

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, October 17, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Eddie Freeman presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Bob Gilreath, Gwen Flowers- Taylor, and Chipper Gardner were in attendance. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Deputy County Manager Virginia Beams, Attorney Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record minutes.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman, Eddie Freeman**
- II. INVOCATION – Led by Dr. Bill Hardee, Senior Pastor First Baptist Church**
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Raymond Ray**
- IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**
 - 1. Consider approval of Proclamation declaring October 24th as World Polio Day.

Proclamation
“World Polio Day”

- WHEREAS:** Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world’s first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and
- WHEREAS:** the Rotary motto “Service Above Self” inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and
- WHEREAS:** Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and
- WHEREAS:** polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries; and
- WHEREAS:** Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and
- WHEREAS:** These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute \$8 billion to the effort; and
- WHEREAS:** there are over 150 Rotary club members with two clubs in the City of Griffin and Spalding County sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED I Eddie Freeman, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2011 as

“World Polio Day”

in Spalding County, Georgia, and encourage all citizens to join myself and Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

This the 17th day Of October 2011

Eddie L. Freeman, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to approve Proclamation declaring October 24th as World Polio Day. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Members from the Daybreak Rotary Club and the Griffin Rotary Club were present. Stephanie Windham, President of the Griffin Rotary Club accepted the Proclamation.

2. Presentation by Harmony Senior Living- John Crouse, President.

Mr. John Crouse stated that the original plan submitted for Harmony Senior Living consisted of two properties. Mr. Crouse stated that there have been changes implemented due to unforeseen circumstances. He advised Mr. Freeman was kept abrupt of all changes being made. Mr. Crouse stated that initially zoning was requested for an assisted living center on the east side of Cowan Road. At this time zoning was also requested for an independent living center on the west site of McIntosh Road. There was difficulty with sewer problems for these two locations. Mr. Crouse advised that one of the changes listed was to put the entire community on the western side of McIntosh Road. These plans will be implemented in several phases. Mr. Crouse stated that the proposed plan calls for ninety-nine (99) units of assisted living, twenty-four (24) units of memory care and ninety-two (92) units of supportive services.

V. PRESENTATION 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.

Robert Lattimore- 2847 Teamon Rd. Griffin, GA- Mr. Lattimore expressed concern with the current tax rate. He noted that the Board advised him that a study would be done about two years ago regarding taxes. Mr. Lattimore stated that he has not seen any changes made.

VII. MINUTES –

- a. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: September 19, 2011, Extraordinary Session; September 22, 2011, Special Called Meeting; September 22, 2011, Zoning Public Hearing.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to approve minutes with corrections as noted by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider approval on second reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the following:

- i. **Amendment to UDO #A-11-04:** Article 2. Definitions-Section 202:K''-add definition of Group Homes, Transitional; Article 5. AR-1 Agricultural and Residential- Section 503:B(12)-add Group Home, transitional as special exception use, and Article 19. O & I Office and Institutional- add Group Home, Transitional as principal use.

IN RE:

Text Amendment #A-11-04

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 22, 2011 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 added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County: Section 202:K''':

- K'''. **Group Home, Transitional:** A residence where two (2) or more unrelated persons live that is under the supervision of a resident manager. Homes providing extended shelter and supportive services for individuals and/or families with the goal of helping them live independently and transition into permanent housing. Group homes shall not provide treatment of drug or alcohol dependency, or provide an alternative to incarceration.

Section 2: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 5: Agricultural and Residential District (AR-1) to appear as Section 503(B)(12):

Section 503: Permitted Uses.

