

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, September 17, 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-NONE**
- 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.

John Reynolds- 1050 County Line Road Griffin, Georgia- Mr. Reynolds served each Commissioner individually with a suit naming Will Sanders as the Plaintiff. All Board Members accepted service. Mr. Reynolds stated that he felt that many of his constitutional rights were stepped on by the Emergency Management Ordinance.

Justin Wynn- 127 Central Lake Circle Griffin, Georgia- Mr. Wynn requested an update on the Country Rock License issue of no consumption on premises for twelve months after revocation. He further stated that he has hope to purchase the property in the near future. Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised Mr. Wynn to contact County Manager Wilson.

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: August 20, 2012 Extraordinary Session; August 28, 2012 Special Called Meeting.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve to August 20, 2012 Extraordinary Session; August 28, 2012 Special Called Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. ***Lift from table:*** Consider approval of recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to establish facility room fees & criteria for complimentary use of pavilions and facilities.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to lift from table. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Mr. Wilson noted that recommendations from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission were to include governmental agencies such as, Spalding County School System, University of Georgia, Spalding County Agencies, City of Griffin, State Agencies, Southern Crescent Technical College, Griffin/Spalding County Industrial Development Authority and Spalding County Housing Authority. Mr. Wilson noted that these governmental agencies would be approved by the Director and not required to become Partners. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that staff is recommending denial of this item and that only governmental entities be allowed usage of the Pavilions and Facilities at no charge.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned Mr. Wilson as to why staff is recommending denial. Mr. Wilson advised that at this time staff recommends denial based on the complicated effort to become a partner. Mr. Wilson further noted that the County has never waived fees for anyone else. Chairman Flowers-Taylor disagreed stating that the Collaborative Authority has always had their fees waived. Chairman

Flowers-Taylor further stated that if they are approached about an event or something that the Parks & Recreation Department cannot handle due to budgetary restraints, they have partnered with groups to help promote their program. Mr. Wilson noted that the Collaborative Authority would in fact be considered a governmental agency.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that the lengthy process of partnerships was formed to make sure that when and if there were activities within the community such as Easter Egg hunts, roundups for kids or any other activity that would involve a large amount of kids, Parks & Recreation would waive the fee. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor stated that the Parks & Recreation crew makes sure that Parks are cleaned and the organization requisitioning the property makes sure that security is properly staffed. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that it could be bad if we didn't partner with other community groups and organizations.

Commissioner Ray requested a workshop with Staff, City of Griffin, Chamber of Commerce to discuss this issue further.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to table approval of recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to establish facility room fees & criteria for complimentary use of pavilions and facilities and hold workshop with Staff, City of Griffin, Chamber of Commerce to discuss issue further. Motion carried unanimously by all.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of new 2012 Alcohol License- Retail Sales of Beer and Wine for Michael Hollingworth dba Griffin Traders located at 2295 N. Expressway.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve 2012 Alcohol License-Retail Sales of Beer and Wine for Michael Hollingworth dba Griffin Traders located at 2295 N. Expressway. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval of new 2012 Alcohol License- Retail Sales of Beer and Wine for Yasmine Jiwani dba JV's Corner located at 1700 Zebulon Road.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve new 2012 Alcohol License- Retail Sales of Beer and Wine for Yasmine Jiwani dba JV's Corner located at 1700 Zebulon Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of new 2012 Alcohol License- Retail Sales of Beer and Wine for Jalaram Foods LLC dba J K Foods at Valero located at 390 Airport Road.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Gilreath to approve new 2012 Alcohol License- Retail Sales of Beer and Wine for Jalaram Foods LLC dba JK Foods at Valero located at 390 Airport Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of amplification permit for Elberta Fox for a church gathering to be held at 1832 W. Ellis Rd. on October 12, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gilreath to approve amplification permit for Elberta Fox for a church gathering to be held at 1832 W. Ellis Road on October 12, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider approval of amplification permit for Plainview Baptist Church as submitted by Church Secretary Connie Hendrix for an Old Fashion Tent Revival at 3600 High Falls Rd. from October 7, 2012 through October 14, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m. nightly.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to approve amplification permit for Plainview Baptist Church as submitted by Church Secretary Connie Hendrix for an Old Fashion Tent Revival at 3600 High Falls Rd. from October 7, 2012 through October 14, 2012 beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m. nightly. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of amplification permit for Willie & Shartion Johnson for a Horse Show to be held at 583 W. Williamson Rd. on September 23, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson advised the Board that the previous amplification permit issued to Willie & Shartion Johnson was modified to end at 9:00 p.m. due to the event being on a Sunday.

