

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Workshop in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Thursday, February 10, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Freeman presiding over the meeting. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Bob Gilreath, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Chipper Gardner were also in attendance. Also present were Interim County Manager Tim Whalen, Deputy County Manager Virginia Beams and Executive Secretary Glinda Robertson.

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

Discuss results from senior center survey.

Brian Upson from Paragon Consulting gave results of Senior Center survey. Mr. Upson stated the survey had ten items he asked the participants to rank. After reviewing the three commissioner surveys, the number one priority was “acquisition costs”. The second item was “cost of construction”; and the third item was “time to complete”. Mr. Upson had an Evaluation Criteria list which he shared with the board that listed all the items.

For the seniors their top three items were as follows: 1) acquisition cost; 2) adaptability of existing building(s); and 3) ease of access.

Mr. Gilreath brought up the subject of an old plan which was drawn up about 2004. He questioned why this plan of expanding the senior center was not being considered. Ms. Taylor gave a brief history as to why this plan is probably not being considered. For one thing there would be no green space available. There would be no space for additional parking. She stated the potential for usage was just not there.

Mr. Ray suggested moving “ease of access” number six on the commissioners’ list and adjust the remaining items accordingly since this seems to be more important to the seniors. Ms. Taylor stated that making things user friendly is very important.

Motion/second by Ray/Gardner to approve Evaluation Criteria presented by Brian Upson with Paragon Consulting with one change. The board wishes to make “Ease of Access” number six on the priority list; and “Parking” number seven on the list and carried by all.

Brian Upson stated he will have a report at the next board meeting. He hopes the board will have all information by March 21st that will enable them to make a decision.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second by Gilreath/Ray to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and carried by all.

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Interim County Clerk
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