- B. The following **Principal Uses** are permitted as **Special Exceptions** in AR-1 districts:

12. Group Home, Transitional as defined in Section 202:K'' that meets the following criteria:
 - a. minimum lot size: 3 acres;
 - b. minimum house size:
 - i. "Resident" includes each personal care home client, caregiver and other adult or child that is domiciled in the dwelling.
 - ii. for no more than three (3) residents: 1500 square feet, with at least one (1) bathroom;
 - iii. for no more than six (6) residents: 2000 square feet, with at least two (2) bathrooms;
 - iv. for no more than nine (9) residents: 2500 square feet, with at least three (3) bathrooms.
 - c. compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 126, et. seq.;
 - d. Certificate of inspection and approval by the Fire Marshall and Building Inspector;
 - f. Occupancy Requirements:
 - i. No more than three (3) residents may occupy a single bedroom.

Section 3: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 19: Office and Institutional District (O & I) to appear as Section 1903:A(8):

Section 1903: Permitted Uses.

- A. The following **Principal Uses** are permitted in O & I districts:
 8. Group Home, Transitional as defined in Section 202(K''') that meets the following criteria:
 - a. minimum lot size: 1 acre;
 - b. minimum house size:
 - i. "Resident" includes each personal care home client, caregiver and other adult or child that is domiciled in the dwelling.
 - ii. for no more than three (3) residents: 1500 square feet, with at least one (1) bathroom;
 - iii. for no more than six (6) residents: 2000 square feet, with at least two (2) bathrooms;
 - iv. for no more than nine (9) residents: 2500 square feet, with at least three (3) bathrooms.
 - c. compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 126, et. seq.;
 - d. Certificate of inspection and approval by the Fire Marshall and Building Inspector;
 - f. Occupancy Requirements:

- i. No more than three (3) residents may occupy a single bedroom.

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.

- b. Consider approval on second reading an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Ordinance to provide for year-end adjustments for lease-purchased vehicles.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gilreath to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

IX. OLD BUSINESS-NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of imposing a 20% surcharge in the cost of health insurance on employees who do not complete the required Health Risk Assessment and Biometric Screening on an annual basis.

Mr. Wilson stated that the deadline was extended for employees that had not completed the Health Risk Assessment & Biometric Screening. Initially staff recommended cancellation of Employee insurance of those who had not completed the HRA & Biometric Screening. Mr. Wilson further stated that staff recommends adding a 20% surcharge to those not in compliance.

Commissioner Gardner questioned how many employees had not completed the HRA & Biometric Screening. Human Resources Director Bill Gay advised twenty-six (26) employees had not completed the HRA & Biometric Screening. Commissioner Gardner stated that the reason HRA & Biometric Screening were implemented was to save the County money on insurance premiums. Mr. Gay advised the screenings were also done to identify employees that had health risks.

Commissioner Gilreath stated that employees should be reimbursed the 20% surcharge once they have satisfied requirements. Mr. Gilreath also questioned the origination of the 20% surcharge. Matt Bidwell of MSI Benefits Group, stated that there were a lot of legality issues dealing with cutting off employee insurance. He stated that courts had not been favorable to this practice. After question from Commissioner Gilreath Mr. Bidwell advised the 20% surcharge goes to paying insurance premiums.

Chairman Freeman stated that he didn't understand why employees would not want to have screenings done on a regular basis. Mr. Freeman further stated that employees were given the option to have HRA & Biometric Screening completed on County time. Commissioner Gilreath stated that he filled out all required paperwork but his HRA & Biometric Screening could not be found.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to impose 20% surcharge in the cost of health insurance on employees who do not complete the required Health Risk Assessment and Biometric Screening on an annual basis. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

2. Consider approval of amendment to the ACCG Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plans to exclude the County Manager.

