

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, February 20, 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., Administrative Services Director Jinna Garrison, 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 Samuel Gardner**
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.**
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION-**
 - a. **Consider approval of Joint Proclamation “nunc pro tunc” declaring February 14, 2012 as Christopher Thomas Ware Day.**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Christopher Thomas Ware, the son of Thomas and Angela Ware, is currently a senior at Spalding High School in Griffin, Spalding County Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Thomas Ware has exhibited exceptional leadership skills in his community and academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Thomas Ware, has served his community in such capacities as Vice President of the Youth Ministry at West Mount Sinai Baptist Church of Barnesville Georgia, Salvation Army Holiday Bell Ringer and worked as a volunteer in the Relay for Life program; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Thomas Ware was elected as the class president in each of his first three years at Spalding High School and currently serves as the student body president for the High School; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Thomas Ware, during his four years at Spalding High School, has been a member of the Beta Club, The Bogarsun Civic and Social Club, The Future Business Leaders of America, the varsity track and cross county teams, the Homecoming King as a senior, voted "Best All Around" as a Senior Superlative, amongst many other honors; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Thomas Ware, in 2011 became the first Spalding County student to be elected as the Governor of Georgia Boy's State, the annual statewide program designed to educate students as to the workings of our state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Thomas Ware, is to be commended for his community and academic success and is encouraged to continue to be an exemplary role model for other young men and women;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners for the City of Griffin Georgia and the Board of Commissioners for the County of Spalding, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 14, 2012 as "CHRISTOPHER THOMAS WARE DAY" and urge all persons throughout the City of Griffin and Spalding County to give special honor and recognition to Mr. CHRISTOPHER THOMAS WARE.

SIGNED

The Hon. Cynthia Reid-Ward
Mayor of the City of Griffin

The Hon. Gwendolyn Flowers-Taylor
Chairwoman, Spalding County
Board of Commissioners

Christopher Thomas Ware & Family were presented Joint Proclamation by Chairman Gwen Flowers-Taylor.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Joint Proclamation “nunc pro tunc” declaring February 14, 2012 as Christopher Thomas Ware Day. Motion carried by all.

b. Presentation of Annual Report of the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children, Inc. by Joseph Walker.

Joseph Walker distributed packets to the Commission along with the FY' 11 audit report for the Spalding County Collaborative Authority. He noted that the Strengthening Communities grant finalized on December 31, 2011. Mr. Walker stated that during 2011 the Collaborative worked with sixty (60) non-profit organizations, providing them with several different training sessions to help their program. Mr. Walker further stated that after the April 28th tornado the Collaborative was asked to provide twenty (20) volunteers a day for the disaster relief center. Additionally, Mr. Walker advised the Commission that on the Collaborative there are currently 350 members of which meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Health Department. On behalf of the Collaborative Authority Board of Directors, Mr. Walker thanked the Commission and pledged their continued involvement with issues to improve the quality of life for citizens in Spalding County

c. Presentation by Attorney Michele Stump concerning the Responsible Alcohol Sales and Services (RASS) Initiative.

Michele Stumpe stated that she has worked with the Council on Alcohol and Drugs for the past ten (10) years to make sure retailers are compliant with current alcohol laws. Ms. Stumpe stated that she has taught over 200 classes educating retailers, government officials, etc. on Responsible Alcohol Sales & Service. Ms. Stumpe explained that the program is designed to help retailers. The first topic of discussion in the workshop is explanations on the background on why alcohol laws are important. Ms. Stumpe explained the importance of knowing the laws concerning research and statistics on alcohol use by minors. The workshop, as explained by Ms. Stumpe also provides attendees with the tools needed to implement changes to be compliant with the law. Additionally, the workshop provides inexpensive, low cost ways to manage employees. Ms. Stumped noted that the workshop usually lasts about three (3) hours and several classes have been held in Spalding County.

