issue facing Spalding County this year is selflessness, and Mr. McLean personified that selflessness when he continued to coach after his kids were out of the program. He wanted to reiterate it was all about the kids. The School Board's motto of "Children First Always" is something to which everyone could and should aspire.

Chairman Goss agreed, adding that a frequent complaint he hears is when the season starts, it's cold and kids are trying to do baseball, school work, etc and then when school is out, baseball is over and kids have nothing to do unless they play travel ball. He wondered if perhaps they could extend the regular season even into June and July to accommodate all those kids who are sitting at home. Chairman Goss thanked Mr. McLean for his efforts.

Commissioner Freeman thanked Mr. McLean, as well, for taking on this task. He said that, to him, the issue was a little bit convoluted to the extent of where we've got people sitting over here and they're not happy. Then, as he has stated, he felt there could be common ground somewhere and they could work on that.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked about Mr. Eric Taylor's contention that his league was pushed off to Patrick Field (AMBUCS) when Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park sat idle and stated this was retarded. Ms. Abbott relayed that often this practice is incorporated in an effort to be good stewards of the fields themselves, resting the turf and fertilizing, etc. as needed. As much as possible, they strive to give equal opportunity to both recreation and travel ball. Wear and tear determines the number of games played on the turfs, and they do route play at other parks, as well, beyond Patrick Field.

Commissioner Freeman asked what Ms. Abbot and Mr. McLean saw in baseball as compared to soccer. He stated he saw fields full of people on Saturday playing soccer, and he understood that ball might be dwindling to a certain extent. He asked if there was any truth to that.

Mr. McLean said his understanding was that soccer has one program and they funnel their kids according to ability through the different leagues. This is how they keep their attendance and participation up. In baseball, he understood they were taking the better players to travel ball, leaving recreation ball with little or no competition. He suggested the difference was in the different associations.

Commissioner Freeman said that basically with recreation ball, players get better as they play and they know more about ball. Therefore, they would want to get into travel ball. He noted that Parks and Recreation did have adequate field for all play despite the fact that they let fields rest, so it works great.

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Phillips for the two Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recommendations as presented: 1) The Little League Baseball affiliation shall remain for the regular season, and after that season ends travel ball can be played, and 2) Travel ball shall not be allowed to be played until after the Spalding County Youth Softball and Spalding County Youth Basketball Association's regular season has ended. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Freeman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

7. Consider recommendation from Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for eliminations/additions for playground standards for the Design Guideline Manual.

The manufacturer has changed styles and added a "Tweener" playground for a target market in between younger and older children, noted Mr. Wilson. These same standards are adopted in the Spalding County Unified Development Ordinance.

Motion to approve as presented the recommendation from Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for eliminations/additions for playground standards for the Design Guideline Manual by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, carried by a vote of 5-0.

8. Consider Change Order for site work expenses from M/A-COM with regard to the 800 MHz Communication System.

Mr. Wilson advised he was proud to report the Williamson Road tower site was approved by FAA. These costs are for several tower sites and site work that had to be completed.

Motion to approve Change Order for site work expenses from M/A-COM with regard to the 800 MHz Communication System for an amount not to exceed \$34,061.40 by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Van Haute responded to Commissioner Flowers-Taylor that this is the second change order. The first was for construction and transfer to the water tank site. The project is not over budget yet, although this change order was one that was unbudgeted. This property is owned by the Water Authority, though, which will be a more preferable situation, and perhaps the County can buy a lesser quality toughbook to accommodate the increased change order costs.

Bill Taylor of WKEU said a new, 250-foot, self-supporting, 3-legged tower that was ordered and not used by A T & T might be available at a reasonable cost to help with expenses.

9. Consider request of Plant the Future, Inc. to donate and plant shade trees on the County cemetery property on Carver Road.

Mr. Wilson explained this group wants to plant 2-3" caliper trees in late fall 2008 (delayed due to the drought) at no charge to the County.

Motion to approve request of Plant the Future, Inc. to donate and plant shade trees on the County cemetery property on Carver Road by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, carried by a vote of 5-0.

10. Set a date for Public Hearing to establish street lighting district for Wolf Creek Townhomes.

Motion to set a date of February 4 for Public Hearing for Wolf Creek Townhomes, made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, carried by a vote of 5-0.

11. Set a date for Public Hearing to establish street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 34.

Motion to set a date of February 4 for Public Hearing for Sun City Peachtree Pod 34, made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

12. Discuss future SPLOST referendum date and potential projects.

Mr. Wilson referenced a memo sent in August noting that the earliest election dates for a SPLOST referendum are July 15 and September 16, 2008. Both will coordinate with termination of the

existing SPLOST on December 31, 2008. Proceeds are estimated to be between \$50 and \$53 million, and there will need to be executed an intergovernmental agreement with City of Griffin. The very latest date in order to provide for a seamless SPLOST collection will be September 16, 2008. Parks and Recreation posted a request list that totaled \$36.3 million, and Griffin Tech's requested projects total \$8.5 million. Commissioners have suggested this SPLOST should be an infrastructure SPLOST with an emphasis on transportation improvements and the paving of dirt roads. Current estimates obtained from surrounding counties indicate costs that approach \$1.3 million per mile. With over 90 miles of dirt roads in the County, there is much work to be done. General direction for which date is desired by the Board is needed. The Development Authority and others will also weigh in with potential projects. Commissioner Phillips believed the Board can be instrumental with much public input but he does not feel they should promote or "cheerlead" the effort. Parks and Recreation, in their memo, recommended establishing a steering committee. The most cost-effective date would be July 15 because September would require a special election. However, most commissioners and Mr. Wilson, as well, wondered if that would allow enough time to adequately develop and research potential projects and receive input from all interested parties.

