

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Monthly Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, January 12, 2009, beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m. with Commission Chairman Edward Goss, Jr. presiding and Commissioners Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Eddie L. Freeman, Bob Gilreath and David Phillips present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant to the County Manager Paul Van Haute, County Attorney James R. Fortune, Jr. and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Edward Goss, Jr.

II. INVOCATION – Executive Secretary Teresa Watson

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Assistant to the County Manager Paul Van Haute

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN - CALENDAR YEAR 2009

Commissioner Gilreath nominated Commissioner Goss as Chair and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor as Vice Chair for 2009. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor moved to close nominations.

Motion to elect Commissioner Goss as Chair carried 5-0. Motion to elect Commissioner Flowers-Taylor as Vice Chair carried 5-0.

V. APPOINTMENTS – CALENDAR YEAR 2009:

County Manager – William P. Wilson, Jr. – Reappointed 5-0 on motion/second by Commissioners Gilreath and Freeman.

County Clerk – William P. Wilson, Jr. – Reappointed 5-0 on motion/second by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor and Freeman.

County Attorney – James R. Fortune, Jr. – Reappointed 5-0 on motion/second by Commissioners Freeman and Phillips.

Ex-Officio County Clerk – Teresa A. Watson – Reappointed on motion/second by Commissioners Phillips and Gilreath.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Consider Proclamation declaring January 12, 2009 Cronic Automotive Group Day.

Motion/second to approve Proclamation declaring January 12, 2009 as Cronic Automotive Group Day by Commissioners Gilreath and Phillips carried by a vote of 5-0.

Proclamation **“Cronic Automotive Group Day”**

WHEREAS, The Spalding County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and appreciate the numerous and varied contributions to the community and its economy over the past thirty years of the Cronic Automotive Group; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating thirty years of service on December 8, 2008 were local politicians, business executives, dignitaries and many loyal customers of the dealership who joined with regional Nissan officials to honor Lee and Wanda Cronic Howell, noting that the Cronic Nissan Dealership is now the number one dealer in sales for this uneasy economic period in the entire Atlanta area; and

WHEREAS, The Cronic Automotive Group in Griffin, which includes Chevrolet, Cadillac, Nissan, Buick, Pontiac, GMC, Chrysler and Jeep, has carried on the goals and vision established by June Cronic, Wanda's father, over thirty years ago with pride, commitment and total dedication to quality with Cronic Chevrolet being founded in 1975; Cronic Nissan in 1978; and Cronic Buick, Pontiac, GMC, Chrysler and Jeep in 1996; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a day be set aside for citizens to express their thanks and convey their appreciation for the outstanding service and support to the community, not only in the area of vehicle sales and service but also as a valuable supporter of area arts, civic clubs, youth activities and local family events as provided by The Cronin Automotive Group.

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that We, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County on this, the twelfth day of January 2009, do hereby declare that a copy of this proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the proceedings of this Board, reflecting that I have hereunto caused the seal of Spalding County, Georgia to be affixed, declaring that this, the twelfth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, shall be considered Cronin Automotive Group Day.

Vice Chair Gwen Flowers-Taylor presented a gavel plaque to Chairman Goss for his service this past year as Chair of the Board of Commissioners. She thanked him for his diligence and hard work on behalf of the Board and Spalding County citizens.

VII. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – N/A

VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS – NO REQUESTS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers must state their names and addresses and direct all comments to the Board only. Speakers will be allotted 5 minutes to speak on topics pertinent to the Board's jurisdiction. No speaker will be allowed to readdress the Board without express consent from a Board member. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times during the meeting.

Elaine Chambers Toney, 165 Caldwell Drive, Hampton, Georgia
She spoke on behalf of Mr. Patel who owns 19/41 Package Store and was up for renewal of his alcohol license. Ms. Toney wanted to vouch for his character.

