

**EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
MINUTES**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, April 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 –Kevin Lobello, Senior Pastor, Griffin First United Methodist Church**
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Gardner**
- IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**
 - 1. Presentation to the Bain Proctor Award Nominees- Louis Greene, Director Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Greene presented certificates to the following nominees: Otis Blake, Ginger Burnett, Amy Dunham, Douglas Hollberg, Terry Ivey, Grady Jones, Richard Martinez, Mettelen Moore, Barnes & Jean O’Neal, Eula Redding.
 - 2. Announce 2013 recipient of “The Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism.”

Chairman Flowers-Taylor announced that Eula Redding is the 2013 recipient of “The Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism.”
 - 3. Consider Proclamation in honor of the 15th Anniversary of New Generation Christian Fellowship.

Proclamation

In Honor of the 15th Anniversary of New Generation Christian Fellowship

- WHEREAS:** In 1997, New Generation Christian Fellowship was born out of Mamie Harris Outreach Ministries with the first services being held at Ashford Place Apartments in Griffin, Georgia. By spiritual design, this ministry reached out to those in need of restoration, recovery and resolve; and
- WHEREAS:** New Generation brings to life Matthew 18-20, “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. After traveling, birthing, New Generation began holding services at Faith Temple Assembly in Griffin, Georgia. The ministry began with 12 charter members and continued to develop and grow. This growth caused New Generation to relocate three different times to different locations to accommodate ministry growth; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1998, New Generation was established as a church body and certified by the State of Georgia as a 501(c)(3), Non-Profit Organization; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2005, New Generation purchased their current property located at 1344 North 9th Street and continues to respond to needs of its congregation, community and country. New Generation is known for its commitment to love and its inspiration in meeting the needs of those that are heart-broken; and

WHEREAS: It's pastors like Dr. Mamie Harris-Smith that keep the community filled with Christian based learning. It's churches like New Generation Christian Fellowship that bring into fruition the profound Christian thinking and living into our next generation; and

WHEREAS: 2013 marks the 15th Anniversary of New Generation Christian Fellowship in which it has been dedicated to honoring, serving and raising the next generation.

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 congratulate New Generation Christian Fellowship on the celebration of its 15th Anniversary, and offer sincere best wishes for many more years of thriving fellowship to all the members of this congregation.

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

Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve Proclamation in honor of the New Generation Christian Fellowship. Motion carried by all.

4. Consider Proclamation designating April 28, 2013 – May 5, 2013 as “Paint the County Purple Week” in honor of Relay of Life.

Proclamation

In Honor of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life

WHEREAS: The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a celebration of cancer survivorship and community spirit and each year in more than 5,100 communities worldwide more than 3.5 million people (including 550,000 cancer survivors) take part in this overnight event; and

WHEREAS: Relay for Life 2013 will raise much-needed funds in more than 165 events in Georgia for the American Cancer Society for research, education, advocacy, and patient services; and

WHEREAS: Relay for Life provides the opportunity for citizens and Spalding County to join together in the fight to eradicate the terrible and deadly disease of cancer; and

WHEREAS: Purple is the official color of the Relay for Life and represents its fight against all types of cancers; and

WHEREAS: Relay for Life of Spalding County is celebrating its 24th year of raising funds for American Cancer Society's world-wide effort; and

WHEREAS: Relay for Life HONORS those who have fought and are fighting the battle of cancer and REMEMBERS those who bravely fought and have completed their battle; and

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim April 28, 2013 – May 5, 2013 as Paint the County Purple week celebrating the Relay For Life, culminating with the all-night event on May 3-4, 2013 at Spalding High School Track and encourage all residents of Spalding to participate.

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

Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve Proclamation designation April 28, 2013 – May 5, 2013 as “Paint the County Purple Week” in honor of Relay for Life. Motion carried by all.

5. Presentation by Dick Morrow in reference to the Griffin-Spalding County Archives.

City Commissioner Dick Morrow was present to give a brief overview on the proposed Griffin-Spalding County Archives and the proposed budget. Mr. Morrow requested that the County fund 50% of the budget for the archives and noted that the Griffin-Spalding County School System has donated facilities for the archives.

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.

Joe Bailey – 4079 Newnan Road Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Bailey urged the commission not to approve the intergovernmental agreement for the Airport Authority. Furthermore, Mr. Bailey questioned if there was even any funding for this airport and questioned if a profit could be generated from a new airport. Mr. Bailey noted that he does not want to see a tax increase or see employee’s loose benefits because of the county funding the airport.

