

**Extraordinary Session
Minutes**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, July 15, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Gwen Flowers-Taylor presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Rita Johnson, Samuel Gardner and Bart Miller were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Attorney Jim Fortune and County Clerk, Ex-Officio Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman, Gwen Flowers-Taylor

II. INVOCATION – Gerod Duff, Senior Pastor, Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church of Griffin, Georgia.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Gardner

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.

Morris Pike- 943 Moreland Road, Griffin GA

Mr. Pike stated that on June 19th his dad lost a battle with cancer. The Pike family requested that the honor guard do a flag ceremony at the funeral services for his dad since his father has served a substantial amount of time in the United States Navy. Mr. Pike stated that Sheriff Beam did not hesitate to avail the honor guard for this purpose in addition to the funeral escort. In closing, Mr. Pike stated that as a citizen, he commends the outstanding personnel and staff at the Spalding County Sheriff's Department and deeply appreciates their efforts.

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following meetings: June 17, 2013 Joint Work Session; June 17, 2013 Extraordinary Session; June 27, 2013 Special Called Meeting; June 27, 2013 Zoning Public Hearing.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Minutes of the following meetings: June 17, 2013 Joint Work Session; June 17, 2013 Extraordinary Session; June 27, 2013 Special Called Meeting; June 27, 2013 Zoning Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider approval of the Spalding County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Chief West introduced Eric Mosely of the Georgia Forestry Commission to give the presentation. Mr. Mosely stated that a Community Wildfire Protection Plan provides a community with a roadmap to reduce its risk from wildfires. This comprehensive plan was completed by the Fire Department and the Emergency Management Agency. Furthermore Mr. Mosely explained that the plan will be interjected into the hazard mitigation plan. This list will become the wildfire subsection. This plan provides long term guidance for wildfire suppression. After a complete overlay of the Protection Plan, Mr. Mosely distributed an informational brochure regarding the CWPP.

Commissioner Miller questioned the associated fee for this service. Mr. Mosely advised the service is \$95.00 per hour. Mr. Wilson explained that this service is paid for out of Fire Protection Taxes and was budgeted.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned the interaction on the county level. Mr. Mosely stated that his interaction would be with the Fire Chief and Battalion Chiefs. Commissioner Gardner added that this is something that has been done since 1951 and we have been working with the Georgia Forestry Commission for the entire time. Commissioner Gardner added that there are still several areas throughout the county that fire trucks cannot access and this is where the forestry commission is instrumental in helping.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Miller to approve the Spalding County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval of new 2013 Alcohol License- Consumption on Premises of Beer, Wine and Liquor for Justin Wynn d/b/a Country Rock Bar and Grill, 2700 North Expressway.

Mr. Wilson stated that everything is in order for issuance of this alcohol license. Mr. Wilson also stated that with this particular licensee there was a revocation hearing in which the license was revoked. One of the conditions was that a license could not be issued for a period no less than one year. Mr. Wynn has filed an application and everything is satisfactory.

Commissioner Gardner stated that he believes Justin Wynn will do the right thing and stated that if there are any issues the county will deal with them accordingly.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve new 2013 Alcohol License-Consumption on Premises of Beer, Wine and Liquor for Justin Wynn d/b/a Country Rock Bar and Grill, 2700 North Expressway. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of alternate design review for Twice the Ice located at 1660 North Hill Street.

Community Development Director Chad Jacobs stated that the request is to place Twice the Ice at the intersection of East McIntosh and North Hill Street. Mr. Jacobs noted that the applicant is requesting to place a 12 x 6 facility similar to the Twice the Ice on Zebulon & Malier Road. The applicant understands that there is the possibility of some reconfigurations at the East McIntosh & North Hill intersection and is willing to move at no cost to the county.

Cary Smith- 1419 Southworth Drive Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Smith stated that there are currently there are four (4) Twice the Ice locations in Griffin and this request is for an additional one. Additionally, he advised that there has been conversation with the landowner regarding the possibility of purchasing the lot but no final decision has been made. Furthermore, Mr. Smith stated that he understands that there is the possibility of some reconfiguration of the intersection and he is willing to move the machine at no cost to the county.

