

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, December 16, 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 Stephanie Windham and Executive Secretary Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

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

II. **INVOCATION – led by Commissioner Rita Johnson.**

III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG – led by Commissioner Samuel Gardner.**

IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –**

1. Consider proclamation “nunc pro tunc” honoring Achaia Missionary Baptist Church.

Motion/Second by Gardner/Ray to approve the proclamation “nunc pro tunc” honoring Achaia Missionary Baptist Church. Motion carried unanimously by all.

William Wilson, County Manager, presented the Proclamation to the Achaia Missionary Baptist Church at their Dedication Services on Sunday, December 8, 2013.

Proclamation

“Achaia Missionary Baptist Church Day”

WHEREAS: The inception of Achaia Missionary Baptist Church was in 1932 on the corner of East Solomon Street and North Fourth Street and in 1949, its present sanctuary was constructed; and

WHEREAS: Achaia Missionary Baptist Church has a very rich heritage and has contributed much to the religious and social well-being of the community. Achaia Missionary played a vital role during the civil rights era having served as a head-quarters for meetings and strategizing for the advancement of the cause; and

WHEREAS: The Achaia Missionary Baptist Church has had a rich history, being home to many of the community’s most influential citizens. For many years, Achaia Missionary also hosted a “feed the hungry” campaign and still does so through its “Bread Ministry;” and

WHEREAS: In 2010, Reverend Ronald K. Adams, a Griffin native, began to serve the flock of Achaia Missionary Baptist Church and under his leadership, the church has made great strides. As the church’s visionary, he has guided the church in a ministry centered around its name origin which is based upon I Corinthians 1:15 that speaks of Achaia (a region in Greece during early church era) as “having been addicted to the ministry of the saints”; and

WHEREAS: On December 8, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., the last worship service will be held in the Solomon Street sanctuary as a “Service of Thanksgiving”. Immediately following the Service of Thanksgiving, a special “Service of Dedication” will be held at their new location 312 Laprade Road.

**NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT RESOLVED** that we the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County do hereby proclaim Sunday December 8, 2013 as:

“Achaia Missionary Baptist Church Day”

and congratulate the Achaia Missionary Baptist Church on the celebration of its “new home”, and offer sincere best wishes for many more years of thriving fellowship to all the members of its congregation.

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

Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Chairman
William P. Wilson, Jr. County Manager

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.

Cynthia Ward, 419 Palace Street, Griffin, Georgia

Ms. Ward came to discuss the proposed intersection improvements at North Hill Street, Tuskegee and Northside Drive intersection. She has served on the City Board of Commission for 12 years and it was her understanding during the last SPLOST that the City and the County would work jointly for the improvement of the corridor at this location. She feels that she and her constituents in the area have waited silently while millions have been spent on the industrial park and other areas of the City and County. The City has already spent thousands of dollars to improve the corridor by tearing down houses and has already approved the funding for their half of this project. Ms. Ward asked that the commissioners do the right thing and approve the roundabout to encourage new growth and redevelopment within the area.

Robert Morgan, 19 Johnston Road, Orchard Hill, Georgia

Mr. Morgan, City Council Member for the City of Orchard Hill, wanted to express the desire of the City of Orchard Hill to be included in the upcoming SPLOST referendum. He wanted to insure that the Orchard Hill Community was included in the request for proposals when the

requests went out. Mr. Morgan stated that his city has not received the benefits from the last SPLOST that they should have and that he would be opposed to the new SPLOST for that reason.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that whenever we have a SPLOST there must be a formal notification done to all of the cities within the jurisdiction. At this time, the notifications have not gone out because there are legal deadlines associated with those notifications. County Manager Wilson stated that he had talked with Mr. Morgan and to Council Member Julian Jones about projects that could be presented and assured him that “we haven’t forgotten about you, we are simply not at that point in the process yet.”

Chairman Flowers-Taylor asked why Mr. Morgan felt that the City of Orchard Hill had not received the improvements from the SPLOST that had been promised. County Manager Wilson advised that all of the projects had been done except for the walking track. Mr. Morgan advised that Park Superintendent TJ Imberger was working on the projects and that they had been put out for bid, but the actual projects had not been completed. Chairman Flowers-Taylor asked that Mr. Morgan, TJ Imberger and County Manager Wilson have a face-to-face meeting to discuss their concerns.

