

## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, December 5, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Eddie Freeman presiding. Commissioners Bob Gilreath and Gwen Flowers- Taylor, Ray & Gardner were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Deputy County Manager Virginia Beams, Attorney Jim Fortune and Ex Officio, County Clerk, Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record the minutes.

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

### II. INVOCATION – Led by Commissioner Gardner

### III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor

### IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Presentation of “Character Counts in our Community” sign by representatives from Orrs Elementary School Character Ed Program.

Representatives from the Orrs Elementary School Character Ed Program presented the sign “Character Counts in our Community” to the Commission.

Chairman Eddie Freeman rendered his appreciation to the Staff of Orrs Elementary for their presentation.

### PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of the Financial Statements for the period ended September 30, 2011.

County Manager William Wilson stated that Administrative Services Director Jinna Garrison would be attending every other Commission meeting to present financial statements to the Board.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve the Financial Statements for the period ended September 30, 2011. Motion carried by all.***

2. Consider approval of the Financial Statements for the period ended October 31, 2011.

***Motion/Second by Ray Gardner to approve the Financial Statements for the period ended October 31, 2011. Motion carried by all.***

### V. 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.

### VI. MINUTES –

Consider approval of Minutes of the following: November 7, 2011, Special Called Meeting, November 7, 2011, Regular Meeting; November 18, 2011, Revaluation Workshop;

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve minutes. Motion carried by all.***

### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider approval on second reading of an ordinance to amend licensing and regulations Section 6-1006(2) to provide for package sales of malt beverages and wine on Sundays.

## SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA ORDINANCE TO AMEND LICENSING AND REGULATIONS SECTION 6-1006 (2) OF THE SPALDING COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES



**ORDINANCE NO.**

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, as the governing authority of said County, to amend section 6-1031 of the Spalding County Code of Ordinances as follows:

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By adding to Section 6-1031 a new subparagraph to read as follows:

(4) On Sundays before 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall only become effective if approved by a majority of the qualified electors of Spalding County voting in a Referendum conducted as hereinafter provided. Upon enactment of this Ordinance, County Manager shall give written notice of such enactment to the Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Elections.

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Not less than ten (10), no more than sixty (60) days after the date of approval of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the election superintendent of the County to issue the call for an election for the purpose of submitting the question of Sunday sales to the electors of the County for approval or rejection. The Superintendent shall set the date of the election for a day not less than thirty (30), no more than sixty (60) days after the issuance of the call. The Superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published in the official organ of the county once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	Shall the governing authority of Spalding County be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailers of liquor on Sunday between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.?
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	

All persons desiring to vote for approval of Sunday sales shall vote "yes" and those persons desiring to vote for rejection of Sunday sales shall vote "no".

If more than one-half of all votes cast on the question are for approval of Sunday sales, this ordinance shall become effective; otherwise, it fails for lack of approval.

The expense of the election shall be borne by the County and it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to hold and conduct the election.

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All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the foregoing are expressly repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective on March 20, 2012 if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the Referendum call for that purpose vote for approval; otherwise, this Ordinance shall be of no legal force and effect.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to amend the agenda by changing Section 6-1006(2) to Section 6-1031. Motion carried by all.***

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve on second reading of an ordinance to amend licensing regulations Section 6-1031 to provide for package sales by retailers of liquor on Sundays. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor opposing.***

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider recommendations from Animal Care & Control Board regarding animal living conditions in the County.

Mrs. Palmatier noted the following changes implement by ACCAB: The entire County shall require the restraint of all companion animals. Restraint means that companion animals must stay on their property. Animals may not be tethered to a stationary object (chained) except during special events/occurrences such as field trials. She further stated that for dogs restrained in a pin the requirement shall be a minimum of 100 square feet for large dogs, 64 square feet for medium dogs and 36 square feet for small dogs. A trolley/runner system is permitted within certain guidelines. Ms. Palmatier further gave recommendations as it pertained to a trolley/runner system.

