

REGULAR MEETING

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, April 2, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor presiding. Commissioners Bob Gilreath, Raymond Ray, Samuel Gardner and Eddie Freeman were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Attorney Jim Fortune and Ex Officio, County Clerk, Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record the minutes.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman, Gwen Flowers-Taylor**
- II. **INVOCATION – led by Commissioner Gardner**
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Freeman**
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**
 - A. **Consider approval of Proclamation declaring April as “Donate Life Month” in Spalding County.**

~~PROCLAMATION~~

- WHEREAS** one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and
- WHEREAS** more than 113,000 men, women, and children await life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which over 3,400 reside in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS** the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation grows daily as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 11 minutes; and
- WHEREAS** the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 18 people die daily due to the lack of available organs; and
- WHEREAS** organ, eye, and tissue donation can provide families the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and tissue endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and
- WHEREAS** donating life through organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness we Spalding County, Georgia citizens can perform; and
- WHEREAS** 27,074 citizens of Spalding County, Georgia have already registered their decision to give the Gift of Life at www.donatelifegeorgia.org; and
- WHEREAS** LifeLink® of Georgia is the non-profit, community service organization dedicated to the recovery of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy; and
- WHEREAS** Spalding County, Georgia supports LifeLink® of Georgia’s life-saving mission; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 2012, as

Donate Life Month

In Spalding County, Georgia to honor all those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye and tissue donation, to encourage all residents to take action and sign up on Georgia Donor Registry at www.donatelifegeorgia.org, to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye, and tissue donation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this, the 2nd day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twelve.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Manager

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve Proclamation declaring April as "Donate Life Month" in Spalding County. Motion carried by all.

B. Consider approval of Joint Proclamation declaring April 5, 2012 as "Edwin H. Futa Day."

Mr. Wilson explained that the Griffin Rotary Club and the Daybreak Rotary Club will be hosting Edwin H. Futa at their April 5, 2012 meeting. Mr. Wilson also noted that this proclamation will be formally presented by Commissioner Ray.

Proclamation

- WHEREAS** Rotary is an international organization made up of volunteers who work locally, regionally and internationally to impact the world under the motto of Service Above Self; and
- WHEREAS** Edwin H. Futa served Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation as General Secretary and Chief Operating Officer from 1999 until his retirement on June 30, 2011. Ed Futa became a Rotarian in 1979 and has served Rotary as President of the Rotary Club of East Honolulu, Hawaii and District Governor for Rotary District 5000; and
- WHEREAS** Ed Futa serves as special advisor to Rotary International President-Elect Tanaka, Rotary International Representative to the United Nations and as general chair for the 2013 Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. Ed Futa joined the staff of Rotary International in November of 1998 as the manager of strategic planning for the Secretariat; and
- WHEREAS** the General Secretary serves as the Chief Operating Officer for both Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, one of the world's largest global humanitarian service organizations with 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic regions; and
- WHEREAS** Ed Futa developed a highly professional and educated staff of more than 650 at Rotary's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois and seven other countries, making Rotary

International stronger, better organized, more capable and more efficient than ever before; and

WHEREAS Ed Futa provided leadership and vision to carry forward the fight against polio and strengthen Rotary, and was instrumental in ensuring the success of RI's strategic plan and The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan; and

WHEREAS Ed Futa is active in youth ministry and has served on the Board of Governors of the YMCA and a mediator in the Neighborhood Justice Center of Honolulu; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Griffin do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 5, 2012, as

Edwin H. Futa Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this, the 2nd day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twelve.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Chairman
Spalding County Commission

Cynthia Reid-Ward, Chairperson
City of Griffin Commission

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve Joint Proclamation declaring April 5, 2012 as "Edwin H. Futa Day." Motion carried by all.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - NONE

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.

Henry K. Collins- 1624 William Rd. Griffin Georgia – Congratulated the Commissioners for still having prayer and reciting the pledge of allegiance at the Commissioners Meetings. Mr. Collins stated that he is against the requirement to have pets licensed in Spalding County. Mr. Collins also stated that he does not agree with outsourcing pet licensing at a rate of \$2.50. Mr. Collins noted that three years ago, ACCAB wanted all pets to be spayed and neutered and he spoke against this matter as well. Mr. Collins advised that people have pets because they love them and consider them a part of the family.