VII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the December 2, 2013 Regular Meeting and the December 2, 2013 Executive Session.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve aforementioned minutes. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance amending the Spalding County Personnel Ordinance to re-define the work week and provide for biweekly payroll.

SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA PERSONNEL ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 2013-16

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY GEORGIA, TO RE-DEFINE THE WORKWEEK AND PROVIDE FOR BIWEEKLY PAYROLL

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, as the governing authority of said County, as follows;

Section 1. That Article V, Section 1 of the Personnel Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia be amended by deleting the first paragraph in its entirety and inserting the following as a new first paragraph:

County employees are subject to an 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Monday workweek and to the overtime and/or offset time provisions set forth in Appendix C. Fire protection personnel require a work schedule to accommodate a 24-hour, 28-day work schedule. Law enforcement personnel require a work schedule to accommodate a 24-hour, 14-day work schedule. Corrections personnel require a work schedule to accommodate

either a 7-day, 43-hour work period, or a 14-day, 86-hour work period.

Section 2. That Appendix C, Section 5 of the Personnel Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia be amended by deleting the subsection entitled “Workweek” in its entirety and inserting the following as a new subsection entitled “Workweek”:

The official work period for all non-exempt county employees, except law enforcement, corrections and fire protection personnel, is 40 hours over a 7-day, 168 consecutive hour work period. The official work period for law enforcement employees is 86 hours over a period of 14 consecutive days. Corrections personnel work either 43 hours over a 7-day work period or 86 hours over a 14-day work period, and fire protection personnel have a work period of 212 hours over a period of 28 consecutive days.

The official work period for all exempt county employees, except Fire Battalion Chiefs, is 40 hours over a 7-day work period. Battalion Chiefs have a work period of 212 hours over a period of 28 consecutive days.

The official work week for all county employees begins on Tuesday and ends on Monday. The workweek, once established, may not be changed unless the change is intended to be permanent. An employer may have one work period applicable to all of its employees, or have different work periods for different employees or groups of employees.

Section 3. That Article I, Section 3 of the Personnel Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia be amended by inserting the following as paragraph (n) and re-numbering the subsequent paragraphs of Section 3:

(n) Pay Period. A Pay Period is a period of 14 consecutive calendar days (336) hours beginning with the first shift which includes the 9:00 am hour on Tuesday and continuing through the shift that ends immediately prior to 9:00 am the following second Tuesday. Each bi-weekly paycheck will cover one (1) Pay Period.

Section 4. That these amendments to the Personnel Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall be effective December 24, 2013.

Section 5. That all Ordinances, Resolutions or policies that conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved on first reading this Second day of December, 2013

Approved on second reading this sixteenth day of December, 2013.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Chairman
William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

2. Consider approval on second reading Amendment to UDO #A-13-07: Article 7. R-1 Single Family Residential Low Density- Section 703:A(3), Article 7A. R-1A Single Family Residential District- Section 703A:A(3), Article 8. R-2 Single Family Residential District- Section 803:A(6), Article 8A. R-2A Single-Family and Two-Family Residential District- Section 803A:A(6), Article 10. R-4 Single Family Residential District- Section 1003:A(3), Article 11. R-5 Single Family Residential District- Section 1103:A(5), Article 11A. R-6 Planned Residential

Community District- Section 1103A:A(3) - delete Family Personal Care Home as principal use.

Text Amendment #A-13-07

AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY

RESOLUTION
AMENDING
THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SPALDING COUNTY,
GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia is empowered by virtue of its police power to regulate the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Spalding County to provide for and enact zoning and developmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia on January 4, 1994 and has amended said Ordinance subsequently; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator, in conjunction with the Planning Commission, has deemed it advisable to recommend amendment to a portion or portions of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, such proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County was reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the text amendment was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on December 16, 2013, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-66-1, et. seq. in the Spalding County Hearing Room, Room 108, Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia considered the proposed amendment, any and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Spalding County Planning Commission and all data and evidence taken at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, is in conformance with the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people;

NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, that the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 7 R-1 Single-Family Residential Low Density; Section 703(A)(3):

3. Family Personal Care Home.

Section 2: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 7 R-1 Single-Family Residential Low Density; Section 703(A)(3):

3. "Reserved".