Mr. Wilson stated that currently a restraint is defined as an animal being in an enclosure. He stated that the current ordinance reads that animals must be within proper fencing, if this new ordinance is adopted, this requirement will be null and void. Ms. Palmatier noted that a result of deliberation from the workshop was to in fact require companion animals to stay within their owner's property lines. Chairman Freeman stated that two of the five districts are currently completely restrained. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to see signage placed for ninety days to notify people of County-Wide restraint. Commissioner Gardner would like the City to place notification in water bills of restraint.

Commissioner Gilreath commended ACCAB for their work on the proposed ordinance but stated that it should be tweaked. Chairman Freeman stated at this time he wishes to move forward in preparation of an ordinance due to the amount of time spent already. Mr. Wilson noted that historically dog owners have been given notice no less than 90 days to restrain their animals. Mr. Wilson also noted that staff would need time to remove signage around the County.

Commissioner Ray stated that another point brought up in the workshop was an educational program for citizens as it relates to animal restraints.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned the recourse action for a person that did not comply with keeping their dogs within their property line. County Attorney Jim Fortune noted that the ordinance is complaint-driven. Once a complaint is received proper action is taken.

Commissioner Ray questioned if there was a way to determine all dogs that are currently registered. Mr. Wilson stated that there is no way to provide registrations for all dogs unless they have had their rabies vaccination. Mr. Wilson stated that in the 90's there was a program allowing dogs to be registered. Commissioner Gilreath stated that some dogs are vaccinated and lose their tags. Commissioner Ray further requested ACCAB to look at possible registration possibilities for all dogs.

Commissioner Gilreath expressed his concern with ACCAB not addressing dogs in the back of trucks. Mrs. Palmatier noted that she will look into the issue at a later time.

***Consensus of the board to incorporate recommendations from the ACCAB into a draft ordinance for consideration at a future meeting.***

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of renewal of 2012 Alcoholic Beverage License-Retail Package Store as follows:
  - a.) Prakash L. Patel d/b/a 19-41 Package Store- 2004 North Expressway- Beer, Wine and Liquor.  
***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve. Carried by a vote of 5-0.***
  - b.) Anilkumar N. Patel d/b/a Carver Package Store- 1557D Williamson Road- Beer, Wine and Liquor  
***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve. Carried by a vote of 5-0.***
  - c.) Diand Suk Choi d/b/a Sam's Package Store- 1301 North Hill Street- Beer, Wine

**Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve. Carried by a vote of 5-0.**

d.) Sotetra Kong for Kong Enterprises, d/b/a The Liquor Gate- 1740 Zebulon Road.  
**Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve. Carried by a vote of 5-0.**

e.) Sadru Ali for Sheeza, Inc., d/b/a Zetella Express- 4289 Highway 16 West –Beer  
Wine and Liquor  
**Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve. Carried by a vote of 5-0.**

2. Consider approval of renewal of 2012 Alcoholic Beverage License- Consumption on  
Premises as follows:

a.)Melissa Chamblee d/b/a Country Rock Bar & Grill- 2700 North  
Expressway- Beer, Wine and Liquor.  
**Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to conditionally  
approve pending proper licensing. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2  
with Commissioners Flowers-Taylor and Gardner opposing.**

b.)Timothy R. Butler d/b/a Griffin Moose Lodge #1503 – 1435  
Zebulon.  
**Motion/Second by Gilreath/Freeman to approve. Motion carried by  
all.**

c.)Michael Stevens d/b/a Northside Bar & Grill – 1647 North Hill  
Street.  
**Motion/Second by Gilreath/Gardner to approve. Motion carried by  
all.**

d.)Lynette Daniel d/b/a Pearl's Palace – 3931 North Expressway –  
Beer, Wine and Liquor.  
**Motion/Second by Gilreath/Freeman to approve. Motion carried by  
all.**

e.) Sequoia Golf Peachtree, LLC d/b/a Sun City Peachtree Golf Club.  
**Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to approve. Motion carried by all.**