No modification of this permit request was approved by the Board.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Gilreath to approve amplification permit for Willie & Shartion Johnson for a Horse Show to be held at 583 W. Williamson Rd. on September 23, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously all.

7. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Department of Family & Children Services Board to fill the expired term of Michael Thurston for a new term to expire June 30, 2017.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to table appointment to the Spalding County Department of Family & Children Service Board to fill the expired term of Michael Thurston for a new term to expire June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider appointment of a voting delegate for the 2012 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Gilreath to appoint Chairman Flower-Taylor as the voting delegate for the 2012 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of Incumbent Acknowledgement Receipt of Equipment Form between Spalding County and Sprint/Nextel for rebanding of 800 Mhz Radio System.

Mr. Wilson noted that a few years back the County went through rebanding with Sprint/Nextel. Spalding County has received the equipment, successfully rebanded its radio system and has since returned the equipment, as of April 2010. Mr. Wilson stated that this Acknowledgement Receipt will finalize our agreement. Mr. Wilson further noted that rebanding did not cost the County any money. Sprint/Nextel worked with the Harris Corporation to take care of this.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve Incumbent Acknowledgement Receipt of Equipment Form between Spalding County and Sprint/Nextel for rebanding of 800 Mhz Radio System. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider bids for replacement of the Fairmont Gym Roof.

Mr. Wilson advised the Board that the RFP was distributed and there was a required pre-bid conference where bidders could come and look at the project. Mr. Wilson noted that bids ranged from \$86,000 to \$212,000. Mr. Wilson recommended the low bid as submitted by Lucon, Inc. in the amount of \$86,093. Mr. Wilson noted that this expense was not budgeted in the FY 2013 budget; however, he is recommending that the funds be taken out of the Capital Projects General Fund for this project. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that each year approximately \$20,000 is put into this account for non-budgeted expenses for major capital improvements. Mr. Wilson noted Staff intended on continuing to patch the roof during FY 2013 but all patching attempts continued to fail. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that the roof will be a metal standing seam roof and will be the Spalding County Blue.

Commissioner Ray questioned when improvements will be made to the inside of the building. Mr. Wilson noted that insulation inside the gym will also be replaced due to structural changes caused by replacing the roof. Mr. Wilson further noted that he has spoken with the contractor who has agreed to only close down half the facility at a time, so the remainder can still be utilized. Additionally, Mr. Wilson noted that the contractor has hopes to complete the project before the basketball season begins.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned what the plans for the old roof are. Mr. Wilson advised that the old roof will come off and since it has polyurethane roof the

contractor will have to dispose of it accordingly. Mr. Wilson further noted that the new insulation inside will be a solid fiber type, white in color. Commissioner Gilreath also questioned the grade of metal. Mr. Wilson advised that he thinks it's 24 gauge the same type used at the L.B. Norton Fire Station.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve low bid in the amount of \$86,093 as submitted by LHE Enterprises/Lucon, Inc. for replacement of the Fairmont Gym Roof and to utilize funds from the Capital Projects General Fund. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider approval of Resolution #2012-13 as requested by Clerk of Court to form two additional Boards of Equalization as provided for in O.C.G.A. 48-5-311 (a)(1).