Section 3: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 7A R-1A Single-Family Residential District; Section 703(A) 703A (A)(3):

3. Family Personal Care Home.

Section 4: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 7A R-1A Single-Family Residential District; Section 703A(A)(3):

4. "Reserved".

Section 5: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 8 R-2 Single-Family Residential District; Section 803(A)(6):

5. Family Personal Care Home.

Section 6: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 8 R-2 Single-Family Residential District; Section 803(A)(6):

6. "Reserved".

Section 7: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 8A R-2A Single-Family and Two-Family Residential District; Section 803A(A)(6):

6. Family Personal Care Home.

Section 8: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 8A R-2A Single-Family and Two-Family Residential District; Section 803A(A)(6):

6. "Reserved".

Section 9: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 10 R-4 Single-Family District; Section 1003(A)(3):

2. Family Personal Care Home.

Section 10: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 10 R-4 Single-Family District; Section 1003(A)(3):

3. "Reserved".

Section 11: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 11 R-5 Single-Family District; Section 1103(A)(5):

5. Family Personal Care Home.

Section 12: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 11 R-5 Single-Family District; Section 1103(A)(5):

5. "Reserved".

Section 13: The following provision shall be deleted from the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 11A R-6 Planned Residential Community District; Section 1103A(A)(3):

3. Family Personal Care Home.

Section 14: The following provision shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Article 11A R-6 Planned Residential Community District; Section 1103A(A)(3):

3. "Reserved".

Section 15: The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia is directed and authorized to execute such notice of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia.

Section 16: The Zoning Administrator is authorized and directed to enter such notice of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia accordingly.

Section 17: The foregoing amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 18: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

6. Consider approval on second reading Application #13-04Z: R & B Portable Solutions, LLC-1260 Enterprise Way (1.376 acres) and 1278 Enterprise Way (2.272 acres) located in Land Lot117 of the 2nd Land District- requesting a rezoning from C-1, Highway Commercial, to C-1B, Heavy Commercial.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor had a question regarding the 3rd pay check during months involved in the Personnel Ordinance change. County Manager Wilson advised that no county insurance deductions would be taken out of the 3rd paycheck in a month. The only deductions that will be taken out of the 3rd paycheck will be the voluntary deductions that have either been elected by the employee, court ordered by child support or other court action. Employees were advised of the change to bi-weekly back in July and every employee has had the opportunity to make arrangements to prepare for the change.

Motion/Second by Ray/Gardner to approve on second reading the consent agenda items 1, 2 and 3. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2 (Flowers-Taylor/Miller).

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Consider approval of Addendum #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Pavilion at the Park @ 6th.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised the County Commissioners voted to make available funding to purchase the restrooms and to build the Storage area. The City of Griffin has agreed to be responsible for all utilities associated with mobile restroom units and mobile trailer connections, the cost of waste disposal from mobile restroom units and the mobile trailer and to transport and dispose the waste. This was approved by the City of Griffin last week.

**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING Regarding
PAVILION AT THE PARK AT SIXTH**

ADDENDUM #1

December 2013

This Addendum is for the purpose of clearly defining additional duties and responsibilities of all the entities involved in the financing, construction and maintenance of the Pavilion at the Park at Sixth located in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia as originally set out in the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Pavilion at the Park at Sixth dated May 2011.

Spalding County's (hereinafter referred to as "Spalding County") obligations shall be as follows:

1. Spalding County agrees to make available to the City of Griffin Main Street Program Hotel-Motel funding not to exceed \$88,400.00, for the purpose of purchasing ADA compliant mobile restrooms (\$75,000.00) and construction of a secure storage facility adjacent to the Pavilion at the Park at Sixth (\$13,400.00). Spalding County will retain title to said restrooms and provide necessary insurance.
2. Spalding County agrees to undertake construction of the secure Storage Facility as soon as possible, and to complete the construction project as soon as is reasonably possible.
3. Spalding County agrees to make available (if not in use) to the City of Griffin Main Street Program one furnished Mobile Trailer currently owned by the County, for use as a Mobile Green Room Area, for performers, bridal suites, etc.