3. Consider approval of renewal 2012 Alcoholic Beverage License- Wholesale  
Distributor for the following:

a.)Chad Floyd, owner of Georgia Craft Distributing, LLC – 1606 Old  
Atlanta Road, Suite D- Beer Only.  
**Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve. Motion carried by all.**

b.) J&L Ventures d/b/a Jackson Beverages, LLC – 915 South Pine  
Hill Road- Beer Only  
**Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve. Motion carried by all.**

4. Consider approval of new 2012 Alcoholic Beverage License- Wholesale Wine  
Distributor for Chad Floyd, owner of Georgia Craft Distributing, LLC, located at  
1606 Old Atlanta Road, Suite D.

**Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve. Motion carried by all.**

5. Consider approval of new 2012 Alcoholic Beverage License- Consumption on  
Premises of Beer and Wine for Jimmy Allen d/b/a Big Jim's Wing Shack located at  
1557B Williamson Road.

**Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve. Motion carried by all.**

6. Consider approval of Griffin/Spalding County Wastewater Management Plan 2010-  
2030 as prepared by Paragon Consulting Group and Engineering Strategies, Inc.

Brian Upson of Paragon Consulting Group explained that every four (4) years the  
Water & Sewerage Facilities are required to update the Wastewater Management  
Plan. Springs has been incorporated by the Water Authority since last management  
plan was implemented. Mr. Upson further stated that this report is simply a report  
that's shows Springs in the plan and redefines certain text. This plan has already  
been adopted by the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Authority. Once approved

by Spalding County the City of Griffin will approve and jointly both entities will submit to EPD before July 2012.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor to approve Griffin/Spalding County Wastewater Management Plan 2010-2030 as prepared by Paragon Consulting Group and Engineering Strategies, Inc. Motion carried by all.***

7. Consider approval of proposed Spalding County Building Department Policy Amendments.

Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director explained that these changes apply predominately to blighted property and inspection thereof. At any point that a structure within Spalding County has been without power for a period of greater than six months, an electrical inspection will be require to ensure that the electrical distribution panels has not been tampered with or altered. Mr. Jacobs further noted that this inspection will allow the Building Official access to the structure whereby a general safety inspection can be conducted with respect to the standards in the Minimum Housing Code as adopted. Before releasing the structure for permanent power all violations must be addressed. The violation penalty will be set at \$50 instead of the current rate of \$25. Mr. Jacobs further explained that currently all building inspections are logged with a four hour grace period built in. As staff is limited, Mr. Jacobs recommends an increase in the grace period to 24 hours.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve proposed Spalding County Building Department Policy Amendments. Motion carried by all.***

8. Consider approval of intergovernmental agreement between the City of Griffin & Spalding County for North Hill Street Transportation & Engineering Services.

County Manager William Wilson noted that both City and County have initiated an intergovernmental agreement for the North Hill Street project. Mr. Wilson noted that this agreement would ensure that a joint bid process for the LCI/GDOT Project. This multi-year process would require the County to forward 50% of the design and engineering costs. Mr. Wilson explained that Chad Jacobs and Anthony Dukes would be involved in all aspects of the operation.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve intergovernmental agreement between the City of Griffin & Spalding County for North Hill Street Transportation & Engineering Services. Motion carried by all.***

9. Consider approval of Rebanding Acceptance Test Procedure and Report from Harris Corp.

Deputy County Manager Virginia Beams noted that under contract with Spring, Harris Corporation rebanded our 800 MHz system, which relocated the frequencies from the ones Sprint has taken control of to the new ones designated for our use. As part of the contract, Harris was required to make sure the system functioned as well after the rebanding as before.