Kelly Palmatier- 450 Malier Rd. Griffin, Georgia- Mrs. Palmatier stated that ACCAB is looking at ways to help decrease the over population of pets in Spalding County. Mrs. Palmatier stated that their Board has deliberated about licensing requirements for several meetings. Mrs. Palmatier also stated that since their last meeting, she has had conversation with several citizens who have great ideas. Mrs. Palmatier advised that ACCAB will postpone their proposal until they have time to get comments from the public. The next ACCAB meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012 in Meeting Room 108 at 5:15 p.m.

VII. MINUTES –

Consider approval of Minutes of the following: March 19, 2012 Extraordinary Session; March 22, 2012 Zoning Public Hearing; March 29, 2012 Commissioners Work session.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve minutes of the March 19, 2012 Extraordinary Session; March 22, 2012 Zoning Public Hearing and March 29, 2012 Commissioners Work Session. Motion carried by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading an ordinance amending the Shared Leave Policy.

Leave Sharing Policy

PURPOSE – Spalding County’s leave sharing policy is designed to allow employees to donate accrued unused annual and sick leave to an employee who would otherwise need to take leave without pay because of a serious medical emergency. A serious medical emergency is defined as an illness or injury which requires inpatient admission in excess of 23 hours to a hospital, hospice or residential medical care facility, including any period of incapacity or any subsequent treatment in connection with such inpatient care.

ELIGIBILITY – To be a recipient of leave donations, an employee must:

1. Be eligible to accrue annual leave under the *Leaves of Absence* policy;
2. Have completed at least one (1) year of continuous full time service immediately prior to requesting donated leave;
3. Have exhausted all accrued annual leave, sick leave and off-set time available to him or her; and
4. Have exhausted all advanced sick leave.

An employee may be eligible to receive donations of leave if he or she is experiencing a serious medical emergency or caring for family members experiencing a serious medical emergency. For purposes of the leave sharing policy, family members include the employee’s spouse, parent, son or daughter.

An employee on a leave covered by workers’ compensation because of a serious medical emergency may be eligible to receive donations of leave under the Leave Sharing policy.

REQUESTING LEAVE DONATIONS – A potential leave recipient must request leave donations by submitting a leave donation request form to the Human Resources Director.

The potential leave recipient must provide a medical verification of the reason for the medical leave. If the request involves a family member, the request must describe the relationship of the family member to the employee and the reason the employee must be absent from work.

Requests to receive leave donations will be reviewed for approval by the Human Resources Director and the County Manager. Requests will normally be approved or disapproved within five (5) working days and the requesting employee will be notified in writing.

PUBLICITY & SOLICITATION – The medical condition leading to a leave recipient’s request is private health information. Medical information will only be disclosed to potential donors at the specific written permission of the affected leave recipient or family member. Solicitation for leave donations may not begin before the leave recipient’s request has been approved by the County Manager.

The Human Resources Director is responsible for coordinating the solicitation of leave donations.

DONATING LEAVE – Leave donations will be strictly voluntary. Intimidation, coercion, reprisal, or promises to confer any benefit to leave donors is prohibited. Reports of any such activity should be directed to the Human Resources Director. An employee may not donate leave to his or her immediate supervisor.

An employee may donate up to 40 hours of annual leave, sick leave, or a combination of annual and sick leave in any calendar year. Donations must be in eight (8) hour increments. A donor must retain a minimum of 40 hours of annual leave and 40 hours of sick leave after making a leave donation. Leave donations must be made on the leave transfer form and forwarded to the Human Resources department.

USING DONATED LEAVE – A leave recipient may use up to 480 hours of donated leave in a 12 month period. The 12 month period will be based on the 12 months immediately prior to the date of the donation leave request form.

Donated leave may not be combined with periods of leave without pay to “stretch out” the donated leave. Donated leave may not be used in increments smaller than eight (8) hours. Donated leave may not be used prior to inpatient admission and prior to the date of the donation leave request form.

Donated leave recipients will not accrue sick leave and annual leave during any month in which 16 or more hours of shared leave is used.

UNUSED DONATED LEAVE – To the extent feasible, any unused donated leave will be restored to the donor(s) when the recipient’s medical emergency ends or the recipient terminates employment. Unused donated leave will not be paid to or retained by the leave recipient.