Mr. Wilson advised that the current ACCG Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plan doesn't exclude the County Manager. Mr. Wilson stated that the Board approved a separate pension plan in his contract. This amendment just clarifies language in both contribution plans so that another County Manager wouldn't think they were covered by two plans.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve amendment to the ACCG defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plans to exclude the County Manager. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

3. Consider approval of alternate architectural design review for HK Logistics located at 375 Green Valley Rd.

Mr. Wilson advised that the UDO requires brick, stone or stucco on every side of a building that can be seen by a county road. If HK logistics followed this ordinance it would dramatically increase the cost of the building. Mr. Wilson stated that Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director is recommending that the Ordinance in fact be revisited. When the ordinance was initially prepared it wasn't made specifically to exempt Office Buildings of this magnitude.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor questioned the siding of Hoshizaki. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor stated that other companies that have come before the board with this same issue were made to comply. Mr. Jacobs advised that since the ordinance was adopted, this is the first business to have this concern.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned if the ordinance also has a stipulation on brick choice and specific brick color. David Luckie, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority advised that all buildings must first come before the Development Authority Board to insure compliance.

David Luckie- 924 Mockingbird Lane, Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Luckie advised that the bulk of the HK Logistics site is not actually in the Industrial Park. Mr. Luckie stated that land was sold in the Industrial Park. He advised that the Development Review Board voted to allow HK Logistics to use an insulated metal panel on the outside.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to approve alternate architectural design review for HK Logistics located at 375 Green Valley Rd. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

4. Consider adoption of the 2011 Spalding County Tax Levy.

Mr. Wilson advised that 2011 Tax Digest values came in much less than anticipated. Mr. Wilson stated that if the millage rate remained the same as it was in 2010, we would receive \$788,000.00 less in taxes. Staff usually budgets each year for Prior Year Taxes, penalties and interest in the current year's budget. This year the actual digest was not completed until late September of this year. Mr. Wilson presented the Board with four (4) separate options to make up for short fall in taxes. He stated that the only thing left to cut to make up for deficit is personnel. Within the four options outlined recommendations were made for furloughs, discontinuing of longevity payments to employees and to utilizing the rollback millage rate of 15.01. Mr. Wilson noted that Staff did not advertise a notice of increase of taxes and that if the Board decided to raise taxes, the whole process would have to be done over. Mr. Wilson then presented the details of Option 4 of which included the following recommendations for each department:

- o 1300 Executive- cut remaining \$13,000 from training and travel
- o 1500 Administration- reduction in force (DCM, PT Receptionists) \$55,000.00 (automated switchboard upgrade \$3,000) \$52,000.00 net
- o 1535 Information Technology- reduction in force \$39,000 (outsourcing \$22,000) \$17,00.00 net
- o 1590 General Appropriations- Landbank Authority reduce funding \$37,500, Contingency Fund reduce \$100,000
- o 4000 Public Works- reduce funding for road supplies \$100,000
- o 4520 Solid Waste reduction in force (Admin Asst. II) \$19,000
- o 6200 Parks & Rec- reduction in force (Office Asst.) \$16,000
- o 7220 Community Development- Cut Unsafe Building Abatement \$25,000
- o 7520 Development Authority- \$50,000
- o Set rollback millage rate of 15.01 mills (produce \$287,000)

Mr. Wilson also advised that positions that have not been filled have now been frozen. The six (6) employees that would lose their jobs would be paid until December 31, 2011. Mr. Wilson expressed that the decision to cut staff and positions was something that neither the Board nor himself ever wanted to do.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned the increase on taxes and if the School Board taxes were also included. Mr. Gilreath stated that he realizes that the County Manager and staff has worked numerous hours on correcting the shortfall in tax

collections. Mr. Gilreath also stated that he believes the Board should have been informed earlier of the possibility of having a short fall in taxes. Mr. Gilreath advised that if delinquent taxes had been collected, the County would not be in this position and in turn the Board would not be held responsible. Mr. Gilreath stated that the problem does not come from a lack of managing tax dollars or overspending. The problem derives from an area that the Board has no control over. Mr. Gilreath stated the Board will be highly blamed for this shortfall. Commissioner Gilreath praised staff and the Board for giving employees a 2% Cost of Living Raise. Mr. Gilreath further spoke of possible discrepancies in tax collections.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that the average person does not understand how the shortfall happens. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor would like for citizens to have an understanding of why there is a need to make the recommended cuts. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor stated that the County doesn't have the option of raising costs for picking up trash or raising water bills. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also stated that longevity pay was a fringe benefit and wants the Board to look at making holidays furlough days. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor stated that when the budget was completed, everybody was guaranteed a job and she doesn't want to reduce work force. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor further stated that she would rather see the Board take the Good Friday holiday and the day after Thanksgiving holidays to prevent cutting staff. This would give the opportunity to see where departments could in fact merge work force. Mr. Wilson stated that he has spoken with Department Heads and Supervisors of the proposed recommendations and they are in agreement with the cuts.