Carl Pruett – 120 Four Oaks Drive Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Pruett, Airport Authority Member & Airport Advisory Board Member stated that the current airport was opened in 1939, paved in the 1950’s and built solely for single engine airplanes. Mr. Pruett noted that the current problem is that the airport, as built, cannot make a profit because the runway is not long enough to accommodate larger planes (i.e. jets). Mr. Pruett noted that an LPA group was brought in to do an extensive study and looked at eight (8) different locations for an airport. The location off of Banks Road was chosen for the airport. Mr. Pruett urged the Board to consider several option as they relate to the airport. Those options included: 1.) Extend runway 2.) Close the Airport 3.) Build new airport. In closing, Mr. Pruett noted that the current airport is going to cost 5 million dollars for repairs. In closing, Mr. Pruett noted that a new airport would cost \$6 million and to extend the current runway would cost over \$9 million.

Jewel Walker- Harps – 103 McEthel Drive Griffin, Georgia

Mrs. Walker Harps, President NAACP, was present to clarify issues addressed at the public forum. Mrs. Walker-Harps stated that her main concern is about the summer food program and summer school breaks. Additionally, Mrs. Walker-Harps stated that the food sites have been cut and limited, even though the need is greater than ever. This being because the Federal Funds provided are not enough to sustain the project adequately and management has not been able to find ways to meet the needs. Mrs. Walker-Harps advised that these programs are too vital not have in Spalding County. In closing, Mrs. Walker-Harps requested that the Board inform the public about the programs and receive applications, begin programs when school ends for summer & reinstate the Ambucs Park as a site and assess other areas where there is a dense population of poverty stricken residents for the need of the program.

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: April 1, 2013 Regular Meeting; April 8, 2013 Special Called Meeting.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve Minutes of the following: April 1, 2013 Regular Meeting; April 8, 2013 Special Called Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider approval of the following amplification permit 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 located at 1435 Zebulon Road:

1. May 27, 2013 Family Pool Event from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
2. June 1, 2013 Luau Event from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.
3. July 4, 2013 Family Pool Event from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
4. Sept. 2, 2013 Family Pool Event from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve the aforementioned amplification permits. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Griffin, Spalding County and the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for the Joint Funding of General Aviation Operations at the Griffin-Spalding County Airport.

Mr. Wilson noted that this Intergovernmental Agreement commemorates the arrangement the City and County have had for the past fifteen (15) years. The city and county have both jointly funded the operating deficit of the airport each year. Furthermore, Mr. Wilson noted that both the City and the County factor in the deficit of the airport during their respective budget processes. Mr. Wilson advised the Commission that there has never been a written agreement that denotes the City & County will split 50/50 funding of the airport deficit each year.

Commissioner Miller questioned if the County had ever not funded the airport. Mr. Wilson stated that there was a year that the airport was not funded. Mr. Miller questioned if this was around the same time that the City started charging a lease for the walking trail. Mr. Wilson answered saying, yes. Furthermore, Mr. Wilson noted that the counties portion of their budget deficit is around \$47,000. The city funded over \$100,000 because they also fund depreciation.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that within the proposed agreement, it states that the county will fund half of the operating costs of the airport; which is different from what we are doing. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that she is not in favor of that language and requested that Mr. Wilson work with both the City & County Attorney to have this language changed to note the County would fund half the deficit of the airport.

Additionally, Chairman Flowers-Taylor requested an explanation of the Airport Authority and the Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Ray stated that the Airport Advisory Board would be dissolved as of July 1, 2013. City Commissioner Dick Morrow stated that the advisory board was set up to advise the City of airport operations. Their reason for existence will simply be turned over to the Airport Authority. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that for public benefit, it needs to be clear that there are not two separate entities running the airport.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor also questioned would there be a CEO and who would fund the employees. City Commissioner Dick Morrow noted that the city will fund airport employees. Additionally, Commissioner Morrow noted that the City will also fund an attorney as it must be separate from the City Attorney.

Commissioner Ray recommended that a workshop be scheduled to shed light on airport operations, budget and other pertinent details of the airport.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to table Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Griffin, Spalding County and the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for the Joint Funding of General Aviation Operations at the Griffin-Spalding County Airport. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider Agreement & Resolution between the Georgia Department of Transportation & Spalding County to operate and maintain roundabout lighting for SR 16 @ CR 496/Old 85 Connector/ Hollonville Road.

