

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, May 6, 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 – led by Commissioner Gardner

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Ray

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS- NONE

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-

1. Consider approval of Financial Statements for the nine month period ended March 31, 2013.

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to approve Financial Statements for the nine month period ended March 31, 2013. Motion carried unanimously 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.

Chuck Copeland- 136 Four Oaks Drive, Griffin, Georgia- Chairman, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority noted that the Development Authority is requesting that the Board of Commissioner consider fully funding the Development Authority in the amount of \$582,075.00. Mr. Copeland noted the Authority understands the current economic decline. For the past three years, the Development Authority fund balance has dropped tremendously. In addition, he noted that the Development Authority spent \$134,00

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: April 15, 2013 Extraordinary Session; April 15, 2013 Executive Session; April 25, 2013 Zoning Public Hearing.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve Minutes of the following: April 15, 2013 Extraordinary Session; April 15, 2013 Executive Session; April 25, 2013 Zoning Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Discuss revisions to 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 advised the Commission that these changes derive from the directives given by the Board at their last meeting. Both the City & County attorneys have worked on an IGA that is amendable to both parties. In addition, both attorneys discovered that the IGA did not contemplate transferring the property and had language that would not allow transfer of the property.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor has concerns that the language recommended in this IGA has even more changes than the Board had agreed upon. Furthermore, she

requested that the language be changed even more to denote that the County will only fund 50% of the operating deficit of the airport. Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that she remembers were meetings were held between the City Manager, County Manager, Mayor, Chairman and Staff and there was substantial discussion regarding the transfer of current airport property. In addition, Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like more information regarding what will happen with current tenants such as Kiwanis. Chairman Flowers-Taylor requested a synopsis of how transferring the walking trail would affect the County. In closing, Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that she thinks the conveyance of property should be a separate IGA.

Commissioner Miller stated that he has a problem paying operating expenses of the airport. He stated that the airport should be self-funding.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that annually the airport's budget has been about \$250,000. Over the past eight (8) years, the airport has cut their staff by 50%. Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised that there are obstacles with the airport making money (i.e. we own the properties but someone else owns the hangars. If the property was ours, we could rent it for whatever we wanted, noted Chairman Flowers-Taylor. In addition, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that we have funded the airport about \$120,000 per year.

Commissioner Miller also questioned were does the money go that the County is paying for leasing the airport walking trail and Narcotics hangar. Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised Commissioner Miller that all commissioners receive a monthly expenditure/revenue report for the Griffin-Spalding County Airport. Furthermore, Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised that if we stopped funding the airport we would owe the federal government a lot of money due to FAA regulations.

County Attorney Jim Fortune added that the language within this IGA, denotes that the airport will come forward with a budget in which both the City & County will agree on the level of funding. If the deficit is too high, the city and/or county can deny payment.

Commissioner Ray stated that the airport authority was constituted by the State for the management of resources and assets to take it out of the government hands. This will allow them to operate and run the airport for a profit in the future. In doing this, Commissioner Ray noted that plans have been made. For the land, we would need to survey the property. Commissioner Ray noted that four out of six parcels have been identified and declared as non-essential use to the airport. Furthermore, Commissioner Ray requested that an updated survey be done.

Robert Mohl, Airport Director noted that because the City & County identified the four parcels as non-essential land use, the FAA is now requiring that an update be done on the property. This is now a AIP Eligible project and will be paid for in the next grant.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor requested a joint meeting with City & County Commissioners and Airport Authority members.

In closing, Mr. Mohl advised the commission that staff is planning a tour of the Paulding County Airport as this was the last airport built in Georgia. This airport was constructed by the same consultants that we have on staff. Mr. Wilson noted that staff has reserved Big Blue for the purpose of this trip.