Chairman Freeman stated that the decision of implementing staff cuts is always a hard call. Mr. Freeman stated that he hopes that tax revenues will get better.

2011 SPALDING COUNTY TAX LEVY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by said authority, that there be levied on all property located and situated in said County on the first day of January 2011 whether said property be real, or personal, or mixed, the following rates of taxation for the purposes herein named and that the same be collected by the Tax Commissioner of said County at the same time and in the same manner as the tax levied by the State of Georgia, is collected, and when collected that the same shall be deposited by the Tax Commissioner with the treasurer of Spalding County, and that the treasurer's official receipt be taken therefor; to-wit:

1. To pay the expenses of administration of the county government; 1.52 mills or **\$1.52** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
2. To pay principal and interest of any debt of the county and to provide sinking fund therefor; 0.27 mills or **\$0.27** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
4. To build and repair public buildings and bridges; 0.96 mills or **\$0.96** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
5. To pay the expenses of courts, the maintenance and support of inmates and to pay sheriffs and coroners and for litigation; 8.60 mills or **\$8.60** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
6. To build and maintain a system of county roads; 1.15 mills or **\$1.15** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
7. For public health purposes in said county, and for the collection and preservation of records of vital statistics; 0.71 mills or **\$0.71** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
8. To pay county police; **NO LEVY**
9. To support indigent individuals; **NO LEVY**
10. To pay agricultural and home demonstration agents; 0.05 mills or **\$0.05** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.

11. To provide for payment of old-age assistance to aged persons in need, and for the payment of assistance to needy blind, and to dependent children and other welfare benefits, all as provided by the constitution and laws of Georgia; 0.03 mills or **\$0.03** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
12. To provide for fire protection for forest lands and for the further conservation of natural resources; 0.01 mills or **\$0.01** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
13. To provide medical or other care, and hospitalization, for the indigent sick people of the County; **NO LEVY**
14. To acquire, improve and maintain airports, public parks, and public libraries; 1.03 mills or **\$1.03** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
15. To provide for worker's compensation and retirement of pension funds for officers and employees; 0.64 mills or **\$0.64** per \$1,000.00 or taxable property.
16. To provide reasonable reserves for public improvements as may be fixed by law; **NO LEVY**
17. To pay pensions and other benefits and costs under a teacher retirement system or systems; **NO LEVY**
19. To provide for ambulance services within the county; **NO LEVY**
20. To provide for financial assistance to county or joint county and municipal development authorities for the purpose of developing trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities; .04 mills or **\$.04** per \$1,000 of taxable property.
25. To provide services and systems for fire protection for Fire Protection District "A"; 4.17 mills or **\$4.17** per \$1,000.00 upon the taxable property in such fire district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on recommendation of the Board of Education of Griffin-Spalding County School System, the following rates of taxation be likewise levied and collected, and when collected that the same be paid to the Board of Education of said County, as provided by law, to-wit:

3. For education purposes, as provided by the Constitution and laws of Georgia; 18.80 mills or **\$18.80** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this order be spread upon the minutes and that the same be advertised and posted in accordance with Section 48-5-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (1982) and the pertinent laws of Georgia.

This the 17th day of October 2011.

Eddie Freeman., Chairman

Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Vice Chairman

Samuel "Chipper" Gardner, Commissioner

Raymond Ray, Commissioner

Bob Gilreath, Commissioner

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve adoption of the 2011 Spalding County Tax Levy of 15.01 mills with budget cuts as recommended by County Manager. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Flowers-Taylor and Gilreath opposing.