After question from Commissioner Ray, Ms. Stumpe advised that Dekalb County, Douglas County, Cobb County and several others have implemented the requirement for businesses to first attend the workshop before being licensed to sell alcohol. Ms. Stumpe also noted that some jurisdictions only require the class if a violation is issued.

d. Presentation by Breka Tinch, CEO of the Veterans Center, a nonprofit 501(c)r located in Riverdale, Georgia.

Ms. Tinch was not present.

e. Presentation by the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section by RFC Travis Sweat.

RFC Travis Sweat presented the Board with facts pertaining to operations and procedures of the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section based out Macon, Georgia. Mr. Sweat stated that there are 29 counties in the region. The sole function of the DNR is to protect Georgia Natural Resources and public safety by enforcing laws, rules and regulations concerning game and non-game wildlife and plants. Mr. Sweat explained that his office responds to hunting and boating incidents, drowning reports and provides subsequent reports. They also act as wilderness first responders. Mr. Sweat advised that his office will also provide equipment and personnel for search and rescue on land upon request. Mr. Sweat further stated that there are also several specialty teams or Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) that provides personnel with specialized training in accident investigation and reconstruction. Another division of the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement branch is the Critical Action Team (CAT). This team is dispatched through GEMA to respond with personnel and equipment to natural disasters, search and rescue and other public safety emergencies. Mr. Sweat noted that his team responded to Spalding County during the April 28th tornado. Mr. Sweat also explained the Counter Terrorism Task Force (CTTF). This team provides personnel and equipment to combat terrorist activities in Georgia. The Governors Drug Task Force provides personnel and equipment to combat illegal drugs in Georgia. They also provide public education to teach the State mandated hunter and boating education course.

Commissioner Freeman thanked Mr. Sweat and the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section for their assistance in the April 28th tornado.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a. Consider approval of Financial Statements for the seven month period ended January 31, 2012.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve Financial Statements for the seven month period ended January 31, 2012. Motion carried by all.

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.

Bart Miller- 3259 Williamson Road, Williamson, GA- Mr. Miller expressed his concern with Spalding County funding another airport. Mr. Miller stated that he represents the citizens and wants to know why they have not been given the opportunity to vote on the matter. Mr. Miller further stated that the liability will fall back on citizens to pay off bonds for the proposed airport. Mr. Miller also questioned the lease purchase payoff for the new Senior Center staffing and utility costs as these as this figures were not included in the final cost estimate.

VII. MINUTES –

Consider approval of Minutes of the following: February 6, 2012 Regular Meeting; February 14, 2012 Joint Work Session; February 18, 2012 Commissioners Retreat.

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve the following minutes: February 6, 2012 Regular Meeting and the February 14, 2012 Joint Session. Motion carried by all. Minutes of the February 18, 2012 Commissioners Retreat will be approved at the March 5, 2012 Regular Meeting.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of “after-hours” permit as requested by Sheraton Johnson for a Cowboy and Cowgirl Reunion to be held April 6th-8th at 583 W. Williamson Road.

Mr. Wilson explained that last year Ms. Johnson requested and obtained a permit for after hours for the Cowboy & Cowgirl reunion. Mr. Wilson stated that there were some different interpretations on noise abatement and control and actually the County could not allow this type of event to happen under the interpretation.

Mr. Fortune noted that the current ordinance deals to amplifications mounted to a vehicle. Mr. Fortune also explained that an amendment to the ordinance is forthcoming to clarify subjective language.

Ms. Johnson advised that after reading the ordinance, she understands that a permit must be granted for amplification after 9 p.m. Ms. Johnson further explained that at the event there will be two live bands performing up until 1:00 a.m. Additionally, Ms. Johnson stated that the nearest neighbor is 30 acres away.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that she remembers modifications to the ordinance. Mr. Wilson noted that the ordinance was modified in 2005 and did not address loud speakers and outside amplifications.

After questions from Commissioner Gilreath, Ms. Johnson stated that at last year’s event there were over 100 people. Ms. Johnson further stated that at the event there will be a horse show and live entertainment on Saturday. There are also vendors at the event. On Sunday there will be a trail ride. Ms. Johnson advised that the purpose of this event is to bring the community together.