Communications Manager, Mike Windham, noted that at this time all systems appear to be working okay. He further stated that a substantial testing has been implemented and shows that the rebanding process was successful.

After question from Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Ms. Beams advised that the report was done by the Harris Corporation.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve Rebanding Acceptance Test Procedure and Report from Harris Corp. Motion carried by all.***

10. Consider approval of release of the Performance/Payment Bond No. 82062360 guaranteeing Harris's performance in implementing the 800MHZ Public Safety Communications System.

Deputy County Manager Virginia Beams noted that now that all of the work with the 800 MHz system is complete and every piece has been received from the

change order, Harris is requesting that the Performance/Payment bonds be released.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve release of Performance/Payment Bond No. 82062360 guaranteeing Harris's performance in implementing the 800MHZ Public Safety Communications System. Motion carried by all.***

11. Consider establishing minimum acreage requirements for conservation use exemption as recommended by the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Wilson noted that this issue has been brought before the Board several times. He stated that at this time the Assessors are recommending a 25 acre per parcel minimum acreage requirement for conservation use exemption. Mr. Wilson noted that currently there are 803 parcels between 1-50 acres. Mr. Wilson further noted that anyone that currently has conservation use signed a ten year covenant will still be covered until their times expires.

Chairman Freeman requested the value of the property the County is losing over M&O on anything under 50 acres. Mr. Wilson noted that the fair market value of those 803 parcels is \$73,892,362.00 with a difference of \$68,000,000.00 worth of taxes. Chairman Freeman stated that the County is not really losing money on small tracts of land currently under conservation. He presented numbers off a report he received last year. Mr. Wilson advised Chairman Freeman that none of the Board at this time was privy to the information in which he reads. Chairman Freeman stated that he is opposed to taking conservation use from smaller tracts of land. Mr. Freeman stated that initially there was a cap of 2,000 acres. Commissioner Ray stated we are in fact losing a great load of revenue from these small tracts of land under conservation use. Chairman Freeman stated that he is look at the bottom line and how much the County is losing. Mr. Freeman also noted that you will still get the 40% if there was no Conservation use. Commissioner Freeman stated that he does not have a problem with the 25 acre conservation use as long as the smaller tracts are able to stay under it.

Commissioner Gilreath stated that Land Conservation is the most unfair tax in existence because it penalized the people inside the City limits and the people that live out in the County. Mr. Gilreath stated that the whole conservation use policy should be abolished.

County Attorney Jim Fortune stated that Conservation Use is State law and the minimum acreage can be set by local governments.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that State law is extremely vague. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor doesn't think that if you have 5-9 acres you should be able to put your property under conservation use as well as the people that have large properties. Further she stated that the Board needed to find a number that was more fair and possibly conduct a workshop.

Commissioner Ray stated that due to the tax deficit and the loss of funding, he highly supports the 25 minimum acreage requirement.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to approve minimum 25 acre per parcel requirement for conservation use exemption as recommended by the Board of Assessors. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Flowers-Taylor & Freeman opposing.***

12. Consider approval of contract for Asbestos Abatement Services with Morley Environmental for the Old Cooks Shopping Center.

Mr. Wilson noted that staff has been working with our consultant for bids for Asbestos Abatement for the Old Cooks Shopping Center. Morley Environmental met all rules and came under the \$60,000 budget as estimated.

Chairman Freeman questioned if Morley Environmental has ever performed work for Spalding County. Mr. Wilson noted that the consultant has done work for Spalding County and they are a reputable company.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to approve contract for Asbestos Abatement with Morley Environmental for the Old Cooks Shopping Center. Motion carried by all.***

13. Consider approval of proposal from Tyler Technology for upgrade to the computer system utilized by the Clerk of Court and other offices in the Courthouse.

Mr. Wilson stated that representatives from Tyler Technology are present to give proposal to Commissioners.