Mr. Wilson noted that under State Law, the county is allowed, because we have 31,000 parcels to have four Boards of Equalization. Mr. Wilson advised that Clerk of Court Marcia Norris has requested two (2) additional boards to hear the amount of appeals currently housed in that office. Mr. Wilson informed the Commission that a single Board of Equalization consists of three (3) members and a minimum of three (3) alternates. Mr. Wilson stated that the county is suggesting that the Clerk of Court have six (6) alternates per board.

Mr. Wilson further noted that Larry Griggers of AVTACS has arranged for training from the Department of Revenue for the different Boards of Equalization here in Spalding County. Mr. Wilson advised that Board members will be selected by the Grand Jury which convenes in October.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned when training of board members would begin. Mr. Wilson advised that he doesn't have a specific date for training it will be before January.

Commissioner Gardner questioned how would citizens wishing to serve sign up for the Board of Equalization. Mr. Wilson advised that those interested in serving should contact the Clerk of Court and she would advise of the application process. Mr. Wilson also noted that the Clerk of Court would have an ad in the Griffin Daily Newspaper.

Commissioner Freeman stated that he hopes that there are quite a few people interested in serving.

#2012-13

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF TWO (2) ADDITIONAL
BOARDS FOR
THE SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §48-5-311 permits a County with more than 10,000 parcels of real property to establish one (1) additional County Board of Equalization for each 10,000 parcels of real property located in the County; and

WHEREAS, Spalding County has more than 30,000 parcels of real property; and

WHEREAS, at the current time Spalding County has only one (1) Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, Spalding County is experiencing a significant increase in the number of tax appeals filed; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Spalding County Superior Court has requested that the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, by appropriate resolution, create two (2) additional County Boards of Equalization to assist with the processing of numerous tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners believe that it would be in the best interest of the County to create the two (2) additional Boards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-3, the County Commission does hereby authorize the creation and selection of two (2) additional Boards of Tax Equalization with each consisting of three (3) members and three (3) alternate members appointed in the manner and for the term set forth in the aforementioned code section.

IT IS SO RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2012.

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve Resolution #2012-13 as requested by Clerk of Court to form two additional Boards of Equalization as provided for in O.C.G.A. 48-5-311 (a)(1). Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Consider request from Golden Age Club to utilize Big Blue for a trip to Asheville, North Carolina on December 6th - 7th.

Commissioner Ray stated that he appreciates the cost analysis as presented in the Blue Sheet for commissioners. Mr. Wilson advised that there is a misconception throughout the community that tax payer dollars are being used for these trips. Mr. Wilson noted that there is a \$3 charge per mile for trips on "Big Blue." Mr. Wilson also noted that expenses include the driver and fuel and the estimated cost for this trip is \$750. Mr. Wilson added that the excess funds will go into a fund for bus maintenance.

Mr. Wilson noted that \$4,240 was charged for the trip to Washington, D.C. Mr. Wilson stated that the total trip cost was \$1641; however, when the bus arrived back, \$3,000 was spent in repairs due to an air conditioning failure.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned if Staff has figured out an amount to replace tires. Mr. Wilson advised that to replace all four tires, the cost would total over \$5000. Additionally, Mr. Wilson noted that all new tires were purchased we the County obtained the bus.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve request from Golden Age Club to utilize Big Blue for a trip to Asheville, North Carolina on December 6th-7th. Motion carried unanimously by all.