Commissioner Ray questioned if this area was on a hard surface or dirt. Mr. Jacobs advised that the area in question is in fact paved.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned traffic safety concerns for this particular intersection. Mr. Jacobs noted that there are preventive measures already taken place to prevent cars cutting through to avoid the intersection. In addition, Mr. Jacobs noted that there are four (4) parking places slated to be installed. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that coming from East McIntosh there is no entrance to the facility. Mr. Jacobs noted that there are driveways to enter the property. Additionally, Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned if the building was condemned. Mr. Jacobs noted that Eric Mallard, Building Officially has condemned the building and indicated that there are numerous problems with the actual building that they have been communicating with the owner to get resolved.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve an alternate design review for Twice the Ice located at 1660 North Hill Street with the following conditions:

1. Stipulation that the faux brick be replaced if damaged

2. Owner to sign statement confirming that he will assume any and all costs, liabilities, etc. incurred with the relocation of the ice machine and appurtenances due to any future intersection improvements.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of alternate design review for Life Tabernacle and Praise Church, Inc.- Temporary Buildings.

Mr. Jacobs noted that the Board approved a double wide facility to be utilized on a temporary basis for a period of five years. He was contacted by Pastor Watson for two separate requests: 1. Request for existing to be utilized on a permanent basis; and

2. Request to place a second modular type structure to expand their facility on a permanent basis.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned if the request for additional structure make any allowances for parking. Mr. Jacobs stated that if approved, they applicant will go through a site plan review process. Additionally, Mr. Jacobs noted that the applicant predates the 1994 Special Exception Language so they wouldn't have to go through zoning but would be required to do an alternate design review. Any type of church in our residential zoning districts have to go through a special exception process to be utilized within that zoning district. If there was a church in operation at the time of the language was put on the books they were grandfathered and don't have to go through the process. This church has been on the property for a number of years.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned how would the permanent structure be utilized. Mr. Jacobs noted that the applicant indicated that they would remove the permanent structure and continue to utilize the temporary modular structures. Chairman Flowers-Taylor also questioned the entrance way. Mr. Jacobs noted that the entrance is located on Bleachery Street. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that she did not see where they would have enough acreage for parking. Additionally, Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned the septic. Mr. Jacobs noted that septic would have to be approved with the Environmental Health Department. Mr. Jacobs noted that he has a concern that if we allow temporary structures to become permanent, we are setting a bad precedent for future applicants.

Bishop D.C. Watson- Pastor, Life Tabernacle and Christ Church

Bishop Watson stated that he as applicant, was here to ask for an alternate review for the site. He intends to keep the existing building along with bringing an additional trailer in that's twice the size of the existing one. Mr. Watson would like to demolish the existing center block building and have the new modular building used as a permanent sanctuary. Mr. Watson noted that during his tenure the church has unified the corner and also made several other improvements to not only the physical aspect but also the community.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that after looking at the temporary building she just doesn't see where the church would be able to put a building that is at least 8 foot longer that what's already there. Chairman Flowers-Taylor also stated that she has some issues with how the land fell. Furthermore, Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned if the term modular home was be defined. Mr. Jacobs stated that DCA has some language on how they would like local authorities to define modular homes.

After substantial conversation, the general Board's consensus was to not take any action.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to take no action. Carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioner Gardner & Miller opposing.

5. Consider approval of an amplification permit as requested by Chris Smith of the Griffin Moose Lodge for a family birthday pool party to be held on August 17, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 11:00 p.m. Event will be held at their facility located at 1435 Moose Lodge Road.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve an amplification permit as requested by Chris Smith of the Griffin Moose Lodge for a family birthday pool party to be held on August 17, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 11:00 p.m. Event will be held at their facility located at 1435 Moose Lodge Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of the Coast2Coast Rx Card County Participation Agreement.

