

ORGANIZATIONAL RETREAT

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held an Organizational Retreat in the Conference Room, Wednesday, May 4, 2011, beginning at 9:25 a.m. with Chairman Freeman presiding over the meeting. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Bob Gilreath and Chipper Gardner were in attendance. Ms. Flowers-Taylor was not present. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, Deputy County Manager Virginia Beams, Attorney Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary Glinda Robertson.

I. Opening (Call to Order) – Chairman Eddie Freeman

Motion/second by Gardner/Ray to amend agenda to add first reading of Emergency Management Ordinance and approved by all.

II. Discussion relative to the organization of, and the procedures for the disposition of business during the meetings of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners and other matters.

After a discussion the following was agreed upon by the commissioners:

- There will be cover sheets prepared for the commissioners for each item on the agenda with more detail of each item. This new process will be tried for a couple of months. If this serves its purpose, workshops before the meeting will not be necessary as one commissioner suggested.
- These cover sheets will be included in the commissioner packets and the media packets as well. The agenda and cover sheets will be e-mailed to the news media and BOC on Thursdays before the Monday meeting.
- Citizens wishing to speak will now be allowed three minutes. If a majority of the board would like to give a speaker more than three minutes, they may do so. Sign-up sheets will now be used to register for comments. No questions will be asked by commissioners during citizen comments.
- “Public Comments” will no longer appear on the agenda unless someone has requested to be placed on an agenda to address the Board on a particular issue.
- The Resolution relative to the organization of and the procedures for the disposition of business during the meetings of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners and other matters will reflect these new changes.
- Motions and seconds should come after an item is read by Chairman with discussion to follow.

Another matter that was discussed was payments or contributions to non-profit organizations. County Attorney, Jim Fortune is to look into this item. The Promise Place request is one area that is being looked into.

III. Consider approval of adoption of first reading of Emergency Management Ordinance and attached agreements.

Motion/second by Gardner/Gilreath to approve and carried by all.

IV. Adjournment

Motion/second by Freeman/Ray to adjourn at 10:48 a.m. and carried by all.

Chairman

County Clerk

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