

## EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, July 18, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Eddie Freeman presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Bob Gilreath, Gwen Flowers- Taylor, and Chipper Gardner were present. 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 of Griffin**
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG – Commissioner Raymond Ray**
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

- a. **Consider approval of Proclamation honoring Sheriff James “Dee” Stewart.**

**Janice Stewart wife and Jay Stewart son of Sheriff James “Dee” Stewart were present to accept the Proclamation.**

**Motion/Second by Chipper/Ray to approve proclamation honoring Sheriff James “Dee” Stewart. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

- b. **The Military Affairs Committee and the Memorial Wall Event Committee to present a report on the use of Hotel-Motel tax funds.**

**Daniel Hamm stated that there were over 10,000 people from several states that all shared in Vietnam wall. He extended his thanks to the Staff of Parks & Rec, Spalding County Sheriffs Department and the County and presented a report to the Board on expenditures of the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds allocated to this project.**

- c. **Presentation by City of Griffin Redevelopment Services Director Frederick Gardiner regarding the Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive.**

**Frederick Gardner was not present and will be rescheduled.**

- V. **PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
- VI. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**
- 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 readdress 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.

**Kathy Noble- 876 Musgrove Road.** Mrs. Noble was present to discuss the animal restraint district for Spalding County. Mrs. Noble stated that her dog was bitten and required seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) worth of medical treatment because her dog was attacked by several other dogs in the neighborhood. Mrs. Noble further stated that the one thing that is not discussed is the safety of the people when you don't have animal restraint districts. Mrs. Noble stated that this issue about a restraining district is a serious issue. Mrs. Noble further stated that she is tired of pit bulls in her yard.

- IX. **MINUTES –**

- a. **Consider approval of Minutes of the following: June 20, 2011, Extraordinary Session; June 23, 2011, Special Called Meeting; June 23, 2011, Zoning Public Hearing.**

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to approve minutes listed above.  
Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Consider approval on second reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the following:
  - i. **Application #11-02Z:** Inland Empire, Inc., Owner- 3458 Teamon Rd- 2.85 acres-R-2 to C-1A, Conditional.
- b. Consider approval on second reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the following:
  - i. **Amendment to UDO #A-11-02:** Appendix J. Commercial/Industrial Development- Article 3. Fees- amend to define the term development;
  - ii. **Amendment to UDO #A-11-03:** Article 3. Fees- amend to define the term development; Amendment to UDO #A-11-03: Article 12. C-1 Highway Commercial, Article 13. C-1A Neighborhood Commercial, Article 14 C-1B Heavy Commercial, Article 15. C-2 Manufacturing & Article 17B. AAR Active Adult Residential- amend to allow for minor home occupation & general home occupation.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve Application #11-02Z,  
Amendment to UDO #A-11-02 and Amendment to UDO #A-11-03.  
Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Lift from the table-** Consider approval of a Resolution to amend the organization of and procedure for the disposition of business during the meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wilson advised the Board that the amendments for approval came as a result of the relative discussion at the Commissioners Retreat.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor questioned citizens speaking on Agenda Items. She noted that she disagreed with the concept of "If you don't sign up, you don't speak." She further stated that she would like to see the same time restraints in place for presentations. Mr. Wilson commented that the Board has never allowed citizens to speak during Agenda Items.

Commissioner Ray commented that this decision would allow for shorter meetings of the Commission. Chairman Freeman echoed stating that the limitation of three (3) minutes would expedite the meetings of the Board.

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ORGANIZATION OF, AND THE  
PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS DURING THE  
MEETINGS OF THE SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The procedures of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners are hereby amended as follows:

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Section 1-12 (Order of Business), is hereby amended by striking subsection VII in its entirety and renumbering the remaining subparagraphs accordingly.

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By striking section 1-14-01 (Citizen Comments) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to read as follows:

**1-14-01. Citizen Comments.** The sixth agenda item of the meeting shall be reserved for comments from citizens who have signed up on the sign-up sheets which will be made available prior to the commission meeting. Those persons signing up will be required to provide their name, their address and the topic of their comment to the county commissioners. These individuals will be allotted three (3) minutes to make their comments and their comments must be limited to their chosen topics and relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of the Commissioners. No questions will be asked by any commissioners during citizen comments.

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Section 1-14-02. Public Comments, and Section 1-14-03 Public Participation on Agenda Items are hereby stricken in their entirety and subsequent sections are renumbered accordingly.