The City of Griffin's (hereinafter referred to as "City of Griffin") obligations shall be as follows:

1. City of Griffin shall be responsible for providing utility connections (electricity, water) for the mobile restroom units and the mobile trailer at no cost to Spalding County and shall be responsible for the payment of all utilities associated with those connections.
2. City of Griffin shall be responsible for the cost of waste disposal from mobile restroom units and the mobile trailer.
3. City of Griffin shall allow Spalding County to transport and dispose

of said

waste at the Potato Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant at no cost to receive or accept said waste.

Spalding County, Georgia

Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Chairman
William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

City of Griffin, Georgia

Joanne Todd, Chairperson
Kenny L. Smith, Secretary

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve Addendum #1 to the memorandum of Understanding regarding Pavilion at the Park @ 6th.

Discussion Items: Commissioner Ray added that the purchase of the mobile units did not come out of the County M&O property tax funds, all of the funding comes from the Hotel/Motel tax collected. No property taxes were involved in the purchase of these units.

Motion carried unanimously by all

4. Consider cancellation of the January 20, 2014 Extraordinary Session due to observance of MLK Holiday.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that we have historically cancelled that meeting, we can reschedule it if we need to; but, generally after the first mega-meeting in January where we do all of the appointments there is not much business for the second meeting.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve cancelling the Extraordinary Session scheduled for January 20, 2014 due to the observance of the MLK Holiday. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider establishing priority of construction of North Hill Street/Northside Drive/Tuskegee Avenue Intersection and North Hill Street/East McIntosh Road intersection.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that a public information meeting was held a couple of weeks ago on this. Falcon design presented two designs for both intersections, a roundabout design and a four-way-stop design for each intersection. On this item, the Board needs to set the priority on which intersection should be done first and which intersection will be done second. The next item on the agenda is the actual designs of those intersections. Both of the intersections are important, both of the intersections are critical intersections and we need a decision on which is Priority #1 and which will Priority #2 then we will move to the design for each intersection.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to designate the North Hill Street/Northside Drive/Tuskegee Avenue

Intersection as Priority #1 and the North Hill Street/East McIntosh Road intersection as Priority #2.

Commissioner Ray raised the issue that he had not seen any information back from the residents who attended the public meeting that was held on December 3rd and he would like to see that feedback prior to making a decision on this agenda item. In regard to Commissioner's Ward comment, Commissioner Ray stated that he was unaware as to the outcome of that public meeting and that he would tend to lean toward voting on what the residents of the County wanted based on the comments from that evening.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor advised that an email was sent out that had the comments from the residents who participated in the public meeting on December 3rd. There were comments from residents of Sun City, comments from Mr. Hodo and his wife and others who attended. Anthony Dukes, Joint Transportation Advisor for the City and County, sent out a comment sheet on the comments that were made that night. Falcon was charged with putting together a report on that meeting.

Mr. Dukes advised that the scanned comment forms were the only comments received. To his knowledge a report has not be compiled. Mr. Dukes confirmed that the comments as reflected in Chairman Flowers-Taylor statement in setting Priority #1 and Priority #2 in her motion were representative of the comments received at the meeting.

Motion carried 3-1 (Gardner) -1 Commissioner Ray recused himself because his employer conducts business with a property owner at that location.

4. Consider approval of design for North Hill Street/Northside Drive/Tuskegee Avenue Intersection and North Hill Street/East McIntosh Road intersection.

Anthony Dukes, Joint Transportation Planner for the City and County, advised that design options that were presented at the public meeting for the North Hill Street/Tuskegee Avenue/Northside Drive intersection were: Option 1, the roundabout design and Option #2 was a "t" shaped realignment of the intersection.

There were three options presented at the public meeting for the North Hill Street/East McIntosh Road intersection: Option 1 was a straight roadway realignment. The Option 2 proposal showed a shifting of the curve to the east which would take out the Flower Shop, The Old Farmers Market and a residence. The shift to the west would only affect the storage building for Hammond Heating and Air. The council decided to go out to the public with the west alignment. Option 3 was for the roundabout design for that intersection.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor asked which option would have to have extensive grading activity.

Mr. Dukes advised that the roundabout would have to have extensive grading and one of the substantial concerns were the relocation of all of the utilities, there is a substantial number of natural gas pipelines that go through that area that would have to be relocated.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor then raised the question of a red light for the area we have talked about realigning the roadway, but we haven't talked about a traffic signal.