2. Consider approval on second reading of Application #12-01S: Tina M. Darsey, Owner – 1567 Locust Grove Road (2.639 acres, more or less, located in Land Lot 106 the 3rd Land District) – requesting a Special Exception to allow a General Home Occupation in the AR-1 District.

3. Consider approval on second reading of Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the following:

- **Amendment to UDO #A-11-08:** Article 2. Definitions of Terms Used –Section 203:O- amend definition dwelling unit regarding attachment of dwelling.

Text Amendment #A-11-08

AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY

RESOLUTION AMENDING

THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia is empowered by virtue of its police power to regulate the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Spalding County to provide for and enact zoning and developmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia on January 4, 1994 and has amended said Ordinance subsequently; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator, in conjunction with the Planning Commission, has deemed it advisable to recommend amendment to a portion or portions of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, such proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County was reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the text amendment was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on March 22, 2012, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-66-1, et. seq. in the Spalding County Hearing Room, Room 108, Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia considered the proposed amendment, any and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Spalding County Planning Commission and all data and evidence taken at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, is in conformance with the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people;

NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, that the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 2, "Definitions of Terms Used", Section 203.O

Section 2: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 2, "Definitions of Terms Used", Section 203.O:

O. Dwelling Unit: One (1) or more rooms within a dwelling forming a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for use of one (1) family involving owner or renter occupancy, with provisions for cooking, eating, and sleeping, and which is physically set apart from other rooms or dwelling units in the same building. A separate or additional dwelling unit shall not be connected by means of a structure, such as a breezeway, to an existing dwelling, single-family detached.

Section 3: The foregoing amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 4: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

- **Amendment to UDO #A-12-03:** Appendix K. Landscape and Tree Preservation Ordinance for Multi-Family, Commercial, Institutional and Industrial Development – Section 105 – amend minimum plant requirements.

IN RE:

Text Amendment #A-12-03

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NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, that the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Appendix K Section 105

- A. One 2-inch caliper canopy tree and one 2-inch understory tree shall be planted for every 2000 sq. feet of impervious surface on site

Section 2: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Appendix K Section 105

- A. One 2-inch caliper canopy tree shall be planted for every 2500 sq. feet of impervious surface on site and one 2-inch understory tree shall be planted for every 3000 sq. feet of impervious surface on site.

Section 3: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Appendix K Section 105

- B. One shrub minimum of 3 gallon container shall be planted for every 300 sq. feet of impervious surface on site.

Section 4: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Appendix K Section 105

- B. One shrub minimum of 3 gallon container shall be planted for every 500 sq. feet of impervious surface on site.

Section 5: The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia is directed and authorized to execute such notice of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia.

Section 6: The Zoning Administrator is authorized and directed to enter such notice of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia accordingly.

Section 7: The foregoing amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 8: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve consent agenda items #1 & 3 and to delete Item 2 from the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by all.

Item #2, Special Exceptions per Code does not require a second reading.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider approval on first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 1, Business and Occupations, Article A. titled Sale of Malt Beverages and Wine by adding a new section to be denominated as Section 6-1003; to amend Chapter 1, Retail Liquor Sales, Article B. Sale of Malt Beverages and Wine by adding a new section to be denominated as Section 6-1049; to amend Chapter 1, Business and Occupations, Article C, Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption on Premises by adding a new section to be denominated as Section 6-1075; to amend Section 1004, titled Retail Dealer Qualifications by adding a new subparagraph 7; to amend Section 6-1039, titled Issuance of License by adding a new paragraph denominated as

Section 1039; to amend Section 6-1055 by adding a subparagraph (C) to section 6-1055 requiring applicants to comply with the provisions of Section 6-1055.

Mr. Wilson noted that due to changes being made to the RASS ordinance at the Commissioners March 29th workshop, the ordinance is back for first reading. Mr. Fortune noted changes under Section 6-1013, subparagraph B, regarding establishments.