Mr. Wilson stated that Coast2Coast is a prescription drug discount card program that is made available to the general public. The program is endorsed by the ACCG and Spalding County can agree to provide an opportunity for the card to be made available to residents of the county. Publicity and card distribution is handled by the discount card provider and there is no program cost to the county. The card provider will pay Spalding County \$1.25 per prescription that is filled at a participating pharmacy when the discount card is used.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Miller to approve the Coast2Coast Rx Card County Participation Agreement. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval of subgrant agreement between Spalding County & the Atlanta Regional Commission for an update to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve subgrant agreement between Spalding County & the Atlanta Regional Commission for an update to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider approval of annual Memorandum of Agreement #7138 with the State Properties Commission for the use of 819 Memorial Drive by Department of Veteran Services.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve annual Memorandum of Agreement #7138 with the State Properties Commission for the use of 819 Memorial Drive by Department of Veteran Services. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of timber sales contracts for the Dundee Lake and North 9th Street properties and the Shoal Creek Road property.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve contract with Moore & Crowell for Timber Harvesting at the Shoal Creek Property. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion /Second by Ray/Johnson to approve contract with Cox Land & Timber, Inc. for Timber Harvesting at the Dundee Lake and North 9th Street. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider approval of Change Order #1 for installation of 14 inch and 16 inch trench grates and reflective markers installed by Quality Construction by McLeroy, Inc. for the turn lane project at the Senior Citizens Center.

Mr. Wilson stated that initially the Public Works Department was to install the grates for the Senior Center but after an extensive review of the situation and GDOT requirements, it was better for the contractor to install the grates. Once the paving was completed GDOT also required reflective pavement markers on SR 16 that were not in the original contract.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve of Change Order (#1) for installation of 14 inch and 16 inch trench grates and reflective markers installed by Quality Construction by McLeroy, Inc. for the turn lane project at the Senior Citizens Center. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider approval of the submission of a 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to provide for the purchase of stab vests for the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Wilson stated that the 2013 JAG Award will be used to continue purchasing body armor (stab vests) for deputies assigned to the inmate housing areas of the Spalding County Jail. The Detention Division of the Spalding County Sheriff's Department consists of 93 employees, 65 of which work in the inmate housing areas of the jail. Currently, Spalding County does not have body armor for all deputies working in the jail. Sheriff Beam has incorporated a "mandatory wear" requirement for the jail into the Spalding County Sheriff's Department Standard Operating Procedures manual.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve submission of a 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to provide for the purchase of stab vests for the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority to fill the unexpired term of Julian Jones. Said term to expire December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Miller to appoint Jim Skinner to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority to fill the unexpired term of Julian Jones. Said term to expire December 31, 2014.

13. Consider appointment to the Ethics Board to fill the vacancy of District 2 appointee Dr. Jesse Bradley.

Commissioner Ray appointed Fannie Delaney.

14. Consider appointment to the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Jesse Bradley. Said term to expire December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to appoint Cynthia Tidwell to the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Jesse Bradley. Said term to expire December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

15. Consider approval of Joint Resolution #2013-07 dissolving the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Board effective July 31, 2013.

JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Board was created by a joint resolution of the City of Griffin and Spalding County on October 27, 1993;

WHEREAS, at the 2012 General Session of the General Assembly of Georgia, the City of Griffin and Spalding County requested and there was jointly created the Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority, a separate legal entity which has now entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the City and County to operate the Griffin-Spalding County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of terminating the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that this joint resolution shall operate to terminate the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Board effective July 31, 2013. The governing bodies of the City and County express their sincere appreciation to the Advisory Board members for their dedicated service and direct a copy of this Resolution be mailed to each member by the respective appointing government.

CITY OF GRIFFIN, a
municipal corporation of
the State of Georgia

SPALDING COUNTY, a political
subdivision of the State of Georgia

CHAIRPERSON

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
SECRETARY

ATTEST: _____
CLERK

Mr. Wilson explained that the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Board was created by joint resolution on October 27, 1993. This resolution dissolved the original Airport Advisory Commission and changed the duty from operational to advisory. HB 1261, effective July 1, 2013, established the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority and authorized such to operate the Griffin-Spalding County Airport This resolution simply formalizes both the City & County's desire to