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By striking section 1-14-05 (Public Hearings) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new section to read as follows:

**1-14-05. Public Hearings.** The Board may schedule public hearings on the fourth Thursday of the month for the purpose of soliciting public comment on any subject of interest to the Board. The time and place for any and all public hearings will be determined by the Board in accordance with the Open and Public Meetings Law, codified at O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq.

Prior to the recognition of any citizen for comments related to the public hearing agenda, the Chairman shall read the following statement.

“At this time, I will recognize those citizens who have signed up to address the Board. Once your name is called, come to the podium, state your name and address for the record and make your comments. All speakers who are recognized will be allotted three minutes. No speaker will be permitted to speak more than three minutes or more than once, unless the Board votes to suspend the rules.

We look forward to your comments and in no way mean to diminish anyone’s right to speak freely, to advise us about an issue relevant to the zoning public hearing, to let us know how you feel about a matter that is under consideration, or to request that we address some problem you have with a zoning issue.

Please direct your remarks to the Board and not to individual Commissioners or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Commissioners or County employees are not a matter of public concern and personal attacks will not be tolerated. Consequently, the Chairman has the right to limit your comments in the interest of disposing of the County’s business in an efficient and respectable manner.”

IT IS SO RESOLVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Spalding County Board of Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to lift from the table a Resolution amending the organization of and procedure for the disposition of business during the meetings of the Board of Commissioners Ray/Gardner carried by a vote of 5-0.***

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve a Resolution to amend the organization of and procedure for the disposition of business during the meetings of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of a Western Commercial Connector Corridor and creation of a Joint Development Authority for the purpose of providing for the construction and operation of a limited access road or highway.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that Staff received an email from David Austin, Chairman of the Paulding County Board of Commissioners asking the Board to wait on voting on this issue until the Study was completed.

Chairman Freeman noted that the issue of the Toll Road is in fact a "moot" point because two other counties have already denied the request.

Commissioner Ray stated that based on the sensitivity of the issue and the impact on citizenry of Spalding County, it is in the best interest of the Board to formally deny the issue.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath the deny request of the Western Commercial Connector Corridor and creation of a Joint Development Authority for the purpose of providing for the construction and operation of a limited access road or highway. Motion carried by a vote 4-0-1 with Chairman Freeman abstaining.***

2. Conduct Public Hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Emerald Forest Subdivision, to add two lights at the entrance of the subdivision.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to conduct a public hearing for the establishment of a street light district for the Emerald Forest Subdivision to add two additional lights. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

***The following were present to speak opposing the additional lights:***

**Wayne Smith- 532 Payton Circle**- Mr. Smith advised the Board that there are current internal issues with the Home Owners Association (HOA) at the Emerald Forest Subdivision. He requested the item be tabled for ninety (90) days until the issue could be addressed with the HOA.

**Glinda Calhoun- 406 Allison Drive**- Mr. Calhoun wants the issued tabled primarily because it is not clear who actually owns the land. Mr. Calhoun noted that she has spoken with DOT and they are indicating that DOT does in fact own the land. If DOT owns the land then the County would have to pay to remove the light if put on their land. She also spoke with the Thomaston Office and he noted that the County would have to accept the responsibility of the lights.

***The following were present to speak in favor of the additional lights:***

**Amos Rankins- 524 Kaitlin Circle**- Mr. Rankins, President of the Home Owners Association at the Emerald Forest Subdivision, noted he wasn't aware of the current issues with homeowners. Mr. Rankin stated he represents two-thirds of the people in the Community and they are all in agreement with the street lights.

**Dan Tankin 528 Kaitlin Circle**-Mr. Tankin, Vice President of the Home Owners Association informed the Board that he had in fact gathered signatures of all the residents who are in agreement with the additional lights. He stated these lights are essential because of safety issues within the Subdivision. He noted that homeowners have had several months to ask questions of the HOA, and have failed to do so.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to adjourn public hearing. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

3. Consider approval of the addition of two lights in the Emerald Forest Subdivision street light district.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Flowers-Taylor to table item no longer than thirty (30) days until HOA and homeowners could discuss street light district for the Emerald Forest Subdivision. Item scheduled for the August 15 Agenda. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

4. Consider request from Tony Voorhees Films to use property at 232 East Broad Street to shoot a short film promo.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve request from Tony Voorhees Films. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

5. Consider request of the Victim Service Unit to hold a Chicken Que fundraiser, to be held at 881 Memorial Drive, on July 30, 2011 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Irma Lewis, Director of the Victim Service Unit was present. She advised the Board that the fundraiser proceeds would be used for citizens of Spalding County.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to approve the Victim Service Unit to hold a Chicken Que. Motion carried by a vote of 5.0***

6. Consider approval of Option to Purchase Real Property with Griffin Housing Authority for Capital Fund Education & Training Community Facilities Program.

