

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, January 6, 2014, 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, Jinna L. Garrison, Administrative Services Director and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

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

II. INVOCATION – led by Commissioner Rita Johnson

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – led by Commissioner Raymond Ray

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

1. Election of Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2014.

Motion/Second by Miller/Johnson elect Samuel Gardner as Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2014.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor elect Raymond Ray as Vice-Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. APPOINTMENT

1. Appointment of County Manager for Calendar Year 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr., as County Manager for Calendar Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Appointment of County Clerk for Calendar Year 2014.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr., as County Clerk for Calendar Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Appointment of Ex-Officio County Clerk for Calendar Year 2014.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to appoint Kathy Gibson, as Ex-Officio County Clerk for Calendar Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Appointment of County Attorney for Calendar Year 2014.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint James R. Fortune, Jr. as County Attorney for Calendar Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider appointment of County Human Resources Attorney for Calendar Year 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to appoint John Lowery as the County Human Resources Attorney for Calendar Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider appointment of County Zoning Attorney for Calendar Year 2014.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to appoint to appoint Newton M. Galloway as the County Zoning Attorney for Calendar Year 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None.

VII. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the five month period ended November 30, 2013.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the financial statements for the five month period ended November 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENT - None.

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

IX. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the December 16, 2013 Zoning Public Hearing and the December 16, 2013 Extraordinary Session minutes.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the minutes for the December 16, 2013 Zoning Public Hearing and the December 16, 2013 Extraordinary Session. Motion carried unanimously by all.

X. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

XI. OLD BUSINESS – None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request of the Chamber of Commerce for a letter stating that Spalding County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Annual Business at the Tee fundraising Golf Tournament to be held on May 19, 2014 at Sun City Peachtree.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve a letter stating that the County has no objection to the State granting a one-day alcohol license for the Annual Business at the Tee fundraising Golf Tournament to be

held on May 19, 2014 at Sun City Peachtree. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval of resolution setting qualifying fees for publication for each County office to be filled in the upcoming General Primary and General Election as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-131(a)(1)&(a)(2)-County Commissioners Districts 2 and 5; Solicitor General and Board of Education Member.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve a resolution setting qualifying fees for publication for each County office to be filled in the upcoming General Primary and General Election as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-131(a)(1)&(a)(2) –for County Commissioners Districts 2 and 5; Solicitor General and Board of Education Members. Motion carried unanimously by all.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SETTING THE QUALIFYING FEES FOR ELECTED COUNTY OFFICES FOR 2014

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is the Governing Authority for Spalding County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131, to set and publish qualifying fees for county offices not later than February 1 of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan election, or general election is to be held; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying fee is required to be 3% of the minimum salary (excluding supplements, cost of living adjustment and longevity increases) for the office of Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying fee is required to be 3% of the gross salary for the offices of Solicitor General and Member of the Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the qualifying fees for elected offices for 2014 as follows:

Commissioner – \$360.00
Solicitor-General – \$1,380.00
Member, Board of Education – \$250.68

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these qualifying fees shall be published in the legal organ of the county as required by law.

This 6th Day of January, 2014

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST:

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

3. Consider request from the Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board to adopt a pre-adoption spay and neuter policy.

William Wilson, County Manager, introduced Ms. Vickie Henessey who is Chairman of the Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board, and is here to present this to the Board and answer any questions.

Vickie Henessey, 208 Seminary Ridge, Griffin, Georgia explained that the most effective way to insure that animals adopted from shelters do not reproduce is to spay and neuter them before adoption. Voucher programs and pre-arrangements made at the time of adoption simply do not work for a majority of these animals, this would not be an issue if this policy is adopted. This will also reduce the manpower involved in Animal Control Officers having to make phone calls, house calls, do mailings or updates.

This policy would be applied to anyone, not holding a rescue organization license, wanting to adopt an animal from the shelter the animal would be spayed or neutered prior to release to its new home. Rescue organizations are required by law to provide spay and neuter certificates and vetting certificates on any animal removed from a shelter. This policy would not apply to an owner reclaiming their own animal.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the pre-adoption spay and neuter policy as presented by the Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Southern Crescent Technical College to allow students in the Paramedic and Firefighter programs to train with County employees at County facilities.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to the Memorandum of Agreement with Southern Crescent Technical College to allow students in the Paramedic and Firefighter programs to train with County employees at County facilities. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider appointments to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments Unsafe Building Abatement Code.

- (a) To succeed Daa'ood Amin for a four year term ending December 31, 2017.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor appoint Daa'ood Amin to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments Unsafe Building Abatement Code for a four year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (b) To succeed John Picklesimer for a four year term ending December 31, 2017.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller appoint John Picklesimer to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments Unsafe Building Abatement Code for a four year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider appointment to the Butts, Henry, Lamar & Spalding County Development Authority for a three year term to end December 31, 2016 to succeed David M. Luckie.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to reappoint David M. Luckie to the Butts, Henry, Lamar & Spalding County Development Authority for a three year term to end December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Samuel Gardner.

Chairman Gardner appointed Commissioner Johnson to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

- (b) To succeed County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr. for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee.

- (a) To succeed Commissioner Bart Miller for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to reappoint Bart Miller to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (b) To succeed Fire Chief Kenny West for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to reappoint Fire Chief Kenny West to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (c) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Samuel Gardner for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Chairman Gardner to serve on the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

- (d) To succeed Eddie Freeman for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/ Johnson to reappoint Eddie Freeman to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (e) To succeed Harlan Plagmann for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to table the appointment to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all

- (f) To succeed Chad Jacobs for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to reappoint Chad Jacobs to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (g) To succeed William P. Wilson, Jr. for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr. to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (h) To succeed Sheriff Wendell Beam for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint Sheriff Wendell Beam to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority.