Commissioner Gardner expressed concern with the ordinance requiring multiple managers to receive RASS certifications. Mr. Fortune noted that this would be corrected within the ordinance to only require one manager to obtain RASS certification.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve on first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 1, Business and Occupations, Article A. titled Sale of Malt Beverages and Wine by adding a new section to be denominated as Section 6-1003; to amend Chapter 1, Retail Liquor Sales, Article B. Sale of Malt Beverages and Wine by adding a new section to be denominated as Section 6-1049; to amend Chapter 1, Business and Occupations, Article C, Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption on Premises by adding a new section to be denominated as Section 6-1075; to amend Section 1004, titled Retail Dealer Qualifications by adding a new subparagraph 7; to amend Section 6-1039, titled Issuance of License by adding a new paragraph denominated as Section 1039; to amend Section 6-1055 by adding a subparagraph (C) to section 6-1055 requiring applicants to comply with the provisions of Section 6-1055. Section 6-1003 to be amended. Motion carried by all.

2. Consider approval on first reading an ordinance to add a new section to be designated 11-1003 of Chapter 1, titled Offenses, in the Spalding County Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Fortune advised that the Board's consensus at their March 29th workshop was to not penalize those who had not lost their license. The new ordinance reads in part that only establishments in which have lost their license within the last twelve months, will be prohibited from "Brown Bagging."

Motion/Second by Gardner/Gibreath to approve on first reading an ordinance to add a new section to be designated 11-1003 of Chapter 1, titled Offenses, in the Spalding County Code of Ordinances. Motion carried by all.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider appointment to the Land Bank Authority to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Aaron Roquemore. Term set to expire December 31, 2012.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to table appointment to the Land Bank Authority to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Aaron Roquemore. Term set to expire December 31, 2012. Motion carried by all.

2. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Wilbur Bailey. Term set to expire December 31, 2012.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor appointed Mr. Jackie Holmes as the District 1 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board appointee.

3. Consider bids for construction of new Senior Citizens Center.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Senior Center construction is progressing rapidly. Mr. Wilson noted that County Staff is doing a great job working on the exterior aspect of the new center. Mr. Wilson stated that there were three bids received for the Senior Center, all of which came in above budget. Manley, Spangler, Smith value engineered the project to take some things out that would not adversely affect the project. Mr. Wilson explained that he, Louis Greene, Kelly Leger, Terry Tardy & Manley, Spangler, Smith all met with the contractor to cut \$300,000 dollars off the project. Mr. Wilson advised the Board of several areas that were cut from the original proposal.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor requested Mr. Wilson to detail specific items that were cut. Mr. Wilson noted the following changes: there is nothing for the grass for the south and north courtyards, building exterior will have minor changes (primarily cosmetic), no hardwood floor in the lobby but instead carpet, no fireplace, built in cabinets taken out in which can be built by County Staff. Mr. Wilson stated that there are no changes to detract from the look of the building. Mr. Wilson also noted that they were looking at cutting out the porches; however, the group felt that it would detract from the building.

Dick Spangler explained that value engineering is where you look at elements of construction that have a significant cost associated but they don't deter the function of the building nor the use of the building. Mr. Spangler stated that a meeting was held with MEJA to brainstorm potential cuts.

There was substantial discussion about the flooring in the dance area of the Senior Center. Louis Greene, Parks & Recreation Director advised that the resilient flooring in the dance area was not changed. Mr. Greene noted that this particular flooring costs twice the amount of regular oak hardwood floors but serves better for dancing.

After questioning from Commissioner Ray, Mr. Spangler explained that at a later date the items removed could be added back.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that her main concern was for the fireplace and hardwood flooring in the lobby.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to award bid for new Senior Citizens center to MEJA Construction for \$3,091,730 and authorize Chairman to execute documents necessary for same. Motion carried by all.

4. Consider approval of requirements to receive a 7.5% Safety Discount for the January 1, 2012- December 31, 2013 policy year with ACCG-GSIWCF workers' compensation insurance program.

Mr. Wilson noted that as long as a safety risk officer is appointed we are eligible to receive 7.5% discount for 2012-2013 policy year with the ACCG-GSIWCF workers' compensation insurance program.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve requirements to receive a 7.5% Safety Discount for the January 1, 2012- December 31, 2013 policy year with ACCG-GSIWCF workers' compensation. Motion carried by all.

5. Consider approval of subcontract between Spalding County and the Council on Alcohol & Drug and for after-school programming.

Mr. Wilson noted that this contract is for the after school program which has been advertised. There will be no additional staffing needed.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve subcontract between Spalding County and the Council on Alcohol & Drugs and for after-school programming. Motion carried by all.

