

## REGULAR MEETING

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, October 4, 2010, beginning at 6:05 p.m. with Commissioner Eddie Goss presiding and Commissioners David Phillips and Bob Gilreath present. Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Eddie Freeman were not present. Also present were Interim County Manager Tim Whalen, Interim Assistant County Manager Virginia Martin, Attorney Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary Glinda Robertson.

### I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Eddie Goss

### II. INVOCATION – Led by Rev. Clay Padgett, Pastor of Crown Center Church

### III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Jim Fortune

*Motion/second to amend agenda by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0. An item was added under New Business to consider approving Subcontract between the Council on Alcohol and Drugs and Spalding County for After School Program.*

### I. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION - None

### II. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – None

## VI. CITIZENS COMMENT

## VII. 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 re-address 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.

Bernice Reese – 516 Turner St. Griffin, GA

Ms. Reese is a parent speaking on behalf of the parents from the Jets team. She spoke in support of Freddie Dennis (the dismissed coach). She would like to see him reinstated as head coach of the Jets by Parks and Recreation. On August 24<sup>th</sup> there was an incident between the coach and the mother of a child on his team. The mother did not want her child to play for this coach. After having been told by Parks and Recreation that she could not get her money back, the parent of the child came out to the field and was very unprofessional using a lot of profanity in front of the players. She was demanding that the coach give her money back. The coach let her say what she needed to say.

Ms. Reese stated the coach is of great character. He brings out the best in the children. He is a surrogate father and a mentor to some of the children. He has been a great coach for over eight years. It has broken the spirit of the kids since he has been gone. The parents are behind the coach and they want him to be reinstated.

The parents believe that in a previous meeting their voice was not heard. According to Ms. Reese the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department told them he had made his decision without their input and there was no need for them to request a meeting. She thanked the commissioners for allowing her to speak on behalf of the parents. She stated that he has volunteered his time like a lot of other coaches who do not get paid for this. He does it out of love.

When Mr. Dennis has visited the football fields since this incident he has been asked to leave by Spalding County Parks and Recreation employees. Ms. Reese read a letter to the commissioners from Mr. Dennis stating his version of what occurred. The letter stated the coaching position was taken from him and he never agreed with the decision. He felt like the issue could have been handled better in the beginning. The letter went on to say that all Mr. Dennis wants is his team back and to continue to coach. The people being affected the most are the players.

Ms. Reese commented that in a previous meeting with the Parks and Recreation that Ms. Trice was given another chance in a previous incident. She asked once again that Mr. Dennis be reinstated.

Commissioner Phillips asked if this went to the Advisory Board. Ms. Reese stated there was no such meeting. Ms. Reese stated this was strictly between Mr. Dennis and the administrators. She said the parents repeatedly asked for meetings and were they denied. Parks and Recreation told them they were going to stand by their decision.

Mr. Dennis corrected her and stated the issue did go before the Advisory Board. Commissioner Gilreath asked if this was the first time Mr. Dennis has been involved in an incident and she stated it was the first time.

Commissioner Phillips asked what he was accused of. Ms. Reese stated they never got a clear answer on that. She said they were told he could coach another team but he could not coach the Jets. She further stated Louis Greene then changed his mind and said maybe he could coach next year.

Commissioner Gilreath asked, "What's the real reason Mr. Dennis was removed?" Ms. Reese stated they were told one thing just led to another with Ms. Trice. Ms. Trice was calling Mr. Dennis a liar and things got worse from there. She believes the meeting was out of order and conducted in a disorderly manner. She again stated they were never given a clear reason for his dismissal.

Again, she stated he has been a great coach for many years and the parents are rallying behind him. Commissioner Gilreath asked if the Board of Commissioners have any jurisdiction over the finalization of this decision. Commissioner Goss stated he really does not know as this has not come up since he has been on the board. He further stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board normally make these types of decisions.

Mr. Fortune, the county attorney, stated he doubts the Board of Commissioners have any jurisdiction. He stated the board can inquire about the facts. Commissioner Phillips asked if the Board could have a copy of the minutes from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Whalen stated he could get a copy of the minutes for the Board of Commissioners. They advised Ms. Reese they could not give her an answer tonight. Commissioner Phillips stated they would get her an answer as soon as possible.

Ms. Reese stated that they feel as parents that if the Parks and Recreation Department had handled the situation with Ms. Trice differently, this incident would have never trickled down to the head coach. They feel he was unfairly taken from the team.

Commissioner Goss stated the Board will get with Louis Greene to obtain all the facts and they will make a recommendation one way or the other. Ms. Reese stated they are striving for a decision immediately.

## VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: Extraordinary Session of September 20, 2010 and the Zoning Public Hearing of September 23, 2010.

*Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.*

## IX. CONSENT AGENDA - None

## X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider second reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Ordinance of the following: - **Amendment to UDO #A-10-07:** Article 2. Definitions of Terms Used – Housing Definitions – Section 203:S(1) and U(2) – delete age of manufactured homes allowed to be brought into Spalding County.

IN RE:

***Text Amendment #A-10-07***

AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY

RESOLUTION AMENDING  
THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia is empowered by virtue of its police power to regulate the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Spalding County to provide for and enact zoning and developmental regulations;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia on January 4, 1994 and therein adopted the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, in Article 23, Section 2301, et. seq.;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Spalding County for certain text revisions and amendments to be made to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County;

WHEREAS, such text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County were reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on September 23, 2010 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-66-1, et. seq. in the Spalding County Hearing Room, Room 108, Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia considered the proposed amendment, any and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Spalding County Planning Commission and all data and evidence taken at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia is in conformance with the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people;

NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, that the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 2, "Definitions:" Section 203:S(1)(f).