5. Consider approval on first reading of an ordinance regulating dealers of Precious Metals and Gems.

Mr. Fortune explained to the Board that in the original Pawn Shop Ordinance there was no reference made about Dealers of Precious Metals and Gems. Mr. Fortune explained that this revision will in fact require dealers to also post electronically the information obtained from pledgers and sellers as in the Pawn Shop Ordinance.

Commissioner Ray stated that there has been substantial debate concerning copper and other scrap metals. Mr. Ray recommended that Cpt. Ranieri of the Spalding County Criminal Investigations Divisions come before the Board and educate the public about scrap metals.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve first reading of an ordinance regulating dealers of Precious Metals and Gems. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

6. Consider approval on first reading of an ordinance to Impose 9-1-1 Charge on Prepaid Wireless Services.

Mr. Wilson advised that recent legislation amended the original 9-1-1 fee on prepaid Wireless Services. Legislators imposed a .75 cent fee to be collected for each phone sold and purchase of minutes to reload a prepaid wireless phone. Mr. Wilson explained that each county in Georgia is required to adopt this ordinance. All monies will be remitted to the State and they would be distributed yearly based on population. If the County does not adopt the ordinance, it would forfeit our chance of getting our share.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to approve on first reading of an ordinance to Impose 9-1-1 Charge on Prepaid Wireless Services. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

7. Consider approval of acceptance of funding from the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to the Spalding County Fire Department in the amount of \$4,471.00 for an early warning system.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Fire Department applied and received the FEMA Emergency Management Grant. Spalding County's match is 15%. Mr. Wilson explained that the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority has approved funding in the amount of \$4,471.00 to offset County's match of 15%.

As a member of the Hospital Authority, Chairman Freeman stated that after the April tornado the Board has been looking at the best way to facilitate the needs of Spalding County during crisis. Mr. Freeman stated that after several recommendations, the Authority approved funding for the early warning system. Mr. Freeman advised that this system would allow the County to purchase the early warning systems sooner than expected.

After question from Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Mr. Wilson advised that the early warning system would provide notification via phone, text message, email etc. Mr. Wilson advised that the early warning system would be implemented within the next three months.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gilreath to approve acceptance of funding from the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to the Spalding County Fire Department in the amount of \$4,471.00 for an early warning system. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

8. Consider approval of First Amendment to License with the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Authority for the use of Real Property located at the Williamson Road water tank site.

County Attorney Jim Fortune explained that the Water Authority approved a lease to put up towers for the 800 Mhz system at the Williamson Road Water Tank Site. Mr. Fortune stated that the County has been dealing with Verizon on an additional lease. Mr. Fortune advised that Verizon was not happy with the parameters of the lease and that they in fact wanted more control of the area. This amendment would give the County the opportunity to lease space at the Williamson Road Tower.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Flowers-Taylor to approve First Amendment to License with the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Authority for the use of Real Property located at the Williamson Road water tank site. Motion carried by a 5-0.

9. Consider approval of Resolution to Adopt the Spalding County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Wilson advised that this resolution must be approved by the County, the City, Sunnyside and the City of Orchard Hill. Mr. Wilson advised the proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted to GEMA/FEMA and found to be compliant. Mr. Wilson further stated that the County has been working with the Three Rivers Regional Commission for over a year to finalize plan.