Commissioner Freeman stated that he hasn't received any complaints over the past three years regarding this event.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned Ms. Johnson if her event was a fundraiser. Ms. Johnson advised that the door cover is only to pay for expenses.

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to approve "after-hours" permit for 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. as requested by Sheraton Johnson for a Cowboy and Cowgirl Reunion to be held April 6th-8th at 583 W. Williamson Rd. Motion carried by all.

The Commissioners also discussed recommended changes to the noise ordinance as prepared by the County Attorney. These and other changes will be on a future agenda for consideration.

2. Consider approval of resolution authorizing designated personnel to sign all documents necessary to process garnishments.

Mr. Fortune advised that pursuant to legislation passed in 2011, attorneys could be the only party to sign off on garnishments. Recently Legislature passed a new bill that would allow designated personnel to sign off on garnishments.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Human Resources Director and the Administrative Services Director would be the designated personnel.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED

PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL 683

WHEREAS, a recent Supreme Court of Georgia ruling required that only attorneys at law could file responses to garnishments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia realized that such a requirement would greatly increase administrative costs of government and private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Georgia has passed and Governor Deal has signed into law, House Bill 683 to remedy that situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Human Resources Director and/or the Administrative Services Director of Spalding County are hereby designated as "authorized personnel" pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 683 and may, on behalf of Spalding County, sign all documents necessary to process garnishments.

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

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD

OF COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN

Motion/Second by Gardner/Freeman to approve resolution authorizing designated personnel to sign all documents necessary to process garnishments. Motion carried by all.

3. Consider approval of acceptance of funding from the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to the Spalding County Health Department in the amount of \$25,000 for flu vaccinations.

Mr. Wilson stated that any disbursements of the hospital authority must come before both the City & County boards. Further Mr. Wilson explained that the total amount of this disbursement is \$25,000 for the Health Department to administer flu shots.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve acceptance of funding from the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to the Spalding County Health

Department in the amount of \$25,000 for flu vaccinations. Motion carried by all.

4. Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding regarding proposed new airport.

Mr. Wilson stated that over the past several weeks this Memorandum of Understanding was worked on to be amendable to all parties. The Water Authority approved and added language under paragraph two which states that all future developments must adhere to Wastewater Management Plan. Mr. Wilson stated that the City at their last meeting did not approve it the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Wilson stated that the MOU reads that the County will allow annexation and that the Wastewater Management Plan will be modified to delineate the area shown on the map. It also changes our wastewater management plan to what is proposed for the new airport. The MOU also calls for amending the water sales agreement and gives the Water Authority a way to quote industrial rates when recruiting industry. Mr. Wilson stated that our water rates are double what the City water rates are for industrial customers. Currently the County has zero customers that qualify for the industrial rate. To get the minimum industrial rate you must use 100,000 gallons per day. The lowest possible rate is 500,000 gallons per day. Mr. Wilson noted that Caterpillar only uses 17,000 gallons per month. Should we get a prospect interested in Spalding County who qualified for the rate, the Water Authority could transfer that customer to Griffin. In turn we would be paid a 1% transmission fee which would go to the Water Authority. The Water Sales Agreement is a three way contract between the City of Griffin, the Water Authority & Spalding County. Additionally, Mr. Wilson stated that the City & Water Authority will commence renegotiation of the water sales agreement during 2012. Mr. Wilson explained a map that was presented to the Commissioners that delineates the area for not only the proposed new runway but also expansion zones to 7,000 ft. should need arise. Mr. Wilson explained that there are runway protection zones at both ends of the runway. The County will also be sponsoring a future land use map amendment to protect the property and future development on both ends.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING PROPOSED NEW AIRPORT**

February 29, 2012

This Memorandum of Understanding is for the purpose of clearly identifying agreed upon actions in regards to the proposed new Griffin-Spalding County Airport

Spalding County, the City of Griffin and the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority agree as follows:

