

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, May 21, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor presiding. Commissioners 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. Commissioner Bob Gilreath was not present.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman, Gwen Flowers-Taylor**
- II. **INVOCATION – led by Commissioner Samuel Gardner**
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Eddie Freeman**
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**
 1. Consider Proclamation honoring the tenth year pastoral anniversary of Dr. Mark Thomas Sellers.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Proclamation honoring the tenth pastoral anniversary of Dr. Mark Thomas. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider Proclamation honoring retiring Moore Elementary School Principal, Dr. Martha Taylor.

Proclamation

Recognizing Dr. Martha Smith-Taylor

WHEREAS: Dr. Martha Smith-Taylor began her teaching career in 1973 as a Secondary Teacher at Henry County High School in McDonough, Georgia and later joined the Griffin-Spalding County School System as a Middle Grades Teacher of English and Reading in 1981 and has since then worked continuously and tirelessly in the capacity of High School Teacher, Coordinator of Language Arts, Reading, Social Studies, and ESOL, Curriculum Specialist, Assistant Principal, Principal, Adjunct Professor, and various other leadership roles to help improve the quality of education in Griffin, Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Martha Smith-Taylor is a visionary leader with utmost integrity and strong ethical and moral values, a highly intelligent administrator with superb planning, coordinating, organizing, and team building skills, an active, concerned, and involved citizen who has significantly contributed to the Griffin community by voluntarily sponsoring Community Wide Black History and Step Team Competition Programs, as well as assisting with staff training of Salvation Army staff on parental

involvement, sponsoring GED programs for Griffin Technical College (now Southern Crescent Technical College), and presenter of many professional workshops; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Martha Smith-Taylor has demonstrated outstanding leadership at Moore Elementary School for 12 years, reforming the educational program from failing to flourishing as a Distinguished Title 1 School for 11 years, recognized by local civic/church organizations for Outstanding Achievement at Moore Elementary School, honored as Educator of the Year by Belk's Department Store, named local "Hero in the Schools" by the local newspaper for work in education, and awarded "Boss of the Year" for 2002 by the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Martha Smith-Taylor is united in Holy matrimony to Fletcher Taylor and is the wonderful mother of Joshula Barton, Khra Smith, Felecia Taylor, and Jason Taylor, and is the graceful grandmother of Sidne Walker, and is the devoted Pastor of Tabernacle of Praise, and is an invaluable asset to the Griffin-Spalding County School System, the Griffin community, and undoubtedly to humanity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County do hereby proclaim the 25th day of May, commencing in 2012 and each year thereafter as

Dr. Martha Smith-Taylor Day

and encourage all citizens to recognize the academic and social roles, and the crucial leadership of Dr. Martha Smith-Taylor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County to be affixed this, the twenty first day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twelve.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to approve Proclamation honoring retiring Moore Elementary School Principal, Dr. Martha Taylor. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of Financial Statements for the Ten Month period ended April 30, 2012.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve the Financial Statements for the Ten Month period ended April 30, 2012. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT – NONE

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 –

Consider approval of Minutes of the following: May 7, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve minutes of the May 7, 2012 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading Ordinance #2012-07 to amend Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002, relating to speed limits on specific County Roads, by striking Jordan Hill Roads-Dobbins Mill Road- A Point North- 2 miles- 35 miles per hour by adding in lieu thereof one subsection as follows: Jordan Hill Rd from Dobbins Mill Road to the Henry County Line zoned 45 miles per hour.

**SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07**

TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC CODE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED SPEED LIMIT ON JORDAN HILL ROAD FROM DOBBINS MILL ROAD, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, as the governing authority of said County, as follows:

Section 1. That the Code of Spalding County, Georgia, be amended in Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1002, relating to speed limits on specific County Roads, by striking Jordan Hill Road-Dobbins Mill Road- A Point North- 2 miles- 35 miles per hour and Jordan Hill Road-from Teamon Road- to Henry County Line-30 miles per hour by adding in lieu thereof two subsections as follows:

“Jordan Hill Rd”

From Dobbins Mill Road to the Henry County Line
Zoned 45 miles per hour

Section 3. That the within ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon its adoption on two presentations, as provided by Section 2-1005 of the Code of Spalding County, Georgia, and upon erection of speed limit signs as designated herein.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

***Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve Consent Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***