Mr. Wilson noted that in 2011, the Board approved the roundabout support document from GDOT in reference to the SR 16 at CR 496/688/Old 85 Connector/Hollonville Road project. In order to install roundabout lighting as part of the aforementioned project, the County must approve a resolution and the Agreement. This agreement denotes that it will be the responsibility of Spalding County to provide the Energy, Operation and Maintenance for the system. GDOT shall be responsible for the design and installation, including all costs of materials for the system.

The Location & Design of this project is underway and GDOT is expecting to send to the District for advertisement in the local paper in a month. Per the schedule, right of way plans were due to be authorized December 2012. GDOT had to revise the schedule due to a Dollar General that was placed within the footprint of the proposed alignment. GDOT was able to adjust for the site and hope to have the funds authorized no later than June 2013 and let to construction no later than June 2014. Construction is expected to take 18 months.

Commissioner Ray questioned if LED lighting would be used. Mr. Wilson advised that the State has gone to a requirement for LED lighting. Commissioner Ray noted that utilizing LED will be substantially cheaper.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Agreement & Resolution between the Georgia Department of Transportation & Spalding County to operate and maintain roundabout lighting for SR 16 @ CR 496/Old 85 Connector/Hollonville Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider Memorandum of Agreement between Spalding County Correctional Institution & the Department of the Army for use of civilian inmate labor details.

Mr. Wilson noted that historically the Spalding County Correctional Institution has provided the Armory with one (1) inmate for the purpose of cleaning their facilities and any additional duties required. Due to a changeover in management at the Armory, the Department of The Army is now requiring an official agreement denoting the services rendered by the County.

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to approve Memorandum of Agreement between Spalding County Correctional Institution & the Department of the army for use of civilian inmate labor details.

5. Consider establishing a date for a Pension 101 Workshop with GEBCorp.

Mr. Wilson noted that as a result of discussions held at the retreat regarding pension and the directive for Staff to schedule a Pension 101 class, this item is being brought forward. After polling the commission, the date of May 6th was set.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor requested that staff look into the feasibility of a mandatory contribution from employees.

Board consensus to hold Pension 101 Workshop on May 6, 2013 in Meeting Room 108 at 3:00 p.m.

6. Discuss 800 MHz user fees.

Commissioner Ray stated that based on the user fees not being paid by other elements and the City of Griffin he would like authorization for William to work with other users to facilitate payment.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that the City only wants to pay for what they use. She stated that she is in favor of authorizing the County Manager to begin negotiating with the City.

Mr. Wilson stated that he feels this is a legitimate expense. Furthermore, he stated that there are two specific systems relative to 800mhz. There is a MDT (mobile data terminal) which only takes three (3) towers for it to run. All three are used by the City of Griffin. Mr. Wilson noted that the Board set the rate of 16.00 per month, per unit at their meeting on March 7, 2011 which is approximately 45% of the cost.

Board consensus to allow County Manager to work with users of the 800 Mhz system for the purpose of negotiating contracts and back amounts due.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

A. Spring into Fitness will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Wyomia Tyus Park. Mr. Wilson urged all to attend.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller- Suggested that before the County pays for the Airport Budget that we require the City to pay their user fees for the 800 Mhz system.

Gardner- None

Johnson- Congratulated New Generation Fellowship on their 15th church anniversary.

Ray- Requested that the Board gather information to hold an Airport Information Workshop. Commissioner Ray commended staff for a successful grand opening ceremony for the Senior Center. Additionally, Commissioner Ray stated that he has received two phone calls from Board of Equalization members that have not been paid their per diems or training fees.

Flowers-Taylor- Noted that at the April 1st meeting, she was referring to grass cutting as it pertained to the Parks & Recreation Department, not Public Works. Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that Parks & Recreation did in fact cut the grass at the fields twice per week. Additionally, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that she, too, has concerns with the summer food program locating. She assured Mrs. Walker-Harps to see that this program is not dissolved and hopefully expanded.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

The County Manager requests 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).

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried by all.

Motion/Second by Miller/Johnson to adjourn Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried by all.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. motion carried by all.

/s/ _____
Chairman

/s/ _____
County Clerk

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