Mr. Dukes stated that a traffic study was done for the entire corridor and it was determined that although the east/west traffic on the roadway did meet the criteria for a red light the north/south traffic was significantly lower and therefore the area did not, as a whole, meet the criteria to warrant a red light and was not included as part of the proposal for that particular intersection. The study showed that more traffic would actually move through a four-way-stop or a roundabout than through a traffic signal. The problem with this particular location is the grading, you can't really see from one side of the intersection to the other the way it is now. This will be corrected with the proposed improvements. In addition, the cost of a traffic signal would increase the cost of the project by another \$80-\$120,000.

Based on the Option presented at the public meeting, the approaches from the southbound side would be built up and the approaches from the other directions would have to be graded down, but not so low as to have an effect on the gas lines running through the area.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor: The major contingency at McIntosh will be land acquisition which is an unknown.

Mr. Dukes: The unknown is at Northside Drive and Tuskegee because of the commercial properties and the existing businesses.

County Manager Wilson: The estimates that Falcon gave us are based on our tax digest.

Mr. Dukes: They couldn't calculate the revenue generated over a 10 year period so the purchase price of the land remains an unknown.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor: The intersection at McIntosh will impact Hammond a business that has been there for more than 40 years.

Mr. Dukes stated the west alignment proposal will only effect the Hammond property and a small portion of the Flower Shop property where the east proposal will affect the Flower Shop, the old Farmers Market property as well as the residence behind it.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated she personally doesn't see the need for a roundabout at McIntosh. I feel that if the road is realigned at McIntosh it would make a major difference in the flow of traffic through the area. I think that the four-way-stop is going to be the better decision for this intersection. My concern is the contingency since we do have an open commercial business which is going to make acquisition of that property much higher than the location where the ice machine is located.

County Manager Wilson stated there is a 15% contingency built into the quote, but there are asterisks that concern me. The asterisks cover right-of-way acquisition which is based on tax assessors' value and for additional costs for relocating utilities. The projected cost for the roundabout would be \$1.429 million and the four-way-stop would be \$967,000 so the roundabout would be almost a half million dollars more.

Commissioner Flower-Taylor stated, I know that Commissioner Gardner made a comment about the bridge, and that estimates are in the \$900,000 range. I do feel like it is something that we do need to look at budgeting, into our budget, or including in the next SPLOST budget that deals with transportation. The bridge was not initially included as part of this project and I feel that this bridge along with several other bridges in the county need to be evaluated for repairs or reconstruction to be discussed at a later time. We have the funds to do the intersections, there were no funds allocated to do a bridge.

I believe we are well within the bounds of the money that we have to do the projects we are prepared to do. We need to give the engineers something to start with so that we can get firm costs on these projects. If the costs come back and are more than the funds available, then we will have to meet with the City since this is a joint effort and make a decision on which plans to go with. If we keep waiting when we get ready for the new SPLOST there is going to be nothing done that we said we were going to do at the end of 6 years.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to construct a roundabout at the North Hill Street/Tuskegee Avenue/North Side Drive Intersection for \$750,000 and the remaining funds to be used for acquisition of property and improvements at the North Hill Street/East McIntosh Road Intersection.

Commissioner Ray stated he doesn't have any problem with priority, but would like for us to consider this, the North Street corridor is important, if the corridor is that important, then the bridge should also be important. If the bridge fails then there is no North Street corridor until that bridge is repaired. When you look at the numbers, the roundabout at Tuskegee and North Hill Street is \$1,429,362.88, the T intersection is \$967,693. The bridge project is estimated at \$913,246.84. If we do the T intersection over the roundabout it would give the County \$461,669.88 which would only leave approximately \$451,000 needed to repair the bridge. That is getting the bigger bang for our dollar and insures that the corridor will remain open and it also insures that we will only inconvenience the residents of that area once. We fix the bridge and the road at the same time instead of doing one and having to come back at a later date and do another.

Commissioner Gardner stated he agrees that the roundabout is very important and I wonder if the City would be willing to cover the difference between the county paying for a T intersection and the cost of the roundabout in order to get the roundabout there. In other words we would fund our portion for a T intersection and the City to pick up the other part in order to get the roundabout.