IX. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request of the Humane Society for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Society's Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held on October 27, 2012.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to approve request of Humane Society to provide a letter that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Society's Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held on October 27, 2012. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval of the following amplification permits as requested by Chris Smith of the Griffin Moose Lodge for various outdoor events to be held on the following dates at the Griffin Moose Lodge:
 - a.) May 28, 2012 Family Pool Event from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - b.) June 2, 2012 Birthday Party from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - c.) July 4, 2012 Family Pool Event from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - d.) July 21, 2012 Luau Event from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
 - e.) Sept. 3, 2012 Family Pool Event from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson noted that all fees have been paid and all requirements met. Community Development has signed off application permit recommending approval.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that her concern was for outside amplification at 12:00 a.m.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve the above-listed amplification permits as requested by Chris Smith of the Griffin Moose Lodge for various outdoor events to be held at the Griffin Moose Lodge with the following change: June 2, 2012 event to be held from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. instead of 12:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of an amplification permit as requested by Homer Nelms & Sybra Bookhard for an outdoor wedding and reception to be held on May 26, 2012 from 7:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at 391 Wilson Rd.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned about those requesting outside amplification permits that reside in apartments and/or leased property. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor further stated that she doesn't feel that they should be required to contact either the property owner and/or the rental office to request permission to host an event at their place in which they are paying for.

Commissioner Ray assured Chairman Flowers-Taylor that decision was made at the workshop to require those under these conditions to get written permission for the actual property owner. Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that she was not aware of this decision.

Homer Nelms- 391 Wilson Rd. Griffin, Georgia 30224- Mr. Nelms stated that he has no problem with obtaining permission from Pilkenton & Murray to have this event.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner to approve amplification permit as requested by Homer Nelms & Sybra Bookhard for an outdoor wedding and reception to be held on May 26, 2012 from 7:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at 391 Wilson Rd with the following condition: Pilkenton & Murray must provide letter stating that there is no objection to event. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Discuss the following recommendations from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Tobacco Free Parks & prohibiting coaches from being in law enforcement uniforms and carrying weapons.

Mr. Wilson noted that there is currently a no smoking ordinance in place at all County buildings. This ordinance prohibits smoking within 25' of the County building. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has stated that they wish to have all of their parks tobacco free. Mr. Wilson noted that some Commissioners have stated that they wish to have all county property tobacco free.

Commissioner Freeman questioned if you had to provide a smoking area. Mr. Wilson stated that the County did not have to provide a smoking area. Mr. Wilson also referenced Spalding Regional Hospital being smoke free. Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that hospital employees smoke in their cars. Commissioner Freeman noted that should we make all County buildings tobacco free we would only compound the issue and possibly have employees smoking in restrooms.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that this is an issue that needs to be addressed; however, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was more concerned with smoking around children. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also noted that they were concerned about the health & welfare of adults. She stated that when people walk into a building they should not have to inhale second hand smoke. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that the Board should only consider the recommendation from Parks & Recreation. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that we should not force employees that currently smoke not be allowed that privilege. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor thinks this will hurt employee morale.

Commissioner Gardner questioned if we would have to purchase signage for tobacco free parks & costs thereof. Mr. Wilson stated that the County has a sign

shop at Public Works and they can make signs for 35% less than retail. Mr. Wilson stated that the current signs indicate smoke free not tobacco free.

Commissioner Ray stated that this request derives from a parent complaining about a haze of smoke that people have to walk through to get into the park. Mr. Ray questioned if it would be easier and better for citizens to utilize the park if we had designated a smoking area away from the entrance. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that the Advisory Board did not want people wandering off to smoke. The Board simply wants to prevent health issues. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also noted that State inmates spend a large amount of time picking up cigarette butts.

Board Consensus was to amend Spalding County Parks & Recreation Rules & Procedures to reflect that all Spalding County Parks will be Tobacco Free effective July 1, 2012. County Attorney to amend smoking ordinance to coincide with Tobacco Free Policy for Parks.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has submitted this recommendation due to coaches wearing their uniforms and guns not for professional reasons but for intimidation.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that there was a situation where a coach that was a Deputy Sheriff wearing his uniform. Parents were making comments about the coach not doing what he was supposed to do and words were exchanged. The following day the coach showed up in his uniform and his duty weapon. People felt that he was doing this due to comment they made. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor noted that the Advisory Board felt like this is not appropriate while coaching kids. Whether or not the action was intended to be intimidation; the action was not proper. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor noted that after this other attendees started wearing guns and kids should not be exposed to this. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board feels that there should be no weapons on the field while coaching.

Commissioner Gardner stated that he doesn't wasn't this to be an isolated incident where the Board overreacts. Commissioner Gardner also questioned if anyone had contacted the Sheriff because laws allow people to carry weapons.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that there have been several incidents were parents and coaches have got to fighting. She also noted that there are several guidelines for coaches to follow.