Upon substantial discussion, there was Board consensus to authorize the County Attorney to make the following revisions to the Intergovernmental Agreement:

- 1) ***Paragraph Three- Strike the words "shall convey," and replace with "may convey" and change related language accordingly.***
- 2) ***Paragraph Four- Strike first portion of sentence one, which reads, "it is the purpose of this Agreement to provide for adequate and reasonable funding" & replace with "it is the purpose of this Agreement to provide for funding of future airport management and operation for FY 14, commencing***

July 1, 2013, and for future fiscal years covered by this agreement.”

- 3) *Paragraph Five- Strike the words “wound up,” and replace with “shall be closed down in a reasonably commercial manner.”*

Consensus was also given for a joint airport meeting with the City before the end of the fiscal year.

X. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider approval of an amplification permit as requested by Johnny Parks of the Wrist Breakers for an outdoor anniversary event to be held on June 22, 2013 beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at 2:00 a.m. The event will be held at their clubhouse located at 4295 Hwy 19/41.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Johnson to approve amplification permit as requested by Johnny Parks of the Wrist Breakers for an outdoor anniversary event to be held on June 22, 2013 beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at 2:00 a.m. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Ray opposing.

2. Consider approval of an amplification permit as requested by Sandra Barkhalter of the Stepping Stones Educational Therapy Center for an outdoor event to be held on May 18, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 11:00 p.m. Event will be held at their facility located at 141 Futral Road.

Motion/Second by Gardner/ Ray to approve amplification permit as requested by Sandra Barkhalter of the Stepping Stones Educational Therapy Center for an outdoor event to be held on May 18, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 11:00 p.m. Event will be held at their facility located at 141 Futral Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider request of Ducks Unlimited for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for their banquet to be held on May 30, 2013.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve request of Ducks Unlimited for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for their banquet to be held on May 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of low bid in the amount of \$5,904.00 for County Wide Pest Control Services as submitted by Peachtree Pest Control Company, Inc.

Mr. Wilson advised that staff prepared an RFP for the purpose of establishing county wide Pest Control Services. The RFP was submitted to all local pest control companies. The low bid was submitted by Peachtree Pest Control of Atlanta.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve of low bid in the amount of \$5,904.00 for County Wide Pest Control Services as submitted by Peachtree Pest Control Company, Inc. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider approval of a Moratorium on Commercial Livestock Processing Developments in the C-2 Manufacturing District.

Community Development Director Chad Jacobs noted that staff is requesting a Moratorium on the Acceptance and Approval of Rezoning Applications and the Acceptance and approval of Development Plans, construction plans and building permits for commercial livestock processing developments in the C-2 Manufacturing District. There are some areas that if a slaughter house went in, it would not be conducive to neighboring housing. Mr. Jacobs noted that staff wishes to move this from permitted use to a special exception.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor questioned the length of time staff was proposing for the moratorium. Mr. Jacobs advised that the recommended moratorium would commence upon its passage and adoption and shall terminate on six months later.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve a six-month Moratorium on Commercial Livestock Processing Developments in the C-2 Manufacturing District. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of service agreement with the Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRRC) and Spalding County for the 5311 public transportation program for Fiscal Year 2014.

Mr. Wilson noted that the 5311 Public Transportation Program is a multi-county program. In FY' 13 Spalding County allotted \$5,785 for this program. This year, TRRC is requesting that we appropriate \$5,917 for the purpose of providing public transportation services within the county for the 2014 contract year. If ridership exceeds projects, the full amount requested may not be needed.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Johnson to approve service agreement with the Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRRC) and Spalding County for the 5311 public transportation program for Fiscal Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider approval of contract for Indigent Defense Services with the Griffin Judicial Public Defender's Office for Fiscal Year 2014.

Mr. Wilson noted that the financing for Indigent Defense Services has been allotted in the FY' 14 Budget. This contract states that the Public Defender will provide legal representation to indigent persons in the superior and juvenile courts of Spalding County, GA during FY 201. In addition, Mr. Wilson noted that the Public Defender's Office has maintained their budget for the past three years.