Commissioner Gardner asked if the bridge was entirely a County responsibility or is the bridge a City and County responsibility.

County Manager Wilson state it on the list of county bridges and so is the right-of-way the City annexed only up to the edge of the right-of-way, not the right-of-way itself. He also noted that none of the three proposals for the McIntosh Road intersection have any money in them for relocation or lowering of the gas transmission lines. I don't believe we know exactly where the gas lines are in that location.

Anthony Dukes stated the Gas Company wanted to charge Falcon just to come out and speak to them about where the gas lines ran.

County Manager Wilson stated the impression he got was that the Gas Company will not come out and give location on a design, they want an engineered set of plans so that they can determine depth of grade and other factors.

Anthony Dukes stated once we get into the design phase and the environmental process we can get some dependable cost estimates for the gas transmission lines.

Motion failed by a vote of 2-2(Bart Miller/Samuel Gardner)-1 Commissioner Ray recused because his employer conducts business with a property owner at that location.

Commissioner Miller stated he would like to make a motion to adopt Option #2 for the T intersection for North Hill Street/Tuskegee Avenue/Northside Drive for \$500,000, and Option #2 for T intersection at North Hill Street/East McIntosh for 1.5 million which will leave us \$250,000 overage expenses.

Motion/Second by Miller/Gardner to approve a T intersection configuration for both the North Hill Street/Tuskegee Avenue/Northside Drive Intersection and the North Hill Street/East McIntosh Intersection. Motion failed by a vote of 2-2(Flowers-Taylor/Johnson)-1 Commissioner Ray recused because his employer conducts business with a property owner at that location.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor made a motion that we notify the City that we would like to do the roundabout, but we can't commit to the \$750,000 until we know that our funds are available and that we will also do the T intersection at McIntosh at the cost of \$1.5 million.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to fund the design and engineering of a roundabout at the North Hill Street/Tuskegee Avenue/North Side Drive Intersection and the T design for the North Hill Street/East McIntosh Intersection in order to obtain firmer numbers on these projects prior to going forward with construction of the projects. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-1 Commissioner Ray recused because his employer conducts business with a property owner at that location.

5. Consider establishing a date for the 2014 SPLOST referendum.

County Manager Wilson stated that in August, the board voted to move ahead with a referendum for SPLOST and it was scheduled for June. Three days after the vote we were notified by the State Elections Board that there had been a court order issued and that vote has been moved back to May. A short time after that, Commissioners Gardner and Ray volunteered to work with staff on future projects for the 2014 SPLOST. We have had two meetings since then and we are ready to present the proposed projects to this board for consideration. I went over those proposed projects with Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Johnson last Friday and with Commissioner Ray and Commissioner Gardner last Tuesday when we went over Pre-Agenda. I haven't gone over them with the Chairman yet.

We are prepared within the next week or two to submit to you a list of projects for a six year SPLOST. In order to go six years you have to have an inter-governmental agreement with the Cities so everyone would have a say. It is estimated that this SPLOST will bring in approximately \$49.8 million based on current collections. We are currently running about 8% under our estimates. There is only two dates in 2014 that you can have a SPLOST vote that being the November General Election and the May 20th General Primary.

I was in a meeting with Kenny and with Curtis Jones this morning and I asked Superintendent Jones when the school board anticipated their referendum call. Their SPLOST ends June 2015 so they are looking at a November 2014 or March 2015.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor asked if the Board of Education goes with a March 2015 referendum will their collections end.

County Manager Wilson stated their collections would end in June and pick right back up in July because they have a full calendar quarter to notify Department of Revenue as required by law.

November is a General Election and it sounds like Orchard Hill is ready with their project list to submit. Sunny Side is ready with their list and I think, Kenny, and the City of Griffin have all pretty much ironed out your list. So we could have the required meeting by law in January with the cities, come up with an inter-governmental agreement and all the projects listed by the end of February so the wording on the ballots could be finalized and we could move ahead with the May referendum.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated she is not comfortable with that. I think we are rushing it. I haven't seen the list of projects that are being recommended. I don't know that you have had a conversation with Kenny or the cities on what kind of joint projects that we may look at to be projects that would be up front projects. You know as well as I do that this is not a process that happens quickly. The last SPLOST that we had was a transportation SPLOST and it took a lot from me to try to understand what it is that was going to happen. I know that lots of people didn't vote for it because they had a gazillion pieces of information which was incorrect and basically they felt like it was crammed down their throats. They didn't have the opportunity to say what they wanted or to be a part of the process and every SPLOST that I have been involved with and that citizens are involved with has the best chance for passing. I think that educating people and getting people's input on what they would like to see happen is very important and I don't think that, that can happen or us in 5 months.