1. Amending the Wastewater Management Plan to delineate the proposed Airport (as shown in green on the map provided by the City of Griffin) as a part of the City of Griffin service area. Also amending the Wastewater Management Plan to delineate the Kennedy Road Middle School as part of the City of Griffin service area and the Heron Bay development as part of the Henry County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority service area. All future development shall adhere to the Wastewater Management Plan as part of the permitting process unless all parties agree to amending said plan.
2. Amend the current Water Sales Agreement as soon as possible to provide an option for industrial water customers in the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority service area, who meet the requirements set forth by the City of Griffin to qualify for Industrial water rates, to be served as a City of Griffin water customer upon written agreement between the City and the industrial water customer. The Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority shall be compensated for this agreement by payment of a 1% transmission fee, based

upon the industrial water customer's monthly water bill (variable usage only). The transmission fee shall be collected by the City and remitted to the Authority monthly. The City may impose the transmission fee on the industrial water customer in addition to the imposition of the City's industrial rates, fees and charges for customer's water usage. The parties agree that this shall be the only amendment or modification to the present Water Sales Agreement, pending its renegotiation under Item 4 below.

3. Renegotiation of the Water Sales Agreement and Intergovernmental Contract defining the relationship between the City of Griffin, Georgia, County of Spalding, Georgia and Spalding County Water & Sewerage Authority to commence during calendar year 2012.
4. Investigation of the feasibility of transport of the flow from the Cabin Creek WWTP to the Springs WWTP in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding.

CITY OF GRIFFIN

By: _____
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Attest: _____
SECRETARY

SPALDING COUNTY WATER &
SEWERAGE FACILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
CHAIRMAN, SPALDING COUNTY
WATER & SEWERAGE FACILITIES
AUTHORITY

Attest: _____

By: _____
County Manager

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding proposed new airport. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Gilreath opposing.

5. Consider approval of joint resolution authorizing recommending the formation of the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority and authorizing introduction of Local Legislation to create such authority.

There was no discussion on resolution.

No. 2012 -06

**JOINT RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNTY OF SPALDING
AND
CITY OF GRIFFIN
RECOMMENDING FORMATION OF**

THE GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

THIS RESOLUTION, jointly made and entered by and between the COUNTY OF SPALDING, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the CITY OF GRIFFIN, a Georgia municipal corporation wholly situated within Spalding County, Georgia, provides as follows:

WHEREAS, the County of Spalding (hereafter "County") and City of Griffin (hereafter "City") have for many years owned and operated as joint venturers a public-use, general civil aviation airport, located within the County on the south side of the City;

WHEREAS, said airport is currently operated as a department of the City and jointly funded through annually budgeted appropriations of both the City and County;

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the County and City are currently studying the feasibility of constructing and operating a new airport, within the County, east of the present City; and

WHEREAS, in studying the feasibility of a new airport and assessing the operations at the present airport, the governing authorities of the County and City have found and concluded it would best serve the general aviation needs of the community to form an airport authority, which would assume responsibility for, operate and manage the present airport and any future airport(s) to be constructed and operated in and for the County and City, including, if feasible, a future regional airport facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNTY OF SPALDING AND CITY OF GRIFFIN, meeting in duly called, noticed and convened regular meetings of the respective boards:

That certain proposed legislation, entitled "A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT", to create and establish an airport authority in and for the County of Spalding and City of Griffin, be transmitted to the local legislative delegation from Spalding County to the Georgia General Assembly, with recommendation for its introduction and passage as a local or special act.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County and City managers shall cause to be published, as a legal advertisement, in The Griffin Daily News, the newspaper of general circulation within Spalding County in which Sheriff's advertisements are published, notice of intent to introduce local legislation, in the form and manner required by the pertinent laws of Georgia, and to furnish a copy thereof, as published, together with Publisher's affidavit, to the local legislative delegation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County and City agree to jointly fund, in equal budgeted amounts, the annual operating budget for the Airport Authority until such time as it is able to operate and manage the airport(s) on a self-sustaining basis from airport revenues, including leases. This provision is not intended to bind either Commission, or future Commissions, to budget for the Airport Authority and/or airport operations and maintenance purposes, but recognizes the outstanding obligations undertaken by the County and City as sponsors under existing Airport Improvement Grants provided by the Federal Aviation Administration and Georgia Department of Transportation, including without exception the assurance to operate the airport on a self-sustaining basis.