Phyllis & Marc Beaven, 1809 Cindy Lane, Griffin, Georgia
Mr. and Mrs. Beaven wanted to advocate for a dog park and dog trail as a project for the Parks and Recreation Department, noting some of the advantages of such a facility and suggesting some methods to ensure such a venture's success.

Mike Lynch, 256 Bethany Road, Griffin, Georgia
He wanted to thank the Board for the signs erected in the area recently and for beginning the work on speed limit reductions in his neighborhood.

Jake Redding, 190 Anglin Road, Griffin, Georgia
Mr. Redding was opposed to the recently implemented requirement for helmet wear at the skate park. He and other skaters did not like the idea of having to purchase an expensive helmet and proposed having Parks and Recreation purchase some for rental from the gym near the skate park.

X. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: December 15, 2008 Extraordinary Session, December 15, 2008 Zoning Public Hearing, and the December 16, 2008 Special Called Meeting.

Motion/second to approve Minutes of the following: December 15, 2008 Extraordinary Session, December 15, 2008 Zoning Public Hearing, and the December 16, 2008 Special Called Meeting by Commissioners Phillips and Gilreath, carried 5-0.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA – N/A

XII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Lift from the Table: Consider continued request for approval of 2009 renewal Alcohol Beverage License – Retail Package Store as follows: Prakash I. Patel, d/b/a 19/41 Package Store, 2004 N. Expressway – Beer, Wine and Liquor – No action was taken on motion to approve at the December 15, 2008 meeting which resulted in a tie vote.

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman to lift from the Table: Consider continued request for approval of 2009 renewal Alcohol Beverage License – Retail Package Store as follows: Prakash I. Patel, d/b/a 19/41 Package Store, 2004 N.

Expressway – Beer, Wine and Liquor – No action was taken on motion to approve at the December 15, 2008 meeting which resulted in a tie vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips and Gilreath was followed by an extensive general discussion. While Commissioner Flowers-Taylor was concerned over a history of adverse action and violations on behalf of the applicant, Commissioners Phillips and Freeman noted this was a pending case and one for the courts to decide. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Chairman Goss opposing.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval as to form proposed lease agreement for tower space on communications towers.

Motion/second to approve form of proposed lease agreement, as presented, for tower space on communications towers owned by Spalding County by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

2. Consider annual appointments to Spalding County boards, authorities and commissions.

<u>Board/Commission/Authority</u>	<u>Current Member / Board Action</u>	<u>New Expiration</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Butts, Henry, Lamar & Spalding County Development Authority	Daa'ood Amin <i>Tabled 5-0 on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor and Phillips.</i>	12-31-2011	3-year term
Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors	William Wilson <i>Reappointed 5-0 on motion/second by Freeman/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term, County Manager by Position
Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee (G-SATC)	Chuck Taylor <i>Reappointed 5-0 on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Freeman.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term, County Staff
G-SATC	Bobby Peurifoy <i>Reappointed 5-0 on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term, County At-Large
G-SATC – Ex-Officio	Wendell Beam <i>Reappointed 5-0 on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term, by position, Sheriff or designee
G-SATC – Ex-Officio	Chipper Gardner <i>Reappointed 5-0 on motion/second by Phillips/Freeman.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term by position, Fire Chief or designee
G-SATC	Florence Kulp <i>Reappointed 5-0 on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term, County At-Large
Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Commission	Ronnie Powers <i>Appointed Jerry Bilbro by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Freeman/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2011	3-year term
Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority	Sinclair Hollberg <i>Tabled by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2011	3-year term

Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority	Alton Knight <i>Tabled by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2011	3-year term
Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority	Tom Gardner <i>Tabled by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2011	3-year alternating term (County: 2009)
Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority	Bonnie Pfrogner <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	Scott Ballard <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Freeman.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term, Prosecutor's Office
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	Marvin Brooks <i>Reappointed 5-0 on motion /second by Phillips/Freeman.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term, Private Sector representative
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	William Wilson <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Freeman.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term, County Manager by position
McIntosh Trail TMDL Task Force	William Wilson <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Freeman.</i>	12-31-2010	2-year term, County Manager
Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors	William Murray <i>Reappointed by 4-1 vote (Gilreath opposing) on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Freeman.</i>	12-31-2014	6-year term
Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals	Michelle Cannon <i>Reappointed by Post 3 Commissioner Gilreath.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term, Post 3
Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals	Doug Hardwick <i>Reappointed by Post 4 Commissioner Freeman.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term, Post 4
Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals	Allan McCallum <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Freeman/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term, At-Large Post
Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals	Charles Perdue <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Freeman/Phillips.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term, At-Large Post
Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals	JoAnne Phinazee <i>Reappointed by Post 1 Commissioner Flowers-Taylor.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term, Post 1
Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families &	Jewell Walker Harps	12-31-2010	2-year term, County At-Large

Children Inc	<i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Phillips/Flowers-Taylor.</i>		
Spalding County Library Board of Trustees	Barbara Jo Cook <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Freeman/Flowers-Taylor.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term
Spalding County Library Board of Trustees	Juanita Morris <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Phillips/Flowers-Taylor.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term
Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board	James Campbell <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Freeman.</i>	12-31-2011	3-year term
Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board	Charles Perdue <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Freeman/Flowers-Taylor.</i>	12-31-2011	3-year term
Spalding County Planning Commission	Janet Bailey <i>Reappointed by Post 1 Commissioner Flowers-Taylor.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term, Post 1
Spalding County Planning Commission	Frank Chastain <i>Post 4 Commissioner Freeman requested tabling until the next meeting.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term, Post 4
Spalding County Planning Commission	John Youmans <i>Reappointed by Post 3 Commissioner Gilreath.</i>	12-31-2012	4-year term, Post 3
Two Rivers R C & D Council	William Wilson <i>Reappointed by 5-0 vote on motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Freeman.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term by position County Manager
Region One MHDDAD Planning Board	Cynthia Reid Ward <i>Tabled by consensus.</i>	12-31-2011	3-year term

Board/Commission/Authority	Commission Member Appointee	New Expiration	Comments
Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors	<i>Bob Gilreath</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term Chair or designee
Griffin Downtown Council – Main Street Advisory Board	<i>Tabled until next agenda.</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term Chair or designee
Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee	<i>Eddie Freeman</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term Chair or designee
Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee	<i>Bob Gilreath</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term Chair or designee
Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Commission	<i>Eddie Freeman</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term County Chair or designee
Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority	<i>Eddie Freeman</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term County Chair or designee
Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority – Ex-Officio	<i>Bob Gilreath</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term County Chair or designee

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission	<i>Eddie Freeman</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term County Chair or designee
McIntosh Trail RDC Board of Directors	<i>Edward Goss</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term, County Chair or designee-Elected
McIntosh Trail TMDL Task Force	<i>Edward Goss</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term Chair position
Spalding County Board of Health	<i>Edward Goss</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term Chair or designee
Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children Inc	<i>Edward Goss</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term Chair or designee
Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Comm.	<i>Gwen Flowers-Taylor</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term Chair or designee
Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority	<i>Gwen Flowers-Taylor</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term Chair or designee
Two Rivers R C & D Council	<i>Eddie Freeman</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term – Voting Member
West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board	<i>Edward Goss</i>	12-31-2009	1-year term