6. Consider approval of contract for Indigent Defense Services with Sullivan & Ogletree for State & Juvenile Court.

Mr. Wilson noted that the amount of the three year Indigent Defense Services contract with Sullivan & Ogletree remains unchanged. Mr. Wilson further noted that the judges also recommend approval.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Gilbreath to approve contract for Indigent Defense Services with Sullivan & Ogletree for State & Juvenile Court. Motion carried by all.

7. Consider acceptance of a Homeland Security/Citizen Corp Program grant Award from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Wilson noted that previously Staff came before the Board for approval to apply for the grant needed for the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT). Spalding County was successful in obtaining this grant and will be moving forward. The total amount of the grant is \$9,610.00

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve the Homeland Security/Citizen Corp Program grant Award from the Georgia Emergency management Agency. Motion carried by all.

8. Consider approval of submittal of letter to GDOT referencing the abandonment of Old State Route 3.

Mr. Fortune stated that the submittal of this letter to GDOT is primarily regarding the Park & Ride lot and a portion of the GA Hwy 3 property which will be removed. GDOT requested the County Attorney to write a letter stating that they can remove the pavement. Mr. Fortune noted he will be preparing the letter should the Board approve submission.

Mr. Wilson stated that because of the new entrance to the UGA Griffin Campus, UGA wants to do away with the GA Hwy 3 entrance. Mr. Wilson explained that with the property had a reverter clause which stated that at any time the property was not used for a public road, it would revert back to UGA. Mr. Wilson noted that UGA used the road occasionally and found that it was of no use for them.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve submittal of letter to GDOT referencing the abandonment of Old State Route 3. Motion carried by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- A. Governmental Affairs meeting at the Chamber on Thursday, April 5th beginning at 7:30 a.m. The topic of discussion will be the TIA SPLOST.
- B. Friday, April 6th is Good Friday Holiday. All County offices will be closed.
- C. In remembrance to the April 28th tornado there will be a solemn ceremony held at the L.B. Norton Fire Station on April 20th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- D. Spalding County Parks & Recreation was awarded a \$500.00 check for the scholarship fund for kids that want to play ball.
- E. Griffin High JROTC Awards Program scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 6:30 to be held at the Griffin High School Commons Area.
- F. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Park@ 6th tentatively scheduled for Thursday April 12th around 5:30 lasting until around 8:00 p.m. with celebration activities.
- G. The Sheriff's Department has planned a ceremony for the Law Enforcement Memorial Wall to arrive in Clayton County and Spalding County on April 6th to honor Sheriff Stewart. Parks & Rec has reserved the Wyomia Tyus Park Soccer Field for April 6th.
- H. The new Emergency Notification System, managed by FirstCall is up and running. If you haven't signed up please do so. To sign up you can visit the Spalding County website and click on the First Call logo. If you do not have internet service you can contact FirstCall anytime at 1-866-484-3264. Thanks to Mike Windham working hard on this project.
- I. All County offices are flying flags at half-staff in remembrance of Pfc. Johnathan Davis. Davis was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on last Thursday, March 29th. Davis was a graduate of Griffin High School.
- J. We are making fast progress at the Senior Center. The next step will be to install the storm drain lines around the croquet field along with yard inlets.
- K. Airport Authority Legislation. Organizational meeting will be July 16th. Need to look at appointing members no later than June.
- L. ACCAB Meeting to be held on April 9, 2012 at 5:15 p.m.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Freeman- None

Gardner- Commissioner Gardner requested the tree on the Right of Way at 527 Johnny Cut Road and those small trees directly across from that location be cut when crews are available. Commissioner Gardner also requested an update on increasing the speed limit on Jordan Hill Road.

Gilreath- None

Ray- Commissioner Ray advised the Board that Spalding County Firefighter, Willie Lyons went to check on his mother this past week and found her deceased in the residence. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. Commissioner Ray also thanked everyone for attending the ice cream social and advised that all donations came from staff. No County money was used for the event. Commissioner Ray also noted that Spalding County had 54 people to donate blood and 62 attempts. Commissioner Ray advised that he will not be present at the April 26th Zoning Public Hearing.

Flowers-Taylor- None

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried by all.

Chairman

County Manager

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