Mr. Wilson noted that the original grant was declined because the Housing Authority did not have actual ownership of the property. A meeting was held with parties from both the County, the Housing Authority, Parks and Rec and others and it was the consensus that if the Grant was approved, this option would give full ownership of the property to the Housing Authority. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that the County would still have full use of the building for any programs.

#### OPTION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY

For \$1.00 and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby conveys unto the Housing Authority for the City of Griffin, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority"), this option to purchase that certain real property described below as follows:

All that lot, tract, or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia and containing 3.05 acres and being shown and designated as Parcel I on a property survey for Spalding County, prepared by S.L. Caldwell & Associates, Inc. dated September 28, 2010. Said plat with the metes and bounds, courses and distances as shown thereon are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this description herein. Said plat is recorded in Plat Book 26, Page 86 of the Superior Court Clerk of Spalding County, Georgia.

Said option shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date of execution hereof.

This option is contingent upon the Authority being awarded the Capital Fund Education and Training Immunity Facilities Program Grant by the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). In the event that the Authority is awarded said grant,

then the Authority must exercise this option not more than 120 days from the receipt of written notice of the award of the grant. In the event that the Authority does not receive the aforementioned grant from HUD, then this option shall be null, void and of no affect.

The purchase price for the real property will be the sum of \$1.00 and other valuable consideration. The "other valuable consideration" shall consist of the Authority using said real property to operate a community resource center and coordinating such activities with the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children as well as other support groups, for the benefit of Spalding County citizens.

This option is hereby granted this \_ day of July, 2011.

SPALDING COUNTY, a political  
subdivision of the State of Georgia

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to approve Option to Purchase Real Property. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

7. Consider approval of alternate architectural design review for Twice the Ice to be located at 50 Malier Road.

**Charles Penny- 106 Maple Wood Drive-** Stated that Twice the Ice is in fact considered a vending machine. Mr. Penny noted that they are looking for an alternate architectural design review for approval.

Commissioner Ray stated he didn't mind approval with the stipulation that the faux brick be replaced if damaged.

***Motion/Second by Flower-Taylor/Ray to approve alternate architectural design for Twice the Ice at the 50 Mailer Road location, with the stipulation that the faux brick be replaced if damaged. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

8. Consider approval of alternate architectural design review for Twice the Ice to be located at 1740 Zebulon Road.

***Motion/Second by Flower-Taylor/Ray to approve alternate architectural design for Twice the Ice at the 1740 Zebulon Rd location, with the stipulation that the faux brick be replaced if damaged. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

9. Consider resolution recommending redistricting plan known as Spalding CCSB Plan 1R for adoption by the General Assembly.

Mr. Wilson advised Board that once the resolution is approved, Staff would prepare a letter addressed to John Yates, Senior Legislative Representative, to ask for local legislation to enact this plan.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

***A Resolution Recommending Adoption of a Redistricting Plan for the Board of Commissioners***

WHEREAS the Spalding County Board of Commissioners is comprised of five members, each elected from single-member districts; AND

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners is required to redistrict itself in compliance with the results of the latest decennial Census of the United States and in conformance with the requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; AND

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners has studied various plans submitted for review by the Board and comment by the public through two public hearings pertaining to commission district boundaries; AND

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners desires to recommend a preferred plan for introduction by Spalding County's delegation in the General Assembly of Georgia as a local act of the General Assembly pertaining to Spalding County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that the Board hereby recommends the redistricting plan known as Spalding CCSB Plan 1R for adoption by the General Assembly and subsequent review by the United States Department of Justice prior to final implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, in association with the County Attorney, to prepare the requisite submission of the recommended plan to the United States Department of Justice for preclearance review purposes subsequent to its adoption by the General Assembly.

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.

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EDDIE L. FREEMAN  
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

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William P. Wilson, Jr.  
County Clerk

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve resolution recommending redistricting plan, Spalding CCSB Plan 1R for adoption by the General Assembly. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Gilreath opposing.***

10. Consider approval of revision to the County's Motor Vehicle Record (Driver History) Standard.

Mr. Wilson noted that this minor change was currently applied but had never been put in writing.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to approve revision to County's Motor Vehicle Record Standard. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

11. Consider approval of actuarial services agreement with Swerdlin & Company for Spalding County's Retiree Health Insurance Plan.

Mr. Wilson noted that these actuarial services come as required by GASB 45. These actuarial services are needed for the upcoming audit.

**Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gilreath to approve actuarial services agreement with Swerdlin & Company for Spalding County's Retiree Health Insurance Plan. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

12. Consider setting qualifying fees for publication for the County office to be filled in the upcoming Special Election as provided in O.C.G.A Section 21-2-131(a)(1)

Mr. Wilson advised that the current qualifying fee for the Sheriff is \$2270.25 which is three (3%) percent of the base salary.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned if three (3%) was the maximum percentage you could enforce. Mr. Wilson advised that the percentage is set by the State Statute.

**QUALIFYING FEES**

The governing authority of each County shall fix and publish the qualifying fees for the upcoming September 20, 2011 Special Election. O.C.G.A., Section 21-2-131(a)(1), provides as follows:

“The governing authority, at least 35 days prior to a Special Election shall fix and publish qualifying fees for each County office to be filled in the upcoming Special Election. Such fee shall be 3% of the annual salary if a salaried office. If not a salaried office, a reasonable fee shall be set by the governing authority not to exceed 3% of the income derived from such office by the person holding the office for the preceding year.”

The following office is to be filled by the Special Election:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Qualifying Fee</u>
Sheriff .....	\$ 75,674.9 .....	\$ 2,270.25

**Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to approve qualifying fee for upcoming Special Election. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

13. Consider approval of County Extension Personnel Contract / Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of UGA, the UGA Cooperative Extension and Spalding County for the provision of County Extension Services.

**Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to approve County Extension Personnel Contract/Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of UGA, the UGA Cooperative Extension and Spalding County. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

14. Consider approval of Agreement for Clinical Services with the Southern Crescent Technical College.

Deputy County Manager Virginia Beams advised the board that this Agreement is simply a name change from Griffin Tech to Southern Crescent Technical College so that their paper work is correct.

**Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to approve agreement for Clinical Services with Southern Crescent Technical College. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.**

15. Consider approval of request to submit a pre-application to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grants.

Mrs. Beams advised the Board that the County is currently eligible for two (2) grants. The first grant is for \$50,000.00 and the other for \$4,000.00. As per requirement of the Grant the County must match 15%. One of the proposed grants proceeds will be used for an early warning system.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to approve request to submit pre-application to GEMA for the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Carried by a vote of 5-0.***

16. Consider approval on first reading of an Ordinance to amend Part VII, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 7-1004, to provide for no parking zones on either side of O'Dell Industrial Way.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve ordinance amending Part VII, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 7-1004 to provide no parking on either side of O'Dell Industrial Way. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

17. Consider approval of annual Rental Agreement #7138 with the State Properties Commission use of 883 Memorial Drive by the Department of Veteran Services.

Mr. Wilson noted that historically the space has been given to Veteran Services for a lease of \$100.00 a month. This is at a courtesy rate, so that our Citizens will not have to travel out of the County for veteran services. Mr. Wilson noted that during construction of the Senior Citizen Center, Veteran Services will be moved to another location in the Memorial Drive Plaza.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to approve Rental Agreement #7138 with the State Properties Commission for use of 883 Memorial Drive by the Department of Veteran Services. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

18. Consider authorizing single stream recycling at the County Collection Centers.

Mr. Wilson noted that July 1, 2011 County Collection Centers were closed two days a week. He noted that authorizing single stream recycling will result in cost savings. He noted that currently the Carver Road Center is the only Center that recycles more than just cans and newspaper. If approved all Collection Centers would utilize single stream recycling. This would be implemented 07/25/11.

Mr. Freeman questioned the containers to be used. Mr. Wilson noted that we would be using the covered top containers. He noted that there are enough of these containers to implement at the five centers. Mr. Freeman also questioned the unacceptable items. Mr. Wilson noted that those items are not recyclable and should be placed in the regular household garbage compactors.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to authorize single stream recycling at all County Collection Centers effective 07/25/11. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

19. Consider approval of contract for Indigent Defense Services with the Griffin Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office for FY 2012.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to approve contract for Indigent Defense Services with the Griffin Judicial Public Defender's Office. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

20. Consider approval on first reading of an Ordinance amending Part VI, Chapter 2, Section 6-2004, Item (e), to remove no thru truck designation on Wilson Road from Arthur K. Bolton Pkwy to Hudson Road.

Mr. Wilson noted that he has received numerous complaints from industries located in the Hudson Industrial Park and Commissioners regarding trucks utilizing this roadway.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated she was in agreement with it as long as residents and the hospice in the area are aware of the changes before we implemented it.