13. Consider approval of recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to host three (3) School Break Camps with partial funding from Partners in Education and private donations for weeks to include October 8th- 12th, February 18th- 22nd, 2013 & April 22nd-26th, 2013 and request from Chairman Flowers-Taylor to approve matching the donations in the amount of \$2000.00 from the Board of Commissioners Contingency Fund.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that camps were not budgeted in the FY 13 budget because 10-15% of the budget was cut. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor further noted that the cost for summer camp was \$45 and historically school camps were free. Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that Parks & Recreation are helping the school system by providing a safe, educational place for students to go when school is on break; consequently, Partners in Education have donated \$1700. A Parks & Recreation Board Member also made a donation of \$300 for camps. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that the camp provides activities but no food. She also stated that the money donated can be only used for scholarships. Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised that there will need to be at least three student counselors per facility.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that County Manager Wilson sent a spreadsheet/cost analysis and listed the camp as being a loss to the county. Chairman Flowers-Taylor disagreed with this cost analysis because the adult camp leaders along with Recreational supervisors have already been budgeted; hence, the cost analysis depicts double accountability. Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that the only cost would be the student counselors. Chairman Flowers-Taylor informed the Board that she feels it's wonderful for the community to step up and donate

funds and it would be a good gesture for the Board to match donations in the amount of \$2000 taken from the Commissioners Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Ray questioned Mr. Wilson as to how much funding is in the Contingency Fund. Mr. Wilson advised that there is enough money in the account to cover this expense.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to host three (3) School Break Camps with partial funding from Partners in Education and private donations for weeks to include October 8th- 12th, February 18th-22nd, 2013 & April 22nd-26th, 2013 and to approve matching the donations in the amount of \$2000.00 taken from the Board of Commissioners Contingency Fund. Motion carried unanimously by all.

14. Consider approval of recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to allow installation of 24 additional lights at Wyomia Tyus Park on Field #2 for the purpose of practice only. Original Request comes from Griffin Soccer Association.

Commissioner Gilreath stated that County Manager Wilson sent to commissioners a report regarding the cost of electricity. Mr. Gilreath further questioned how much with these additional lights raise the bill. Mr. Wilson stated that in the report submitted to commissioners, there are currently 48 lights at the facility. If 24 more are added, worst case scenario would be a 50% increase in the utilities.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that the Soccer Association will not be utilizing the lights year-round. Griffin Soccer Association President Barron Cumming, stated that the lights would only be utilized about half the year. Mr. Wilson advised that even when the lights are not in use, the county still incurs a bill due to this being a Commercial Demand Meter. Mr. Wilson noted that the bills ranged from a high of \$663 to a low of \$128.

Commissioner Gardner questioned if it was possible to only run the 24 lights. Mr. Wilson stated that he would check with Griffin Power and get a breakdown of charges. Mr. Wilson noted that due to the size of the lights it takes a separate transformer to run the lights.

Mr. Cumming stated that the Association is requesting that the County pay the utility bill and the Association pay for the lights and installation. Commissioner Freeman thinks it's commendable for an association to raise money for this purpose. Mr. Wilson stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission has recommended to allow the Griffin Soccer Association to come up with a vendor for this project and have then installed in lieu of the County bidding out the project.

Commissioner Ray stated that Griffin Power assisted the School System in putting their lights up and recommended that Mr. Cumming speak with the City of Griffin for assistance.

After questioning from Commissioner Freeman, Mr. Wilson advised that Spalding County owns the pole and will have to get a private contractor due to the height of the pole; however, Parks & Recreation staff would still oversee installation.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Soccer Association has raised \$15,000 toward the project and has requested the County to assist them in additional funding and reimburse the County at the end of the season. County Attorney Fortune advised that the County could not legally extend a line of credit. Mr. Cumming stated that the Association would fund their portion of the project 100%.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to allow installation of 24 additional lights at Wyomia Tyus Park on Field #2 for the purpose of practice only. Staff & Association to work with Griffin Power. Motion carried unanimously by all.

15. Consider approval of Responsible Alcohol Sales & Service Workshop Curriculum to be conducted by Michelle Stumpe and/or designee as required by the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part VI Licensing & Regulation, Chapter 1 Business Occupations, Article A, Section 6-1013.