Commissioner Gardner questioned if the County was required by law to fund the Public Defenders. Mr. Wilson replied that the state does fund the Public Defender's Office. This is merely Spalding County's portion of the circuit's budget.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve contract for Indigent Defense Services with the Griffin Judicial Public Defender's Office for Fiscal Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for funding of Griffin-Spalding County Archives.

Mr. Wilson noted that this IGA stems from a recent presentation made by Commissioner Morrow. This agreement is for the purpose of funding half the position for the archivist. Mr. Wilson noted that this is a part time position.

Commissioner Miller questioned where we would get the \$11,000 to fund this position. Mr. Wilson stated that he would recommend funding this out of hotel motel tax but would have to check to see if this was an applicable cause.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that the archivist is a great addition to our community.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve Intergovernmental Agreement for funding of Griffin-Spalding County Archives with provision that funding from Hotel/Motel Tax Fund can be utilized. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Gardner opposing.

9. Consider approval of Resolution #2013-05 expressing the Board of Commissioners commitment to the Health & Wellness Program for the employees of Spalding County.

Resolution No. 2013-05

Be it Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that:

A significant number of employee health problems can be attributed to preventable chronic diseases related to poor nutrition/obesity, physical inactivity and tobacco use;

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners has a growing concern for the health and well-being of its employees; and

Spalding County recognizes the benefits, to both employees and to itself, of programs that promote and support workplace health and wellness.

Therefore, Spalding County is dedicated to helping employees reach optimal health and improve their quality of life through a Workplace Wellness Program designed to provide employees with the tools to make positive lifestyle changes that result in better physical and emotional health and well-being.

Spalding County intends to provide programs and activities at the workplace to offer employees increased opportunities to be physically active, eat healthier food, stop using tobacco and manage stress.

As part of Spalding County's commitment to wellness, a Health Promotion Leader has been appointed and a Wellness Committee formed to coordinate and provide ideas for wellness programs & activities to help employees take positive steps to improve their health.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners, Spalding County, Georgia

This 6th day of May , 2013

Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve Resolution #2013-05 expressing the Board of Commissioners commitment to the Health & Wellness Program for the employees of Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider approval of and authorize Chairman to execute an application for the 2013 ACCG Group Health Benefits Program Wellness Grant.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve and authorize Chairman to execute an application for the 2013 ACCG Group Health Benefits Program Wellness Grant. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider establishing a date for joint Griffin Housing Authority- Board of Commissioners meeting.

Board Consensus to authorize County Manager to work with Bob Dull, Griffin Housing Authority to establish a date in June for the joint meeting.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

A. For efficiency purposes, the recommended FY' 14 budget is being placed on Novus Agenda. The budget document will be finalized on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

B. The Commissioners Budget Review Session will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller- Stated that it is never his intent for the members of the Airport Authority to feel as if he doesn't think they are capable of making decisions; however, he feels that there is a significant reason why the airport has never broken even or made a profit. Commissioner Miller stated that he thought a countywide vote on the new airport should be held.

Gardner- None

Johnson- Stated that she is looking forward to a healthy budget review session next week. Furthermore, Commissioner Johnson congratulated Chairman Flowers-Taylor for receiving her Platinum Training Award from ACCG at the Annual Conference held in Savannah, Georgia.

Ray- Congratulated Ms. Jo Ellis and the seniors that participated in the recent Senior Games. In addition, Commissioner Ray invited all to attend the Paulding County Airport tour scheduled for May, 13, 2013. All wishing to attend should RSVP to Ricky no later than May 10th.

Flowers-Taylor- Requested an update on utilizing the City's motor pool for County maintenance of vehicles. Furthermore, Chairman Flowers-Taylor noted that an employee approached her regarding a possible employee incentive; the feasibility of utilizing volunteer firefighters to decrease overtime expenditures of the Fire Department.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.