SO RESOLVED, the respective day and year set forth by the signatures of the duly authorized officials of said governing bodies.

COUNTY OF SPALDING
By: _____
Chairman

CITY OF GRIFFIN
By: _____
Chairperson

Attest: _____

Attest: _____

Clerk
(Seal)

Secretary
(Seal)

Date of approval: _____ Date _____ of
approval: _____

Motion/Second by Ray/Freeman to approve joint resolution authorizing recommending the formation of the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority and authorizing introduction of Local Legislation to create such authority. Carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Gilreath opposing.

6. Consider assessment of fines and/or possible revocation of license of Country Rock Bar and Grill.

Cpt. Tony Ranieri, Spalding County Sheriff's Department, stated that he received complaints and conducted a compliance inspection on the 28th of January. Cpt. Ranieri explained that a 19 year old informant went into the Country Rock and was given an armband indicating that he was underage. The informant was still served alcohol even with the underage armband. The seller was arrested and charged with sale of alcohol to a minor. Cpt. Ranieri further explained that his office also received information that they were chaining exit doors at the Country Rock establishment. Cpt. Ranieri stated once an investigation was completed the manager was charged with the violation. Since the charges were filed Cpt. Ranieri has met with Bill Plemmons & Melissa Chambliss who has the license. Cpt. Ranieri stated that they have not had any problems since the last arrest other than a 17 year old who was intoxicated before he arrived at the Country Rock.

Commissioner Freeman questioned how many pending cases are currently against Country Rock. Capt. Ranieri advised that there are two pending cases: sale of alcohol to a minor and the charge for chaining the doors.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned why minors are entering the club. Cpt. Ranieri explained that there is a problem with minors entering the club as well.

Commissioner Gardner stated that he has seen several situations where nationwide life safety violations have not been handled and as a result people are injured. After question from Commissioner Gardner, Ranieri advised that usually on Friday nights there are over 300 people in the establishments.

Commissioner Ray questioned the violations the current license holder has. Cpt. Ranieri stated that Melissa Chambliss, the license holder was cited in September for an alcohol violation and plead guilty in September and the last offense in January has not been to court. County Attorney Jim Fortune stated that for the chained doors they were cited under the County Ordinance for a fire code violation. Mr. Fortune further noted that this violation also violates state code.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned if there is any evidence of drugs or illegal contraband. Cpt. Ranieri explained that when he was checking for violations he walked into the men's restroom and found bags of marijuana but could not prove who had it.

After question from Commissioner Gilreath, Fire Marshall Eddie James advised the maximum occupancy of the Country Rock is 300. Mr. James also advised that the Country Rock has the appropriate number of fire alarms & extinguishers. Mr. James advised that Country Rock is up to date on inspections but they are usually performed during business hours. Mr. James noted that there is an exit on the north, east & west sides of the club. Mr. James also advised that the building does have sprinklers.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor questioned how many calls had the Sheriff's Department received in reference to gunfire. Cpt. Ranieri advised that he doesn't have this information but will provide at a later time. Cpt. Ranieri stated that once people enter the doors at the Country Rock they are searched with metal detectors. Cpt. Ranieri noted that most of the problems are in the back parking lots. Arguments take place inside and then they escalate outside and this is when the gun incidents occur. Cpt. Ranieri also noted that several large fights have resulted in both GSP & the City of Griffin having to respond. Cpt. Ranieri further noted that over the last year, almost every weekend there is a problem.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that the Board needs to move forward with action concerning the violations. Mr. Wilson stated that historically the Board has conducted the hearing but the ordinance does provide for a committee to conduct the hearing if so desired.

Mr. Fortune stated that for the 3rd offense the fine is \$2500 and the license shall be immediately suspended.