Commissioner Freeman stated that this curriculum is at no cost to the County. Mr. Wilson stated that the first training class is scheduled for October 1st.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve Responsible Alcohol Sales & Service Workshop Curriculum to be conducted by Michelle Stumpe and/or designee as required by the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part VI Licensing & Regulation, Chapter 1 Business Occupations, Article A, Section 6-1013. Motion carried unanimously by all.

16. Consider approval, on first reading, Ordinance #2012-10, by striking in its entirety, the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part III Public Safety, Chapter VI- Emergency Management Ordinance and replacing in lieu thereof the new model Emergency Management Ordinance as prepared by GEMA & ACCG.

Mr. Wilson stated that Commissioner Ray held a meeting with interested citizens who had points of issue with the old Emergency Management Ordinance. Mr. Wilson noted that later the county found out that we were not the only county that had issues with points in the ordinance. After ACCG was notified, they collectively met with GEMA and redrafted the Emergency Management Ordinance in its entirety. Major issues that were addressed with Commissioner Ray have been resolved with this new ordinance.

Commissioner Gardner questioned if the county attorney has received the ordinance and agreed to compliance. Mr. Fortune stated yes.

Commissioner Ray stated that one of the biggest issues addressed was with transporting weapons as well as the transportation of explosives which was being misconstrued as ammunition. Mr. Ray agreed that we were in contradiction with state law, since it changed in 2011. Commissioner Ray stated that the County has since corrected the issues by following a draft prepared by ACCG.

Motion/Second Ray/Freeman to approve, on first reading, Ordinance #2012-10, by striking in its entirety, the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Part III Public Safety, Chapter VI- Emergency Management Ordinance and replacing in lieu thereof the new model Emergency Management Ordinance as prepared by GEMA & ACCG. Motion carried unanimously by all.

17. Consider approval of date for Special Called Meeting to go into Executive Session for presentation of County Manager Evaluation.

Commissioner Ray stated that Mr. Wilson has been back with the County about 18 months and the Board has yet to perform an evaluation. Commissioner Ray noted that in accordance with his contract, it's the Board's responsibility to evaluate the County Manager and notify before September 30 of each year the Board's intent with regards to renewing the County Manager's Employment Agreement. Commissioner Ray also noted that he went back and pulled previous evaluation forms that the board used. The new performance evaluation has been wordsmith and brought up to date. Commissioner Ray has sent to this document for proofing by ACCG and is now presenting to county commissioners to facilitate the evaluation. Commissioner Ray prompted board members to return the evaluation by Monday, September 25, 2012 to HR Director Bill Gay. Mr. Gay will be responsible for the ratings and comments. Commissioner Ray prompted Board members to hold a Special Called Meeting on Friday, September 28, 2012 since Board Members will already be at the retreat scheduled for this day.

Board Consensus to have a Special Called Meeting on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of presentation of the County Manager's evaluation.

18. Status Update on traffic signal at Memorial Drive Plaza.

Commissioner Freeman advised the board that as of last Thursday, September 13, 2012 GDOT was still denying the request for a traffic signal at the Memorial Drive Plaza. GDOT advised Commissioner Freeman that once the Senior Center is opened another traffic count could be conducted. Commissioner Ray requested the traffic count be conducted around the same time as Early Voting which begins on October 15th for the Presidential Election.

Commissioner Gilreath questioned if a turn lane could be put at the entrance of this location. Mr. Wilson advised that the accel/decal lane permits were received today. Mr. Wilson noted that a contract was initiated with McElroy, LLC for this purpose. Mr. Wilson informed that there will be a center turn lane headed East bound on SR 16 and a right turn lane when you are head back West bound at the entrance to the Memorial Drive Plaza.

Commissioner Gilreath also questioned if Mr. Wilson could invite all surrounding counties and hold a large Grand Opening Ceremony. Mr. Wilson advised that an extensive ceremony will be planned.

