

## REGULAR SESSION

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, August 1, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Eddie Freeman presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Bob Gilreath, 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. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor was not present.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman, Eddie Freeman**
- II. **INVOCATION – Led by Dr. Bill Hardee, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Griffin, GA**
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Raymond Ray**
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

1. **Recognition of Parks and Recreation Summer Food Program.**

**Certificates presented to Cheryl Pollard, Liz Coggins-Hosely & Belindell Adams.**

2. **Recognition of Spalding County Parks and Recreation Youth for providing emergency help to Mr. Fred Crawford.**

**Certificates presented to Gloria Underwood, Jalen Dewberry & David Harris.**

- V. **PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- 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.

- VII. **MINUTES –**

- a. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: July 18, 2011, Public Hearing; July 18, 2011, Extraordinary Session and the July 28, 2011 Zoning Public Hearing.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve minutes listed above. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

- VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider approval on second 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.
2. Consider approval on second reading of an Ordinance to 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/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Consent Agenda on Second Reading. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

- IX. **OLD BUSINESS**

- X. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider acceptance of resignation of Regina Abbott from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Wilson noted that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board attendance is declining. On several meetings the Board has not had a quorum present to conduct meetings. Mr. Wilson recommended reducing the size of the Advisory Board. Currently each post nominates two (2) people to serve on the Board. The Board also has the Chairman of the Commission or his designee serving to make the eleventh (11) member. He further stated that the appointment to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Abbott is a Post 5 appointment.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to table resignation of Regina Abbot from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board until future date. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to lift from table resignation of Regina Abbot from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to accept resignation of Regina Abbott from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

2. Consider acceptance of resignation of Leiv M. Takle, M.D. from the Spalding County Board of Health.

Chairman Freeman stated he spoke with the Chairman, Merrilea Reeves and she is trying to find a doctor to serve on the Board.

County Attorney Jim Fortune advised the Board that this item is simply a resignation and that at this time no appointment was needed. After advice from the County Attorney the Resignation of Regina Abbott item was lifted from the table and resignation accepted.

***Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to accept resignation of Leiv Takle from the Spalding County Board of Health. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

3. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Board of Family and Children Services for term to expire June 30, 2016 to succeed Kay Harper, whose term expired June 30, 2011.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to reappoint Kay Harper to the Spalding County Board of Family and Children Services for a term to expire June 30, 2016. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

4. Consider approval on first reading the proposed Pawn Shop Ordinance.

Mr. Wilson noted that the major change in the ordinance was deleting the clause that required patrons at the Pawn Shop to have their picture taken upon purchase of items.

County Attorney Jim Fortune mentioned that the ordinance doesn't specifically state a vendor for the electronic software. The Sheriff will designate the electronic program he chooses to use.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to approve proposed Pawn Shop Ordinance on first reading. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

5. Consider approval of 2012 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) project list.

Mr. Wilson recommended submittal of everything on the list with a ranking of four and above. He further mentioned that because we are asking for a LET contract, the information must be submitted by August 15, 2011. With the LET contract the County only has to get the roads ready for paving, the State will pay 100%.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned if DOT would remove any roads off the LMIG list. Mr. Wilson advised him that our allocation will be between

\$200,000.00 and \$250,000.00. We submit our priority and then DOT will rank them according to their scale.

Mr. Freeman advised that in the past they have been fairly considerate when providing the final allocation.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to approve 2012 LOCAL Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) project list. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

6. Consider approval to submit application for the 2011 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Mr. Wilson advised the Board, that grant monies will be used to replace the computer systems at the Juvenile Office.

Mr. Freeman noted that the Juvenile Office makes the best usage of limited resources.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to approve submittal of application for the 2011 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

7. Consider canceling September 5, 2011 Regular Meeting due to observance of Labor Day Holiday.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to cancel the September 5, 2011, Regular Meeting due to observance of Labor Day Holiday. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.***

8. Consider canceling October 3, 2011 Regular Meeting due to a conflict with the 2011 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference.

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to cancel October 3, 2011, Regular Meeting due to a conflict with the 2011 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0***

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

Mr. Wilson noted the following items:

1. Still needs to receive an Ethics Board Nomination from Commissioner Flowers-Taylor and three (3) from Commissioner Gilreath.
2. Parks & Recreation is planning an Ice Cream Social on August 22, 2011 for the Griffin Gator Swim Team and the AAU Basketballs Teams at Parks & Recreation. The Ice Cream Social will be held in the Annex.
3. Parks and Recreation will be hosting the Wyomia Tyus All Abilities Playground during the last week of the month. A definite date has not been set. The playground was donated by Resurgens.
4. Due to the abundance of fish in the lake at Wyomia Tyus Park, we will be hosting employee fishing events on August 10, September 14 and October 12. Anything employees catch, they can keep.
5. The Animal Care & Control Advisory Board (ACCAB) will meet on August 8, 2011. At this meeting, the final amendments to the Dog Living Conditions Ordinance will be completed. The ordinance will be presented at the August 15 Extraordinary Session for approval.
6. The International Property and Maintenance Code workshop will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am.
7. Commissioners will meet the final two (2) candidates for the Spalding County Fire Chief on Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-9:30 am.
8. City of Griffin has come to County and said they have space in One Griffin Center for a joint emergency Operations Center (EOC). A Joint Public Safety Training

Center, 911 Center, Emergency Operations Center funded by FEMA has been in the planning stage since 2006. Both Boards approved resolutions supporting this project and we propose to move forward with this project, jointly with the City.

9. Mr. Wilson will check on rescheduling the August 25<sup>th</sup> Zoning Public Hearing.

## **XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Gardner-** Spoke about newly implemented changes at Recycling Centers. Commissioner Gardner indicated that he has had a lot of positive response regarding single stream recycling. He also noted that the scheduling changes at the Centers seem to be well received. Attendant also talked about how he likes the changes

**Gilreath-** NONE

**Ray-** Thanked the youth for helping Mr. Crawford at Fairmont Park. Commissioner Ray noted that Spalding County's High School graduation rates have improved from 68% to 73%.

He also thanked teachers, staff and the community. Griffin/Spalding School System's open house is August 4th. Mr. Ray wants to remind County residents to watch out for kids. Senate Bill 40 added a new mode a transportation module which permits golf carts on roadway. Mr. Ray wants to get with the Sheriff Department to figure out safety issues. Questioned would the inmates help to consolidate the Hope Health Clinic and the Health Center to help move equipment. Wilson noted it is a governmental owned building.

**Freeman-** Commended Mr. Wilson and Staff for the job they have done. Noted that Mr. Wilson has been active conducting interviews and taking numerous phone calls. Appreciative of all the time Mr. Wilson spends with Spalding County.

## **XIII. CLOSED SESSION - NONE**

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT-**

**Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilreath to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.**