Commissioner Ray stated based on the approval of the Board, Commissioner Gardner and I agreed that we would work on potential SPLOST projects. We talked to William right after the meeting when this was approved. At that point, we had the mindset toward a solution of reducing overhead costs which is the debt on property that we own and in doing that we would be able to improve the county's cash flow. Improving the county's cash flow would mean that we would be able to turn back the money we had to increase this year's taxes. That was one of the primary objectives. So we are cleaning up something that we needed to clean up and that is cash flow. It makes it easier for the county and it comes back

as a reward for our citizens as a way for us to say Thank you. That was priority 1.

Then we looked at all kinds of projects: roads, public works, parks and recreation, you name it and we pretty much covered it. But then we came back down to what was needed, what the priority was and that is how the final list came about. We have identified it by project, we have identified it pretty much by cost, that we've got it all ironed out. I don't think that we're trying to push anything, I think now it is just a question of educating the public and informing the public working with our sister cities or municipalities in Spalding County and facilitating what they need. There are different projects the list which benefit all involved. They include the City of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side and I think that we just need to look at the overall list and you weren't available last week, you were out of town. So I don't want to shoot it down before we have a chance to talk about it.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated that it was not her intent. I just must have had a lapse of memory because I don't recall the meeting where we decided that you, Commissioner Gardner and William should create a priority SPLOST program to bring back to us.

Commissioner Ray stated volunteered and everybody said okay.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor stated she was having a lapse on that and feels like, based on what I've been told about the list, the list is based on priorities that you all want to see happen. And when I say you all, I mean the people who discussed it. I think it is important to say that if we don't have to charge taxes to the tax payers by paying off our bill, that would help them out, but not really because that is still their money. What benefit are they going to see? Are the taxes really going to roll back?

Commissioner Johnson stated she has had a chance to look at the list and I feel like paying off debt is important. I am concerned about the time frame as well. Are we going to meet and set up a plan of action so that we can let people know within ample time? That is the thing that concerns me. Really, for me, it is all about the time frame.

County Manager Wilson stated if a decision is made here tonight, the plan was to get with King and Spalding and iron out when we need to have the meeting with the Cities. When we need to have everything done and give you a firm time line with drop dead dates for each item that has to be done. In the meantime, we will finalize preparation of the list for everyone. Essentially, the items are: debt service, the 911 center, the CAD system, the phone system for the 911 center, soccer lights, 60 miles of resurfacing, 10 miles per year for the six years. It has a little money in there for the bridges and the remainder is for paving dirt roads.

Motion/Second Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/to approve the November 2014 election date for the SPLOST Referendum. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2(Gardner/Ray).

6. Consider Update on 800 MHz user fee status with regards to the City of Griffin.

County Manager Wilson stated that we now have four different alternatives to discuss with the City. We were trying to set up a meeting before the end of the year, but it doesn't appear that we are going to be able to. We will try to set that up as early in January as we can.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor had questions regarding the sheet that was sent to the Board with the three scenarios and the history of the 800 MHz user fee.

County Manager Wilson stated the Board has approved scenarios 1, 2 and 3. The fourth one is a scenario that the City asked for based on some criteria that they wanted. Technically, the County has not voted on scenario 4 or method 4 which has a 3 year total of \$331,000.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked what the criteria for scenario 4 was.

County Manager Wilson stated the operating costs, 5 tower sites, and system administrator are calculated and allocated based on the total number of individual radio transmissions that occurred on each tower. So that means that every time someone clicks the button the system will keep up with that. So we went back and for the 3 years and determined how many times everybody in the City pushed a button versus county. Came up with that calculation, plugged in all the numbers and the cost based on that percentage came up with this figure.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor asked if the percentage would change annually.

