

**BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
MINUTES**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Budget Review Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, May 20, 2013, beginning at 3:00 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., Administrative Services Director Jinna Garrison and County Clerk, Ex-Officio Ricky L. Clark Jr. to record the minutes.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation – led by Commissioner 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.

After substantial discussion, the following votes were taken relative to the FY' 14 Budget.

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| <i>Authorizing Public Works to cut flat areas of the Hudson Industrial Park, Green Valley Industrial Park & the Lakes at Green Valley</i> | <i>Carried by a vote of 4-1 with Chairman Flowers-Taylor opposing.</i> |
| <i>Continuity of County funded Long Term Disability.</i> | <i>Carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Johnson & Flowers-Taylor opposing.</i> |
| <i>Funding the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority in the amount of \$100,000.00 for FY' 14.</i> | <i>Carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Miller opposing.</i> |
| <i>Authorizing a deduction in pay for Spalding County Commissioners. This amount will be equivalent to the reduction for all County employees.</i> | <i>Carried unanimously by all.</i> |
| <i>Payment of the required pension plan contribution in the amount of \$1,261,531.00</i> | <i>Carried unanimously by all.</i> |
| <i>Reducing longevity payments by 50%.</i> | <i>Carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Miller & Flowers-Taylor opposing.</i> |
| <i>Reinstatement of funding for (4) Detention Officers.</i> | <i>Carried unanimously by all.</i> |
| <i>Authorizing appropriation of funds for contribution to fund balance.</i> | <i>Motion failed by a vote of 2-3 with Commissioners Gardner, Ray, & Miller opposing.</i> |
| <i>Implementing Reduction in Salaries (Percentage Deduction) as opposed to Furlough Days.</i> | <i>Carried unanimously by all.</i> |

In addition, Commissioner Ray requested that staff prepare another synopsis utilizing the following factors:

- 1) *Do we have a policy on ball field lighting (when lights are turned on & who can turn them off). Facilitate practice and games during the day to minimize electricity.*
- 2) *Victim Services Office- Would like to look at the feasibility in combing all victim services/witness offices (i.e. State Court, District Attorney's Office & Sheriff's Department)*
- 3) *Animal Control- Utilize a module similar to that of Chatham County and allow volunteers to run the shelter.*
- 4) *An equal loss of salary across the board with the inclusion of longevity in the equation. This way employees that have been employed by the county for a long period of time and receive the maximum amount of longevity payments are affected equally to employees that do not receive the longevity payment.*

Furthermore, there was Board Consensus to schedule the next Budget Review Session for Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 108.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Gardner/Miller to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

/s/
Chairman

/s/
County Clerk

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