Marcia Norris, Clerk of Superior Court noted that the County has been with Tyler Technology for about 16-17 years. Tyler is a computer program used to utilized functions within the Clerk of Courts office. Mrs. Norris stated that she is proposing a county-wide system to integrate with all offices. She noted that the Sheriff's Department has been briefed on the system and seemed excited. Due to a current change in administration, the Sheriffs Department has not yet mentioned if they wish to proceed. Mrs. Norris stated that this system would bring the judicial system up to date with current legislative requirements. She further noted that a surcharge could be associated with caseloads to help fund system. Marcia stated that a grant was applied for but not received at this time.

Commissioner Gardner requested the financial impact for the County purchasing this software since this wasn't a budgeted item. Scott Sims of Tyler Technology stated that there would be no financial impact for FY 2012. Mr. Wilson stated that for FY 2013 it would be approximately \$65,000 in additional costs. The total would be \$130,000 - \$160,000 after all calculations.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned how often the system would have to be updated. Scott stated that the update would be managed by their State team and would be administered by their staff.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like a more inclusive financial analysis of revenue the technology feeds would bring. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also stated that with our current financial deficit, she doesn't see where the money could be made up.

Commissioner Ray stated that with the current economy, he doesn't see a way to facilitate a request for over \$1 million dollars. He questioned the possibilities of alternate ways of funding the system since there is a need for it.

Commissioner Gilreath stated that if there was an alternative way to generate the revenue he would also be willing to look at implementation of the system.

***Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner to approve Option B as submitted from Tyler Technology for upgrade to the computer system utilized by the Clerk of Court and other offices in the Courthouse. Motion failed due to a vote of 1-4 with Commissioners Flowers-Taylor, Gardner, Gilreath and Ray opposing.***

14. Consider approval of Agency Contract for Fire Protection Services for the City of Sunny Side for FY 2012.

Mr. Wilson explained that these annual contracts are based on their actual tax digest and the mileage rate used, exclusive of the insurance premium tax.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to approve Agency Contract for Fire Protection Services for the City of Sunny Side for FY 2012. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

15. Consider approval of Agency Contract for Fire Protection Services for the City of Orchard Hill for FY 2012.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Agency Contract for Fire Protection Services for the City of Orchard Hill for FY 2012. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

16. Consider approval of FY 2012 contract for the Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) with Georgia Department of Human Services.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the final contract with the State of Georgia in the amount of \$129,394 for CSBG.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve FY 2012 contract for the Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) with Georgia Department of Human Services. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

17. Consider approval on first reading of resolution to amend Spalding County Animal Control Ordinance Section 12-1016 (6) and (7).

Mr. Wilson stated that over the past years the County has went from using the gas chamber to euthanizing with legal injections. Since this process has been implemented, many citizens have brought their animals to the pound to be euthanized. Mr. Wilson further noted that we are not allowed to keep the serum needed on premises and staff has to go to the veterinarian's office to retrieve this serum. Currently the rate for the clinic is \$75 to euthanize an animal. Mr. Wilson stated that staff is requesting an additional \$25 to be added for a trip fee along with the \$75 to euthanize. This amendment puts the County at market value for euthanizing.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor questioned the current rate we are charging for euthanizing an animal. Deputy County Manager Virginia Beams stated that if someone surrenders an animal, we have been holding them for the required three days and then euthanizing at our own expense. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that for more comfort individuals should take their animals to the clinic to be euthanized. Ms. Beams stated that if the ordinance is put in place we will not hold them for three days.

Commissioner Gilreath stated that the County price to euthanize an animal should be higher than the vet. Mr. Wilson noted that we are not in a position to render services like the veterinary clinic.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve on first reading a resolution to amend Spalding County Animal Ordinance Section 12-1016 (6) and (7). Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

18. Consider approval on first reading of resolution amending Chapter 3, Administrative Organization, Article A, Section 2-3002, Deputy County Manager, by striking said section in its entirety.