Section 2: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 2, "Definitions:" Section 203:T(1).

Section 3: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 2, "Definitions:" Section 203:U(2).

Section 4: The foregoing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 5: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby, repealed.

***Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

2. Consider on second reading an ordinance amending Part II, Chapter 3, Article A of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances to provide for the appointment of a deputy county manager.

Commissioner Gilreath asked if this will be advertised as an open position when they are ready to do so. He was informed that it will. He asked what the starting salary will

be for this position. Ms. Martin did not have the exact figures with her however the starting pay grade is just under \$70,000.

Mr. Gilreath asked why it's so much higher than an Assistant or Assistant to the County Manager. Ms. Martin stated the job description has been rated by an outside company as far as the pay scale goes. Mr. Gilreath asked for a copy of the pay scale list.

Commissioner Gilreath stated he believes there are some other things that should be looked at before this ordinance is passed. He believes the county has gone too far in paying high salaries for certain position especially considering the current times.

He asked about the Assistant to the County Manager position. Ms. Martin stated she believes that position is rated at a level 36 which is around \$53,000 starting salary. Mr. Gilreath asked Ms. Martin if she got the position what she would be doing differently. Ms. Martin stated that whoever gets the position will be directly supervising about half of the county departments. Currently, she is not directly supervising any department heads. This will take some job responsibilities off the current county manager.

***Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 2-1. Commissioner Gilreath opposed.***

3. Discussion of personnel policy regarding return from medical leave.

***Motion/second to table until next meeting by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Conduct Public Hearing to consider the establishment of a street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 30 and Sun City Peachtree – Del Webb Blvd. Phase 3.

***Motion/second to open hearing by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0. No one was present to oppose or comment.***

***Motion/second to close hearing by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

2. Consider request to approve street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 30 and Sun City Peachtree – Del Webb Blvd. Phase 3.

***Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

3. Consider approval of contract between Spalding County Board of Commissioners and Three Rivers Regional Commission for CSBG Grant Administration FY 2011.

Aronda Smith was present to address. This contract is between Spalding County and Three Rivers Regional Commission. The purpose of this contract is to provide grant administration services under the Fiscal Year 2011 CSBG contract. The County shall agree to pay Three Rivers Regional Commission 15% or \$18,552.50 of the Fiscal Year CSBG contract for grant administration services.

***Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

4. Consider approval of contract between Spalding County Board of Commissioners and Three Rivers Regional Commission for Council on Aging.

Aronda Smith addressed this item. This contract is between Spalding County and the Council on Aging. The purpose of this contract is to provide community based services to eligible clients under the home delivered meals program. The maximum

reimbursement for this service shall be \$64,130.45. This amount includes the cost of meals, driver salaries, and travel for vehicle usage.

***Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

5. Consider approval of contract between Spalding County Board of Commissioners and Three Rivers Regional Commission for Salvation Army.

Arona Smith addressed this item. This contract is between Spalding County and the Salvation Army. The purpose of this contract to provide community based services to eligible clients under the after and summer school programs. The County shall reimburse the Salvation Army a maximum of \$3,500 for the cost of supplies and snacks for the after and summer school programs. The County shall directly pay the salaries of four certified teachers directly under the after and summer school programs. The certified teachers shall be paid \$13.00 per hour. The maximum payment amount shall be \$19,500.00 total.

***Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

6. Consider approval of request from City of Griffin to use the plaza area in front of the Courthouse during "Doc'tober Days 2010" on October 22nd & 23rd, 2010.

Adam Causey with the Downtown Development Authority was present to address. The City is trying to increase what it can do for tourism. They are trying to capitalize on the famous name of Doc Holliday. This event will consist of a movie, music, live entertainment and a beer festival. They would like to use the courtyard area in front of the courthouse to set up tables and seating.

***Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

7. Consider on first reading, Ordinance #2009-09 to amend the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part II Government and Administration to insert as a new Chapter 12, Ethics Ordinance.

***Motion/second to table until next meeting by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

8. Consider approval of subcontract between the Council on Alcohol and Drugs and Spalding County for After School Program.

***Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath and carried by a vote of 3-0.***

## **XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- Costs for razing substandard structures will be \$5,000 to \$7,000 per structure. There will also be a need to purchase a \$7,000 attachment to go on a front end loader.
- Estimated pricing on repairs to animal shelter are: For a turn key contractor the price is \$25,000; to hire a contractor and use inmate labor will be \$20,000; and to do the work "in-house" using county inmates will cost \$14,000.
- The August SPLOST figures collected are \$712,061.80. This is up \$11,000 from July. This is down \$48,000 from August of 2009.

## **XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**David Phillips**

- Commissioner Phillips suggested the county look into a procedure that uses concrete mixed with an antibacterial agent for the Animal Shelter. Fayette County has used this with success.
- He thanked his constituents for sending in roads they would like to see repaved.

**Bob Gilreath**

- Had a couple of questions about painting/sandblasting the Animal Shelter.

**Eddie Goss**

- Will be unavailable next week.

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION - None**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second to adjourn by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath at 6:50 p.m. and carried by all.*

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Chairman

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Interim County Clerk