Commissioner Ray stated that he called the Sheriff's Department had understands that the officer in question was in fact from a neighboring county. Sheriff Beam was very articulate in supporting what the Board is trying to do but identified that this officer was not a County employee. Commissioner Ray stated that he supports weapons not being on the field but also want the Board to make enforcement towards spectators as well. Commissioner Ray not that the issue if from words, verbiage and taunting coming from the stand. Commissioner Ray stated that if spectators possess alcohol, illegal drugs or any other substance they should be immediately removed from the Park. Commissioner Ray requested also addressing disruptive parents.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that all of which Commissioner Ray addresses is in the Parks & Recreation policies. She agrees that they enforcement should be more strenuous. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor noted that there are four fields with only one security guard and parents are afraid to tell security of any troubles. Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that she had spoken with Louis Greene and they are trying to look at being involved with other entities such as churches.

Shelia Marshall- 898 Jeff Davis Rd. Thomaston, Georgia- Stated that and if we have a law enforcement officer that is willing to give their time to coach we should not make rules were they can't carry their service weapon.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that if there is something that happens and someone starts shooting in front of children, then we have a bigger issue. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that our goal is to prevent anything from happening. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also noted that she's sorry if wearing a uniform puts them at risk.

Board Consensus was for Staff to conduct workshop with representatives from Parks & Recreation, Spalding County Sherriff's Department and County Attorney to prepare a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Once comments have been obtained from the Board, a draft ordinance will be issued for first reading.

5. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority.

Post 1-Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to appoint Commissioner Ray to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority Post 1 for a term to coincide with his elective office. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Post 3-Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Gardner to appoint Commissioner Freeman to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority Post 3 for a term to coincide with his elective office. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Post 9- Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner to appoint Ron Alexander to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority Post 9 for a term to expire 12/31/14. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Post 7- Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to appoint Carl Pruett to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority Post 7 for a term to expire 12/31/16. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Post 5- Motion/Second by Gardner/Flowers-Taylor to appoint Larry Johnson to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority Post 5 for a term to expire 12/31/18. Motion failed due to a 2-2 vote.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to appoint Louis Thacker to the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority Post 5 for a term to expire 12/31/18. Motion failed due to a 2-2 vote.

Appointment to be carried forth for future agenda.

6. Consider approval of Tower Lease Agreement with Communication Towers, LLC for the 800 MHz Communications Tower Site on Wild Plum Road.

Mr. Wilson noted that staff is still working on final draft and requested the item be tabled until negotiations are complete.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to table Tower Lease Agreement with Communication Towers, LLC for the 800 MHz Communications Tower Site on Wild Plum Road. Motion carried by all.

7. Consider approval on first reading an ordinance amending the FY 2012 Budget to provide for year-end adjustments.

Mr. Wilson stated that these adjustments consist of lease purchase proceeds, insurance refunds, and vehicles purchased during the years in which payments are handled in the month of May. Mr. Wilson noted that there are a couple of items for building maintenance for GSP Post I which received insurance proceeds. Mr. Wilson also noted the donation for the J Williams Edwards Park. There are a series of about 26 appropriations which will provide for hospital grants, homeland security grants, and JAG grants. Code enforcement will also have their budget amended. Mr. Wilson noted that there are also amendments to appropriate extra funds to the Spalding County Superior Court for jury bailiff fees.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned item #19 "recycling." Mr. Wilson stated that the County was able to recycle \$42,220.25 out of the Cooks Shopping Center. This goes into the fund for demolishing the building which was part of the General Fund.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve on first reading an ordinance amending the FY 2012 Budget to provide for year-end adjustments. Motion carried by all.

8. Consider approval of resolution to amend the organization of and procedures for the disposition of business during the meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wilson noted the following changes The following changes in the Red Book (Section 1-08, Entitled Agenda) are necessary with the advent of HB 397:

1. Agenda posted a week prior to Board meeting
2. Agenda items and supporting documentation due a minimum of 9 business days preceding the meeting.
3. Add the word Extraordinary Session into paragraph two.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve resolution to amend the organization of and procedures for the disposition of business during the meetings of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried by a vote of 3-1 with Commissioner Gardner opposing.

9. Discuss potential transfer from Public Health District 4 to Public Health District 3-3.

Mr. Wilson noted that we received a package from Nicole Haynes, District Health Director that it was their intent to shift three counties from District 4 to District 3-

3. Mr. Wilson noted that he has been contacted by the County Administrator of Coweta County and he advised him that our representative from the Board of Health Commissioner Ray, was not happy with this.