Commissioner Freeman was certain Development Authority and Airport requests would come.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor advised the County needed to first do what it told senior citizens they would do from the last SPLOST. She felt strongly that the County would be wasting time, effort and money trying to get a new SPLOST passed if, in fact, the new Senior Center from the previous SPLOST doesn't materialize.

Commissioner McDaniel advised this was early for this type discussion. Prioritization from Parks and Recreation and other of their wish lists could help refine the scope. When word gets out that the County is soliciting projects, more will certainly come. Concentration now is required to establish the "when." Regarding the senior center, he noted the County's preference has been to relocate and efforts have been made toward two locations but nothing has come to fruition. Two overtures for a property exchange with no positive results took time. Louis Greene will soon have a proposal on existing county-owned property on Thursday's agenda for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting. Everyone realizes they are bound by law to spend SPLOST dollars on designated projects, and the senior center will develop but the process has been slow.

Chairman Goss agreed, noting that the 800 MHz SPLOST project has taken over a year, as well.

Mr. Wilson advised he just needed a preferred date from the Board now, and then they can develop a project list accordingly after that. The general consensus was that September 16 would allow for more time to fully develop the process.

13. Consider annual Spalding County appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

<u>Board/Commission/Authority</u>	<u>Current Member/Action Taken</u>	<u>New Expiration</u>
Board of Appeals & Adjustments Unsafe Bldg. Abatement Code	Doug Krepps <i>Table: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2011
Butts, Henry, Lamar & Spalding County Development Authority	Don King <i>Table: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2010
Chamber of Commerce – Board of Directors	William Wilson <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee (G-SATC)	William Wilson <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
G-SATC – Ex-Officio	Wendell Beam <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
G-SATC – Ex-Officio	Chipper Gardner <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
G-SATC	Chuck Taylor <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel,</i>	12-31-2008

	<i>second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	
G-SATC	Bennie Owens <i>Florence Kulp to replace: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner Phillips, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
G-SATC	Bill Westmoreland <i>Table: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Commission	Carl Pruett <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2010
Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority	Johnny Goodrum <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2010
Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority	John Abbott <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner Phillips, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2011
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful	Patricia Smith <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful	Consuelo Molyneux <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful	William Corley <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful	Barbara King <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful	Jimmy Passmore <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful	Kevin Barkley <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful	Stan Watson <i>Mate Mundy to replace: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Phillips, 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful	Marvin Tackett <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	Scott Ballard <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Phillips, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	Marvin Brooks <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Freeman, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	William Wilson <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
McIntosh Trail RDC Bd. of Directors	Billy Slaughter <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
McIntosh Trail RDC Bd. of Directors	Jud Keith <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
McIntosh Trail RDC Bd. of Directors	Jim Ogletree <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
McIntosh Trail TMDL Task Force	William Wilson <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Spalding County Collaborative Auth. For Families and Children, Inc.	Linda Jeffries <i>April Crane to replace: Commissioner Phillips, second Commissioner Freeman, 5-0</i>	12-31-2009
Spalding County Collaborative Auth. For Families and Children, Inc.	Frank Castile <i>Table: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner McDaniel, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008
Spalding Co. Library Board of Trustees	Susan McWilliams <i>Lee Beckham to replace: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2011
Spalding County Library Board of Trustees	Alicia Stratton <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2011
Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Richard Dukes <i>Reappointed-Dist. 1 Commissioner Flowers-Taylor</i>	12-31-2010
Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	David Dodd <i>Reappointed - Dist. 2 Commissioner Phillips</i>	12-31-2010
Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Zachery Holmes <i>Reappointed Dist. 3- Commissioner McDaniel</i>	12-31-2010
Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Tony Rakestraw <i>Reappointed – Dist. 4 Commissioner Freeman</i>	12-31-2010
Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Ernest Wimbush, Jr. <i>Reappointed – Dist. 5 Commissioner Goss</i>	12-31-2010
Spalding County Personnel Appeals	Rita Mace <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner McDaniel, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2010
Spalding County Personnel Appeals	Doug Taylor <i>Reappointed: Commissioner McDaniel, second Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, 5-0</i>	12-31-2010

Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority	Marcia Collins <i>James Brooks to replace: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner Phillips, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2013
Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority	Bennie Owens <i>Kathy Socha to replace: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner Phillips, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2013
Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority	Oscar Zellner <i>Haskell Ward-Sears to replace: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner Phillips, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2013
Two Rivers R C & D Council	William Wilson <i>Reappointed: Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, second Commissioner Freeman, Vote 5-0</i>	12-31-2008