Mr. Wilson stated that if approved, all key players would meet and determine what the best improvements for the Hudson/Wilson Industrial area.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve Ordinance amending Part VI, Chapter 2, Section 6-2004, Item (e) to remove no thru truck***

***designation on Wilson Road from Arthur K. Bolton Pkwy to Hudson Road. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

21. Consider approval of Resolution authorizing Spalding County Board of Commissioners to contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources to provide Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) within Spalding County for the period beginning October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 and submittal of application for same.

Mr. Wilson noted that in the FY 2012 Budget there is an allotment of \$123,683.00 for the program. Mr. Wilson stated this authorizes the Chairman to sign resolution for submittal.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve contract with the GA Dept of Human Resources. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

22. Consider Appointment to the Board of Assessors to fill the unexpired term of Renee Futral.

Mr. Wilson noted that Bill Norris was the only nomination in the brought forth at this time.

***Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner for appointment of Bill Norris to the Board of Assessors. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Gilreath opposing.***

23. Consider approval of System Maintenance Agreement with Harris Corporation for the 800 MHz communications system.

Virginia Beams noted that this Maintenance Agreement is on the infrastructure side. This does not include hand held radios and in car units. With approval we would be granted around the clock maintenance on equipment 24/7/365. This is an annual contract that renews automatically. She noted that the Harris Corporation initially offered a one year statute of limitations. However, she went back and required six (6) years per State Law.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor questioned bidding of the Contract. Mrs. Beams advised that the System was in fact a proprietary system. She noted that the Harris Corporation service has been wonderful to Spalding County.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned specifics of response from the Harris Corp. Mrs. Beams noted that the Harris Corp will respond immediately to issues with the system. This covered disasters as well.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve System Maintenance Agreement with Harris Company, with the stipulation of the statute of limitations of six (6) years as provided by Georgia Law. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.***

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

**Mr. Wilson noted the following:**

- **Ground Breaking Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Southern Crescent Technical College at 10 am.**
- **Business after hours at Haisten Woodlawn funeral home on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**
- **Consensus of the Board of Commissioners is the Sunday sale of Alcohol referendum will not be placed on the November Ballot. Item is not budgeted in FY 12 budget. He noted that even though the City is having an election in November it must be a county wide election in order to vote on Alcohol referendum for both the City and County.**
- **AEP contacted Mr. Wilson regarding signage that was taken down on 362 and South Pine Hill Road. Mr. Wilson advised that the only**

way a sign could be put up is to put it on the edge of the right away. The consensus of the Board was to allow the sign to be installed.

- For the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Spalding County has received the Excellence in Financial Reporting award. Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director is once again a recipient of this prestigious award.
- Mr. Wilson requested from the Board discussion relative to setting a minimum acreage for conservation use. Mr. Wilson noted that this particular item was tabled indefinitely by a prior Board. He has since received twenty (20) to thirty (30) emails from other Counties that have already set a minimum acreage.
- Mr. Wilson advised the Board that he would like to take pictures both individually and as a group for the Website. He will contact Commissioners to set a date and time.

**XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Flowers-Taylor-** Stated that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission is inquiring as to why some of the projects that were on the original capital improvements list have been dropped off. She also advised the Board that the President of the Soccer Association came to the Advisory Board meeting and made a request for assistance for lights on the soccer fields. The Soccer Association has collected \$3,500.00 in fundraising, but the total cost is \$8,000.00. At some point they will come before the Board to ask for financial assistance. She further noted the improvement of the fields at the Wyomia Tyus Park due to irrigation from the lake.

**Gardner-** None

**Gilreath-** Questioned if the City of Griffin would contribute to the lighting issue at the Park. He also wanted clarification from Mr. Wilson concerning Minerva Properties whom wanted to widen the bridge in front of Sun City to where it would accept 4 lanes of traffic. Mr. Wilson noted that he wasn't aware of 4 lanes but at one time when Minerva owned the property they were working with Spalding County to get the bridge replaced. Essentially this is a GDOT project. The date of construction has been pushed back to 2014.

**Ray-** Thanked everyone that assisted in the funeral and processional of Sheriff Dee Stewart and the Fourth of July parade. He further commended the Griffin Gators Swim Team. Lastly, He presented to the board his findings of the issue concerning the County Manager being bonded. According to his finding the County Manager is not required to be bonded. Should the Board want the County Manager bonded, it would be the responsibility of the County to fund it and it would be a requirement in the manager's contract.

**Freeman-** Mr. Freeman suggested discussion with the Parks & Rec Advisory Board to see what can be done as far as getting travel teams to utilize the fields. He added that even though the maintenance is expensive for upkeep of the fields, the travel teams already have fees in place to pay for this.

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion/Second to adjourn by Ray/Gilreath at 7:36 pm. Carried by a vote of 5-0.**

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County Manager  
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