Commissioner Gardner reiterated that we need to be certain that someone is checking Country Rock to make sure the doors are not chained. Cpt. Ranieri stated that his staff is monitoring the established and the locking system has been changed.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to conduct hearing on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. to consider possible assessment of fines and/or possible revocation of license of Country Rock Bar and Grill. Motion carried by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Progress made on Senior Center. The actual building remaining minus three feet on both sides is the size of the new Senior Center. Mr. Wilson congratulated Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Construction & Maintenance and the Water Department on their work in demolishing the building. Over \$30,000 was collected in scrap metal sales from the demolition.
- Accepting Nominations for Bain Proctor Volunteer Award.
- Tornado Related Permits - Issued 94 demolition permits, 127 repair permits, 57 new erection permits, 5 manufactured home permits, 7 travel trailer permits & 2 construction trailer permits. Mailed notices to 8 properties affected by the tornado as having not started clean up or repairs. Issued a press release on January 27, 2012 notifying of Spalding County's intent to begin prosecuting unsafe structures and properties in need of debris removal beginning April 29, 2012.
- FEMA Reimbursements- Received \$551,000 from FEMA. \$146,307.54 paid out to sister agencies (Macon-Bibb, McCrae, Clayton County, Dekalb, Fayette, Forest Park, Henry County & City of Griffin), There are still outstanding FEMA reports, reimbursement is 75%.
- Congratulated Commissioner Freeman for getting DOT to fund 100% of the ROW for the SR 362 & Williamson Rd project. Commissioner Freeman saved the County roughly \$500,000 dollars.
- Noted that Bill Taylor, is preparing to move his building at the Cook's Shopping Center to his tower site on Wani Rd.
- Will be attending mandatory meetings at the Fire Departments to answer questions and discuss budget issues. Mr. Wilson will attempt to speak to all departments about budget issues before the end of the fiscal year.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Freeman- Commended the Board & Staff for an informative and constructive retreat. Mr. Freeman noted that there were a lot of items presented that the County needs to look into.

Gardner- None

Gilreath- Inquired as to the status of the RFP on HVAC services. Mr. Wilson advised that staff is working on a RFP for HVAC maintenance on all County Buildings. Mr. Wilson also advised Mr. Gilreath that staff is currently preparing RFP's for pest control and oil changes.

Ray- Commended Fire Department for sending out weather preparations and alerts. Mr. Ray also thanked William, Jinna & Ricky for preparation and assistance during the Commissioners Retreat. Mr. Ray also thanked Mr. Wilson for saving money on demolition. Mr. Ray requested the Board to move ahead with requiring the Responsible Alcohol Sales & Initiative program for Alcohol Beverage licensing. County Attorney Fortune will prepare recommendations and bring them before the Board at their March 19th Extraordinary Session.

Flowers-Taylor- Commended Staff for not having to learn how to speak effectively and play nice for hours at the retreat. Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised Mr. Wilson to speak

with Bart Miller in reference to his questions during Public Comment. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also questioned if County customers pay waste water fees in addition to water fees. Mr. Wilson advised that only customers in the Highland Mill area that are connected to the Highland Mill Wastewater Treatment Plant pay these additional fees. Mr. Wilson further stated that there are some County Customers who may be served by the City that are also charged however, the vast majority are not. Mrs. Flowers-Taylor also questioned has the County provided the link on the website to see progression with the Senior Center. Mr. Wilson advised that the County will install a camera with a link on the website to track progress. Additionally, Mrs. Flowers-Taylor questioned the roof at Fairmont Park. Mr. Wilson advised that after a meeting with Terry Tardy, Jinna Garrison & himself, it was decided to come up with a long term solution rather than a short term patch. Mr. Wilson explained that they were looking into replacing the entire roof with one similar to that on John Newton's law office. Mr. Wilson advised the Board that 27 holes were patched on the Fairmont Gym last week. Chairman Flowers-Taylor also shared her feelings on the Country Rock chaining their doors.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION –NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Freeman/Ray to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried by all.

Chairman

County Manager

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