XIV. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Martin Luther King parade will be 1-19-08 at 3 p.m. Participating will be Commissioners Goss, Gilreath, and Phillips.
- The estimate from insurance for damage to the 5th street building has been received. The City has asked to consider not reconstructing and allowing the tenants to utilize the old City customer service building. Tenants will go back into the building if renovated; one is currently in Memorial Drive Plaza and one in the City's customer service building. The property is on the same lot with the original courthouse, currently the site of Extension Service. Consensus was to rebuild on individual polling.
- Mr. Wilson wants to schedule Zoning 101 with Newton Galloway for newly elected Commissioner Gilreath and others if interested. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor desires to attend, also.
- The City would like to present a stormwater display (6' tall x 8' wide) to be placed in the Courthouse for 30 days. This will help the City and County in NPDES planning. The consensus was to allow the display.
- South Metro Micro Enterprise Coalition has eleven members on their board and would like to have a Spalding County Commission member to participate, as well. Commissioner Phillips will consider serving if it works with his schedule. The coalition works to help entrepreneurs.
- The Board was open to allowing Spalding County Recycling to drive plastics for recycling to the City's center rather than to Newnan who has stopped paying for plastics recyclables.
- There will be a One Town, One Goal community build, and the project will be a playground in the City's Thomaston Mills Park on April 25, 2009.
- We applied for the 2010 State Aid Grant Program for the North Hill Street bridge culvert project and should be notified of results in June. Maximum allowed for the grant is \$750,000, and this project will cost slightly over that amount, so we are hoping to receive the grant.
- Skate Park rules have been implemented and are being enforced with regard to helmet wear.
- The position of Communications Specialist has not been filled because of limitations on salary. Mr. Wilson detailed a proposal by Loudon Communications, the entity installing the Spalding County system, to establish an office in Henry County to serve that county, as well as Spalding County and Newton County. A qualified person could handle all three counties and provide a cost efficiency, at least for a temporary situation. Mr. Wilson will also try to persuade Loudon to establish the office here rather than in Henry County. The cost savings will be approximately \$24,000 to \$40,000, and he reminded there is a year's warranty on the system already. He reminded also there is a hiring freeze and hiring a full-time employee with benefits would approximate \$90,000 or more. The Board concurred.

- Mr. Wilson advised that GDOT has inquired about SR 362/Moreland/Rover-Zetella Road intersection. This project has been on hold because of right-of-way acquisition which has been estimated at \$1 million. They desire to know if this project should be left in place or pushed out. He stated this was only one of several intersection projects coming up, and GDOT needs direction on project placement. The County can be asked to provide row acquisition and utility relocation. SPLOST transportation monies can be used but would limit other planned projects. These intersection improvements could be pushed out many years should the County desire not to provide. Commissioner Freeman stated the County might get some stimulus money, and he noted the stimulus package was 100%. There have several fatalities on Rover-Zetella Road and the truck traffic has worsened. Mr. Wilson recommended funding with SPLOST since the County would not increase taxes to fund these GDOT projects, which is what was done at Birdie Road. A previous Board approved utility relocation and row acquisition for these projects, and to push out these projects so much further would be detrimental to achieving the projects. Much discussion followed, and the Board would like to be kept apprised of additional information.
- Monday, February 23, 2009 was the date chosen for a Board of Commissioners retreat and the locale should be in the County.

XV. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners all welcomed new Commissioner Bob Gilreath.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor noted she wanted to see appointments to the Land Bank Authority on the next meeting agenda. The Medical Clinic will reopen on January 20, 2009, and she noted that helmet wear, while contentious for skateboarders, would save lives and prevent injuries. She also supported the dog park project mentioned by the Beavens earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Phillips noted he had been thanked by many employees who were grateful for the additional holidays this past year.

Commissioner Gilreath stated he was proud to be working with the Board and expected great things. He noted the Georgia magazine ad which was a good expenditure of hotel/motel funds.

XVI. CLOSED SESSION

1. County Manager requests a Closed Meeting to discuss acquisition of real estate.

Closed Session was convened at 7:32 p.m. on motion/second by Commissioners Freeman and Flowers-Taylor

Closed Session was adjourned with reconvening to Open Session at 8:12 a.m. on motion/second by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor and Freeman.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. on motion/second by Commissioners Freeman and Flowers-Taylor.

Chairman

County Clerk

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