Consider annual Spalding County commissioner appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

Board/Commission/Authority	Commissioner Member	New Expiration	Comments
Chamber of Commerce – Board of Directors	Johnie McDaniel <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin Downtown Council-Main Street Advisory Board	David Phillips <i>Reappointed s</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee (G-SATC)	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
G-SATC	Johnie McDaniel <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Commission, Ex-Officio	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority	Johnie McDaniel <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
McIntosh Trail RDC Bd. of Directors	Edward Goss, Jr. <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
McIntosh Trail TMDL Task Force	Edward Goss, Jr. <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Spalding County Board of Health	Edward Goss, Jr. <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Spalding County Collaborative Auth. For Families and Children, Inc.	Edward Goss, Jr. <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission	Johnie McDaniel <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
Spalding County Water & Sewerage	Gwen Flowers-Taylor	12-31-2008	1-year term

Facilities Authority	<i>Reappointed</i>		Chairman or designee
Two Rivers R C & D Council	Eddie Freeman <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee
West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board	Edward Goss, Jr. <i>Reappointed</i>	12-31-2008	1-year term by position Chairman or designee

XIV. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Mr. Wilson advised he was making preparations for the Board of Commissioners Retreat in February, and the consensus was to hold the retreat locally, perhaps in the Boy Scouts Flint River Council Center, with Janice Sailors as facilitator or perhaps Dr. Bactel if Ms. Sailors was not available. Commissioner McDaniel noted they would prefer not to spend valuable time on personality profiles since everyone has done several.
- McIntosh Trail RDC Chairman Edward Goss, Jr. has asked for support of the Georgia Flag Project, and Spalding County will participate.
- Spalding County does not have any scheduled business for the zoning public hearing on January 24, 2008. So, commissioners would be free to participate, if they so desired, in the kickoff meeting with the City at the Welcome Center for the new consultant who will complete the North Griffin Corridor Study at 6 p.m.
- The Martin Luther King, Jr. parade will be held on January 21, 2008 at 3 p.m. with lineup at Food Depot at 2:30 p.m.
- Spalding Heights would like to demolish the building damaged by fire but the 500-foot restriction in the recently-passed moratorium puts half of that project in the prohibited area. Mr. Fortune suggested allowing the owners of Spalding County to stabilize the damaged structure(s) so as not to pose a safety hazard then explore with Zoning Attorney Galloway the possibility of developing something with greater latitude. Mr. Wilson will follow up.

XV. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Freeman:

Commissioner Freeman appreciated the efforts of all during the past two years when he was Chairman. Regarding Mr. Ross’ comments on the manufactured home issue, Commissioner Freeman wants to see a time period of at least a year in the same footprint when replacing an existing manufactured home. He wants to see, also, the fee waived for the couple on Field Road. A general consensus from the Board directed Mr. Wilson to waive the fee and proceed with an Ordinance amendment.

Flowers-Taylor:

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor thanked Commissioner Freeman and complimented his hard work the past two years. She noted also that her appointment to the Library Board of Trustees, Geraldine Jackson, had passed away, so an appointment to that board needs to be addressed at the next meeting.

Phillips:

Commissioner Phillips stated he wants to see Mr. and Mrs. Head get into their manufactured home tomorrow, and he also thanked Commissioner Freeman and offered congratulations to newly-elected Chairman Goss. He thanked Commissioner McDaniel for his service as Vice Chair this year and congratulated Commissioner Flowers-Taylor on her election as Vice Chair for 2008. He also agreed with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor that the County needs to ensure the new senior center is completed as quickly as possible.

McDaniel:

Commissioner McDaniel noted that the anticipated proposal from Louis Greene with regard to the senior center sounds exciting and feasible and he will anxiously report back later on progress. He advised that he and other commissioners have received many form letters from animal activists and they will be duly considered. Finally, he thanked Commissioner Freeman for serving as Chairman the past two years.

Goss:

Chairman Goss thanked Commissioner Freeman and expressed his desire to have Commissioner Freeman continue to do the good work he has exhibited.

XVI. CLOSED SESSION

1. County Manager requests a Closed Session to discuss personnel as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6) and pending litigation as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:17 p.m. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

[A copy of the affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting]

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF SPALDING

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN

Members of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on January 7, 2008.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 9:17 p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

Yes Consultation with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

No Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____ (*insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential*);

No Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);

Yes Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6);

No Other (*describe the exemption to the open meetings law*): _____ as provided in _____ (*insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic*).

This the 7th day of January 2008 .

Spalding County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed

Edward Goss, Jr., Chairman (L.S.)

Before me this 7th day of January 2008 .

David Phillips (L.S.)

Gwen Flowers-Taylor (L.S.)

Notary Public – Teresa A. Watson (L.S.)

Eddie L. Freeman (L.S.)

My commission expires: March 1, 2011

Johnie McDaniel (L.S.)

Motion to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene to Open Meeting at 9:34 p.m. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 5-0.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman

Secretary