County Manager Wilson stated it would change annually based on the usage. The only scenario that doesn't change is methodology #1 which is a flat \$16.00 per unit. This is what we charge our departments for 800 MHz, a flat \$16.00 per unit.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- a. The recycling centers will be open the 27th which is the Friday after Christmas.
- b. Commissioner Miller brought up Covington Road at the last Agenda. We did check Mr. Miller on Covington Road the last 2200 feet was not paved and we did not spend the money on design and engineering for that 2200 feet. We are checking the right-of-way now to see if we have 60 feet or 80 feet and just how we got the right-of-way from the new property owner because the previous property owner would not give us the right-of-way.

Commissioner Miller asked that if we got the right-of-way can we scrape the road out and get it in better shape, even if you don't do anything but put the rock on it? Make sure that people can pass on it.

County Manager Wilson advised that we will make sure it is in good shape.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller – Public works needs to make sure that when they pave the roads that they go back and back fill the shoulders. I have several people call and complain about there being as much as a 4 inch drop off the side of the road.

On Vaughn School Road going toward the dead end, there are some holes 4 to 6 inches deep that need to be patched. Also on Vaughn School Road, the City of Griffin has a road going back to the reservoir and big four-wheel-drive trucks are using that road for mud bogging. This had caused a problem with huge holes out next to the highway that are nothing but mud. The residents have asked that the City install a gate to keep these trucks from going in and out on the property. These trucks are going back on the property and getting stuck, then they are coming back up to the residents asking them to pull them out.

On Vaughn Road around house #200 there are several large pot holes that need attention.

On New Salem Road there are some pot holes 4 inches deep.

Gardner – None.

Johnson – I just wanted to take a moment to thank Anthony Dukes, who has submitted his resignation effective December 27th. I just wanted to let him know that we appreciate all he has done.

Ray – Derrick Weems with the Spalding County Fire Department was injured in a head on automobile accident today, so I ask that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers. According to Jamie Clark, Deputy Chief, his prognosis is good, but for right now he is no doing so well.

I would like to congratulate the Griffin High School Bears and their coaching staff on winning the 2013 AAAA Championship. They played a real good game on Saturday night.

Asked that Animal control give him a call on that illegal kennel on Woodland. I haven't gotten an update on that lately.

We voted to surplus a vehicle to Youth Challenge at Ft. Stewart, they have yet to pick that up. I received a request last week from the City of Orchard Hill that when we have another surplus vehicle that they be notified so that they would be able to bid. If Youth Challenge has not picked up the vehicle by next month, I would like to see the Board move that vehicle from Youth Challenge to Orchard Hill.

One last thing Merry Christmas, may your laughs be loud, your memories be many, and your travels be safe.

Flowers-Taylor stated that she is sorry to hear that Transportation Planner, Anthony Dukes is leaving. He has been instrumental in helping us get grants for road projects here in this county and I think that he has done an awesome job. He has been a good liaison for us with the DOT and the Federal Government and I'm going to really miss him. I want him to know that I am very thankful for everything that he has done. I wish him much success wherever he is going and I know that he will do an awesome job.

The second thing that I want to say is "Go Bears!" There is going to be a celebration planned on Wednesday night for the Griffin Bears at the

Memorial Stadium. We will be doing a joint City/County proclamation. I want to congratulate the team, I think it is awesome that we have young people with the determination to go out and excel in sports to represent us well. It shows us that there are a lot of young people who are interested in doing something with their lives and I appreciate the way they are representing us. I just wanted to say Congratulations once again.

Chairman Flowers-Taylor also stated there has been some patching or some paving done on the shoulder of the road in 30-40' spaces then there is a break and there is some more and it's not continuous and it looks bad on Jackson Road just as you pass Dr. Hopkins mother's home.

County Manager Wilson advised that is GDOT project and he will get the status of that project.

I just wanted to say Merry Christmas to everybody. I wanted to thank everyone for their cooperation during my tenure as Chairman. I feel that we have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. I look forward to working with whoever is the next chairman, next year. I hope that we can pull together a mission statement that will establish what our financial goals are so that they are not only clear to us, but they are clear to the Spalding County Residents as well. I want to thank you for all the participation, cooperation and all the care and encouragement that you have given me while I have been the chair person and I look forward to working with you next year, in another seat.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***

/s/ _____
Chairman

/s/ _____
County Clerk

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