Authorizing Resolution To Adopt The Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, Spalding County and its municipal governments are required to create a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation plan by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments that create Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plans will remain eligible for Federal emergency assistance funds in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Spalding County and its municipal governments acknowledge that the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan must be updated annually and rewritten every five years; and

WHEREAS, Spalding County and its municipal governments hereby designate the Spalding County Emergency Management Agency as the entity responsible for mitigation planning, coordination, and implementation activities as required by the State of Georgia, The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), or The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE SPALDING COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITIES OF GRIFFIN, ORCHARD HILL, AND SUNNY SIDE ELECT TO FORMALLY ADOPT THIS PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 200 _____

Spalding County Commission Chairman Date

Mayor, City of Griffin Date

Mayor, City of Orchard Hill Date

Mayor, City of Sunny Side Date

Motion/Second by Gardner/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Resolution to adopt the Spalding County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

10. Consider reappointment of Trudy McDevitt to the Region IV Emergency Medical Service Advisory Board for a term to expire July 1, 2013.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to reappoint Trudy McDevitt to the Region IV Emergency Medical Service Advisory Board for a term to expire July 1, 2013. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

11. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Leiv Tackle to expire on December 31, 2016.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to appoint Dr. George Capo to the Spalding County Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Leiv Tackle to expire on December 31, 2016. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor opposing.

12. Consider cancellation of the November 21, 2011 Extraordinary Session in observance to Thanksgiving Holidays.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve cancellation of the November 21, 2011 Extraordinary Session in observance to Thanksgiving Holidays. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

13. Consider cancellation of the December 19, 2011 Extraordinary Session in observance to Christmas Holidays.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to approve cancellation of the December 19, 2011 Extraordinary Session in observance to Christmas Holidays. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor needs to submit one additional name for ethic nominations. Commissioner Gilreath needs to submit three.
- Chairman Freeman received the Gold Standard of Excellence Award at the 2011 Legislative Leadership Conference. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor received a plaque for the August Mobile Classroom.
- Celebration of Passenger Rail Projects being included in the three regional T-SPLOST to be held on Tuesday October 18, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. at the Welcome Center by Georgians for Passenger Rail.
- Business After Hours will be held on October 20th at the Griffin Cola Building from 5-7 p.m.
- Land Bank Authority Workshop to be held on October 24th at 2:00 p.m.
- ACCAB/Commissioners workshop set for October 24, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
- Spalding County has been awarded \$37,033.65 through the Emergency Management Performance Grant Response & Recovery grant program. Spalding County also was awarded \$2,150.00 through the EMPG Planning & Preparedness grant.
- ACCG District 4 Meeting will be held on November 17th at the Coweta County Fairgrounds. Please let Ricky know if you plan on attending so that he can register you.
- Flu shots will be administered on Friday, November 4th in the Annex Building.
- There will be no zoning meeting this month due to no action items.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Flowers-Taylor- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor reported of the Park & Recreation Department receiving \$1,000.00 grant. This grant allowed for 35 children to attend the day program at Fairmont Park and 32 to attend the program at City Park. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also would like to speak with Mr. Lattimore regarding the tax situation he mentioned in his citizens comments. She thanked Ricky Clark for his duties and commended the Board for work on the tax levy.

Gardner- Commissioner Gardner congratulated Chairman Freeman & Commissioner Flowers-Taylor on their recent awards at ACCG. He stated that the decisions made regarding the tax levy are always difficult. Mr. Gardner stated that a lot of hard decisions have to be made due to the failing economy.

Gilreath- Commissioner Gilreath also congratulated Chairman Freeman and Commissioner Flowers- Taylor. He told a story in which a dog with a logging chain approached his yard. It upset him to see a chain of this magnitude around the dog's neck. Mr. Gilreath advised that he doesn't want to see any dogs in Spalding County tethered as it is inhumane. He also commended progress with the Sixth Street Bridge and believes that everyone will be pleased with the finished result.

Ray- Commissioner Ray would like County Manager to get with Chad Jacobs of Community Development and Kelly of Environmental Services regarding documentation needed for the building code. He advised the Board about a device in which would allow for public safety to enter into gated communities using their 800 MHz radio. This device costs about \$1,200.00.

Freeman- Chairman Freeman thanked the commissioners for attending the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference. He noted that the conference was very informative. Chairman Freeman stated that he is hoping that the County will begin to receive more funds from sales taxes.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Gilreath/ Ray to adjourn at 7:50. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman

County Manager

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