Commissioner Ray referenced a letter written on March 6, 2012 from Alpha Brenda Fitzgerald. Commissioner Ray noted that there was no rationale provided in the letter other than to say the switch is to effectively manage three counties and to offer new grant proposals. Commissioner Ray stated that this was done to facilitate evening the numbers between District 4 and District 3. Dr. Fitzgerald is trying to even the numbers to provide better services. Commissioner Ray noted that a letter was then written on May 1st from Dr. Haynes. The Board of Health was not made aware from District 4 until they received the letter in mid-May of any change. This action brought up several questions. Commissioner Ray stated that he has spoken with Rep. Knight, Senator Chance, Senator Jefferies & John Yates. Senator Chance and Representative Knight have taken the ball and ran with it trying to schedule a meeting with Dr. Fitzgerald within the next 10 days to determine funding allocation from District 4 along with some other transition issues. Once this is complete the Board of Health will provide a recommendation to the commissioners after speaking with Dr. Fitzgerald, the State Health Officer and members of the Board of Health. Ultimately this will end in a vote of the 15 counties within District 4. If one board votes no, there will be no movement between district 4 and district 3-3.

Consensus of the Board to allow the Board of Health conduct meeting and provide recommendation the Board for Commissioners who will then convene at a special called meeting to render a decision.

10. Consider cancellation of July 2, 2012 Regular Scheduled Meeting.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to cancel July 2, 2012 Regular Scheduled Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- A. The Budget Public Hearing will be held on June 4th at 5:00 p.m. First Reading of the Budget will be held on June 18th at the Extraordinary Session. Final Adoption of the Budget will be June 28th at 5:45 p.m. before the Zoning Public Hearing.
- B. There will be a Special Called Water Authority meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 to approve their FY'13 Budget.
- C. Biometric Screenings & Health Risk Assessments must be completed by July 6, 2012. If not completed there will be 20% of the insurance premium will be assessed.
- D. Status Update on Power Pole Fees- Fortune has been trying to the consultant that Cobb County used and to no avail. Fortune is now working on contacting GA Tech.
- E. We have been contacted by representatives from the TV Series RECTIFY to use our Correctional Institute to shoot a 6 episode television series. They are requesting to take some photos of the Correctional Institute to submit to producers. Warden Sikes has stated that he has no objection to the request.
- F. We were contacted by Joe Tanner & Associates that we were successful in being removed from the non-attainment status listing. Formal notification should follow within 60 days. Staff will distribute a press release on tomorrow.

- G. For the 11th Consecutive Year, Spalding County was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Kudos to Jinna Garrison.
- H. Congratulations to Chairman Gwen Flowers-Taylor who received her Gold Standard of Excellence Award from ACCG at the annual conference held in Savannah.
- I. Qualifying begins Wednesday and ends Friday at noon.
- J. Reminder: May 28, 2012 County Offices will be closed in observance to Memorial Day.
- K. 4-H Youth in Governance will be held on June 4, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.
- L. There will be a dedication ceremony for donated equipment from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation on Friday June 14, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. Firehouse Subs located at 118 West Taylor street. Firehouse Subs donated ATV's to be used for Search & Rescue by the Fire Department.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Freeman- Informed the Board that he attended the ACCG Mobile Classroom where they visited the new Maynard Jackson International Terminal, the CSX Training Center and also the DOT Maintenance Engineering Department. Mr. Freeman thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience and to cap his evening attended an Atlanta Braves games.

Gardner- Commended staff and the Budget Review Committee for their work on the FY' 13 Budget. Commissioner Gardner noted that the process used this year went really well.

Ray- Kudos to Staff and the Budget Review Committee on FY 13' Budget. Commissioner Ray noted that school will be out soon and urged all to be careful and watch for kids. Commissioner Ray also congratulated the graduating class of 2012. Mr. Ray urged the community to sign up for First Call and also advised of easy ways to sign up.

Flowers-Taylor- Chairman Flowers-Taylor requested that Staff contact the Humane Society to see if they would hold their event at the Park & Sixth. Chairman Flowers-Taylor also commended Parks & Recreation and all involved with the Flicks @ Sixth. She noted that the event was a huge success. Chairman Flowers-Taylor also recommended placing signs in the County advising of events in the Park. Additionally, Chairman Flowers-Taylor suggested that First Responders help sign people up for FirstCall when they are doing their boot drives. Chairman Flowers-Taylor also requested an update on the Blue Cross Blue Shield contract with Upson Regional. Mr. Wilson advised that he has asked for an update and was provided information that the contract was still pending. Mr. Wilson to email Matt Bidwell of MSI for an update.

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Chairman

County Manager

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