Commissioner Freeman requested that Mr. Wilson check with GDOT Traffic & Safety Engineer Mike England about the traffic count.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to amend the agenda by adding Executive Session for the purpose of consultation with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1). Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- A. Thanks to all employees that participated in the September 13th Spalding County Blood Drive. After 64 attempts, 54 units of blood were collected.
- B. Thanks to all that participated in the United Way Cardboard Boat Race. Spalding County Parks & Recreation placed third in the Board Race. Spalding County's goal this year was \$12,000 and we have already collected \$10,000 in pledges.
- C. The Georgia Theatre Company has presented the Griffin-Spalding United Way with a wonderful fundraising opportunity on Sunday, September 23rd. For a special \$12 donation you will receive admission to the film of your choice on Sunday, September 23, 2012, Special Concession combo to include a box of popcorn and a small soft drink and a packet of valuable coupons from participating restaurants.
- D. G-SATC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- E. Spalding County In Rem Hearing will be held on Thursday September 27th at 5:00 p.m. in meeting room 108. Currently there are seven properties.
- F. Spalding County Department Head retreat will be held on Thursday, September 27th at the UGA Griffin Campus Stuckey Building beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Budget Review Committee will make several reports at the retreat on Friday.
- G. Spalding County Commissioners Mid-Year Retreat will be held on Friday, September 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- H. Reminder: The October 1, 2012 Regular Meeting has been cancelled due to the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference held in Athens, GA. Four out of five commissioners will be attending.
- I. A Press Release was issued on Friday informing all of the Board of Election's Office Move. The Board of Election has now moved to the Memorial Drive Shopping Plaza which is adjacent to the Early Voting Precinct. Early voting begins on October 15th for the Presidential Election and will be conducted at this new location.
- J. After a review of our files, we have noticed that we are still missing Ethic Board Appointments from commissioners. Chairman Flowers-Taylor still needs to submit a nomination and Commissioner Gilreath needs to submit three (3).

- K. Spalding County Parks & Recreation have been diligently working on implementing the Rec 1 system which is an initiative to go paperless. Mr. Wilson reported that Rec 1 is completely operational. All Pavilion Rentals, Ceramic Classes and other events are now being handled by the Rec 1 System. To access the portal please visit the Parks & Recreation Website (www.spaldingparksandrec.com). For those without access to the internet, there is a kiosk machine located at Parks & Recreation's main office in the Memorial Drive Plaza. Many thanks to all Parks & Recreation Staff involved.
- L. Spalding County employees are now using CSI's Employee Self-Serve module which allows you secure access to your information in the County's HR & Payroll system such as address, leave balances, payroll earnings, deductions, taxes, etc. Effective with the September 15th paycheck, employees received direct deposit notifications via email. Mr. Wilson reported that all but 18 checks were emailed.
- M. Mr. Wilson has been contacted by Dave Luckie and he would like a portion of the grass at the Industrial Park mowed for a site visit. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that he has used FEMA rates to calculate the cost to cut the Lakes @ Green Valley. This cost is \$1000.00. ***Board consensus to allow Public Works along with Inmate Labor to mow the Lakes at Green Valley for a charge of \$1000.00.***
- N. Happy Belated Birthday to Commissioner Gardner who celebrated a birthday on September 8, 2012.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Freeman- Mr. Freeman advised the Commission of the ACCG Board of Managers Meeting and the committee meetings for the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference.

Gardner- None

Gilreath- Stated that the City of Griffin has been notified by an activist group that wishes to cease praying at public meetings. After questioning from Commissioner Gilreath, Mr. Wilson advised that Spalding County has not been notified by this group.

Ray- None

Flowers-Taylor- None

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Motion/Second by Freeman/Gardner to enter Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Gilreath was out of the Meeting Room.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to adjourn Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to enter settlement agreement with Communications Towers, LLC and approve General Release as drafted by the County Attorney in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried by a vote of 3-1-1 with Commissioner Gilreath opposing and Commissioner Ray abstaining.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

_____ Chairman	_____ County Manager
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