

**BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
MINUTES**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Budget Review Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Tuesday, May 14, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.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. and County Clerk, Ex-Officio Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record the minutes.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation – *led by Commissioner Samuel Gardner*

Pledge to the Flag – *led by Commissioner Ray*

B. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Discussion and comments relative to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.

Upon review of the FY' 14 Budget, the Board made the following recommendations for staff:

Chairman Flowers-Taylor:

- a. *Try not to reduce staff level in jail*
- b. *Suspension/Reduction of sick leave payments*
- c. *Forego required pension payment*
- d. *Look at reducing the amount of furlough days (max. 6 days)*
- e. *Look at feasibility of utilizing Volunteer Firemen to reduce overtime budget*
- f. *Review Purchasing Policy*
- h. *Implement a Bid Committee to review all bids*
- i. *No longevity Pay*
- j. *Conversation relative to the C.I. providing meals for jail*
- k. *Feasibility of Development Authority funding an Inmate Work Detail for grass cutting*
- l. *Move forward with Silver Sneaker Program*

Commissioner Raymond Ray:

- a. *Requested impact of ¼ mill tax increase, ½ mill tax increase, ¾ mill tax increase & 1 mill tax increase*
- b. *Look at across the board salary reduction as opposed to furlough days*
- c. *Leave all positions requested for Public Safety in the budget.*

Commissioner Johnson:

- a. *Begin bidding all professional services*

Commissioner Gardner:

- a. *Requested impact of ½ mill tax increase*
- b. *Push forward conversation relative to utilizing City of Griffin Motor Pool for County vehicles.*
- c. *Look at reducing longevity payments by 50%.*

Commissioner Miller:

- a. *Bid out any services that accumulate over \$5,000 per annum*
- b. *Not in favor of decreasing salary*
- c. *Possible reduction in Development Authority funding*
- d. *Make sure money is budgeted for fertilizing ball fields.*
- e. *Look into increasing Senior Center membership fees.*

After the commissioners completed budget recommendations, there was board consensus to convene another budget work session on Monday, May 20th beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 108 of the Spalding County Courthouse Annex.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn at 11:31 a.m. Motion carried by all.

/s/ _____
Chairman

/s/ _____
County Clerk

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