Mr. Fortune stated that this position will not be funded any longer and this amendment simply strikes said section from ordinance.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve on first reading a resolution amending Chapter 3, Administrative Organization, Article A, Section 2-3002, Deputy County Manager, by striking said section in its entirety. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor opposing.***

19. Discuss training & travel budget for the Executive Department as it relates to the Chairman & County Manager.

Mr. Wilson stated that Commissioner Gilreath has had several questions since the meeting removing the travel/training budget from the Executive Department. Mr. Wilson noted that there was a total of \$19,000 budgeted for travel and training. After the reduction of \$13,000 and what has been currently spent, there is a remaining \$1,350 for the year. Mr. Wilson stated that this is enough funding for a single commissioner to attend training. He further noted that Commissioner Gilreath in an email stated that all training and travel ceased at the time it was vote on. Mr. Wilson stated that all budget deductions approved by the Board would not go into effect until January 2012.

Chairman Freeman proposed using money out of the contingency fund for travel and training. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor questioned if there was money in the contingency fund. Mr. Wilson explained that one of the budget deductions was to take \$103,000 out of contingency. Mr. Freeman stated that he attends the ACCG Board of Managers meeting and brings all educational information back. All of this information is privy to any member that wished to view it. Mr. Freeman further stated that if he is not approved to attend any training, that he will not pay out of pocket. Mr. Freeman stated that when he ran for Commissioner, he advised the people that he would attend all training to better serve in his capacity.

Commissioner Gilreath stated that he would like the Board to nominate one member to attend the training and provide an informative synopsis of the training. Mr. Gilreath further stated that he would not like to be the one to go. Mr. Gilreath then stated he would like the County Manager to go because he would provide information to the Board on educational items learned. He further stated this that information from training not being brought back to the Board, is in fact handicapping us.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated it's a handicap to the Board only if they don't know what's going on. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor stated that each commissioner will learn something different from training. She further stated that William's focus is different from that of the commissioners. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor noted that the two new members on the Commission should attend training since three of the Commissioners are up for re-election. She further stated that she doesn't have a problem with adjusting the contingency fund to provide for travel and training.

Commissioner Gardner stated that this issue has already been voted on and approved. He stated that any funds that are available to be utilized, should be done so by either the Chairman or the County Manager.

Mr. Wilson stated that staff recommends taking \$10,000 instead of the approved \$13,000 and taking \$103,000 instead of \$100,000 out of contingency.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve training & travel budget for the Executive Department as recommended by Staff. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioner Gilreath and Gardner opposing.***

20. Discussion relative to the consumption of alcoholic beverages on premises on Christmas Day.

Commissioner Ray stated that he has been contacted by several citizens in his district regarding the sale of alcohol on Christmas Day. He wished to have this practice abolished.

***At the request of the Board, the County Attorney will draft an ordinance prohibiting consumption of alcoholic beverages on premises on Christmas Day.***

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

- **Mr. Wilson commended Deputy County Manager Virginia Beams, for her service to the County & wished her best of luck in her future endeavors.**
- **Mr. Wilson commended Ms. Betty Browning and all for their generous contributions to the can drive.**

#### **XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Commissioner Flowers-Taylor-** Would like the Board to be in prayer for Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member Richard Dukes. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor noted that he has been moved into hospice care.

**Commissioner Gardner-** None

**Commissioner Gilreath-** Thanked Mr. Wilson for placing the greenery in the Meeting Room. Mr. Gilreath also commended the Chamber of Commerce for a great Christmas Parade.

**Commissioner Ray-** Thanked the Board for their condolences in the loss of his father. Mr. Ray also commended Parks & Recreation for the Festival of Lights.

**Commissioner Freeman-** Also commended Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Parade. Mr. Freeman noted that the motorcycles in the parade are more dangerous than the Golf Carts.

#### **XIII. CLOSED SESSION –NONE**

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to adjourn at 9:07 pm. Motion carried by all.***

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Chairman

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