terminate the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Advisory Board and will become effective July 31, 2013.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Joint Resolution #2013-07 dissolving the Griffin-Spalding Airport Advisory Board effective July 31, 2013. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- a) Introduced Emmanuel McCown who is interested in becoming a County Manager one day. Mr. McCown has shadowed William all day and learned about county government, 800 Mhz and other things. Mr. McCown has a master's degree and works for the Dekalb County Police Department.
- b) Election Supervisor Terry Colling notified County Manager Wilson that because of the Federal Court Ruling issued last week, the General Primary has been moved from July to June. This will also change the time necessary to prepare for the anticipated 2014 SPLOST referendum.
- c) Mr. Wilson noted that with the untimely passing of Parks & Recreation Director Louis Greene, T.J. Imberger Parks Superintendent & Kelly Leger, Recreation Superintendent will be stepping up. Mr. Wilson noted that he & Louis had conversed prior to his passing and he assured that both of them could oversee the department.
- d) Mr. Wilson also noted that effective last Monday at 5:00 p.m., Public Works Director Jake Garner resigned. Mr. Garner had originally submitted his resignation effective August but chose to move it up earlier. In the interim, Tim Crane will be the Interim Director. Mr. Wilson noted that he has met with Public Works employees and advised them of the change.
- e) Reminder: Thursday, July 25, 2013- 2:00 p.m. Financial Policies & Procedures Work Session; July 25th- 4:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with Griffin Housing Authority.
- f) In closing, Mr. Wilson wished Commissioner Johnson & Chairman Flowers-Taylor a Happy Birthday. Both will be celebrating their birthdays on Saturday, July 20, 2013.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller- Commended Mr. Wilson for a very informative meeting at Public Works. In addition, Commissioner Miller stated that from the meeting, he gathered that most employees were not interested in reinstating the two unpaid vacation days; they were interested in reinstatement of the county match for the pension plan. In closing, Commissioner Miller stated that he does not think it's fair that the City & County split the airport expenses 50/50. He thinks the county's portion should be less since the city makes money off utilities. Chairman Flowers-Taylor as part of the assenting vote for the intergovernmental agreement requested that this item be brought back on the next agenda.

Gardner- Questioned progress of LMIG. Mr. Wilson advised that the bid has been submitted to 6 bidders. The Pre-bid conference will be held next Monday for resurfacing. Commissioner Gardner also questioned the Jordan Hill Road Bridge. Anthony Dukes, Transportation Planner advised that due to the high turnover at GDOT the project has fallen behind. Mr. Dukes noted that he will begin hammering GDOT in the near future once things settle down.

Johnson- Questioned if there were safety precautions in place for bomb threats. Mr. Wilson noted that the office of Homeland Security have set up an evacuation plan which consists of courthouse employees coming to the meeting room of the annex. If the annex is evacuated, all will go to the Welcome Center.

Ray- Commended all county staff and their efforts in the passing of Louis Greene. Commissioner Ray noted that Mr. Greene will be missed. Commissioner Ray also wished former Public Works Director Jake Garner best wishes.

Flowers-Taylor- Requested that staff and the board collectively review additional ways to save money in the upcoming budget. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that the following are areas in which she still would like to see reviewed: light committee established to analyze lighting practices at soccer fields, establishment of a football

association to solely run the football program and not be a function of the county, contract with the City of Griffin for maintenance of county vehicles, look into the amount of money brought in verse the amount promised for the extra personnel hired (2 deputies & office assistant) in the warrant division for serving Fi-Fa's. Commissioner Johnson suggested a work session to discuss all of the items Chairman Flowers-Taylor mentioned.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor suggested that the Senior Center be named after the late Parks & Recreation Director Louis F. Greene since this was his "crowning glory". Furthermore, Chairman Flowers-Taylor suggested that with T.J. & Kelly having more duties, since there is no Director at Parks & Recreation, an additional part-time employee be added to their budget. In addition, Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to see two streets paved in her district (2nd Street Extension & Dobbins Mill Road). Chairman Flowers-Taylor also requested that we appropriate funds to Community Development's budget for In Rem demolitions since only \$5,000 was budgeted. In closing, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that there is a house at 171 & 179 popular street that needs some attention. One property is vacant and has two dogs tied up in the front and the other is a duplex with a lot of junk on the porch.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

County Manager requests a Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4).

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

[A copy of the affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting]

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF SPALDING

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN

Members of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on August 23, 2013.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 8:20 p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

No 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);

No Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____ (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential);

Yes Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);

No Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6);

No Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law):
_____ as provided in _____ (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic).

This the 15th day of July 2013.

Spalding County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed

Before me this 15th day of July 2013.

Chipper Gardner

Ricky L. Clark, Jr.
Notary Public

My commission expires:

Jan 5, 2014

Raymond Ray

Bart Miller

Rita Johnson

Gwen Flowers-Taylor

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to enter closed session at 8:20 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to adjourn closed session at 8:27 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried
unanimously by all.***

/s/ _____
Chairman

/s/ _____
County Clerk

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