- (a) To succeed Commissioner Samuel Gardner as the Chairman's appointment for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Gardner will continue to serve on the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

- (b) To succeed Johnny Goodrum for a three year term ending December 31, 2016.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to reappoint Johnny Goodrum to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Raymond Ray for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Chairman Gardner appointed Commissioner Ray to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

- (b) To succeed Charles C. Releford, Jr. for a four year term ending December 31, 2017.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to appoint Megan Oliver, 943 Springer Drive, Griffin, GA to succeed Susan Thaxton on the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- 11. Consider appointment to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2016 to succeed Susan Thaxton.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to appoint Megan Oliver, 943 Springer Drive, Griffin, GA to succeed Susan Thaxton on the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- 12. Consider appointment to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a two year term to expire December 31, 2015 to succeed Trudy McDevitt.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to reappoint Trudy McDevitt to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a two year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- 13. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board.

- (a) To succeed Brent Foster for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint Brent Foster to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Council for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (b) To succeed Kimberly Searcy (Post1) for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor reappointed Kimberly Searcy to represent Post 1 at the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Council for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

- (c) To succeed Terry Colling (Post2) for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Ray asked to table the Post 2 appointment to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2014 until a suitable

replacement from Post 2 for Ms. Colling can be located.

- (d) To succeed Kelly Palmatier (Post3) for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to table the Post 3 appointment to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (e) To succeed Vickie Hennessey (Post4) for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Miller reappointed Vickie Hennessey to represent Post 4 at the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Council for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

- (f) To succeed Daryl Williams (Post5) for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Chairman Gardner reappointed Daryl Williams (Post 5) to the Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Council for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

14. Consider the appointments to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children.

- (a) To succeed Francis Phillips for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to table the appointment to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (b) To succeed Jewel Walker-Harps for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to reappoint Jewel Walker-Harps to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children for a two year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (c) To succeed Irma Lewis (Law Enforcement Representative) for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to reappoint Irma Lewis to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children for a one year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

15. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services Board to succeed Cherryl Gilbert for a five year term ending December 31, 2018.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to reappoint Cherryl Gilbert to the Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services Board for a five year term

ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

16. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Gresham to expire on December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to table the appointment to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Gresham ending December 31, 2015 until a suitable candidate can be located. Motion carried unanimously by all.

17. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Chairman Gardner appointed Commissioner Flowers-Taylor to serve on the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

- (b) To succeed Larry Fears from District 1 for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor reappointed Larry Fears from District 1 to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

- (c) To succeed David Dodd from District 2 for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Ray reappointed David Dodd from District 2 to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

- (d) To succeed Zachery Holmes from District 3 for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Johnson reappointed Zachery Holmes from District 3 to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

- (e) To succeed Tony Rakestraw from District 4 for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Miller reappointed Tony Rakestraw from District 4 to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

- (f) To succeed Ernest Wimbush from District 5 for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

Chairman Garner reappointed Ernest Wimbush from District 5 to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for a two year term ending December 31, 2015.

18. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board.
- (a) To succeed Tootsie Powers for a three year term ending December 31, 2016.
- Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint Tootsie Powers to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Motion carried 3/2(Flowers-Taylor/Miller).***
- (b) To succeed Doug Taylor for a three year term ending December 31, 2016.
- Motion by Commissioner Gardner to reappoint Doug Taylor to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Motion failed due to lack of a Second.***
- Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to appoint Lisa Waller, 658 Brook Circle, Griffin, Georgia to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Motion carried 4/1(Gardner).***
19. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority.
- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.
- Chairman Gardner appointed Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.***
- (b) To succeed James Brooks for a six year term ending December 31, 2019.
- Motion by Commissioner Ray to appoint Cal Oxford to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority for a six year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion failed due to lack of a Second.***
- Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to reappoint James Brooks to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority for a six year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried 4/1 (Ray).***
- (c) To succeed Johnny Goodrum for a six year term ending December 31, 2014.
- Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to reappoint Johnny Goodrum to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority for a six year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously by all.***
20. Consider appointments to the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission.

- (a) To succeed Charles Jones for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint Charles Jones to the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission for a one year term ending December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (b) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Raymond Ray for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

Chairman Gardner reappointed Commissioner Raymond Ray to the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission for a one year term ending December 31, 2016.

21. Consider appointments to the Two Rivers RC&D Council.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Samuel Gardner for a one year term to expire December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Gardner to remain on the Two Rivers RC & D Council for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

- (b) Alternate member to succeed William P. Wilson, Jr. for a one year term to expire December 31, 2014.

22. Consider appointment to the Griffin Downtown Council-Main Street Advisory Board.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Rita Johnson for a one year term to expire December 31, 2014.

Chairman Gardner reappointed Commissioner Rita Johnson to the Griffin Downtown Council-Main Street Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

23. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Board of Health.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Raymond Ray for a one year term to expire December 31, 2014.

Chairman Gardner reappointed Commissioner Raymond Ray to the Spalding County Board of Health for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

24. Consider appointment to the West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board to succeed Margaret Bentley for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

Chairman Gardner to serve the West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

XIII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- The boiler in the court house is operational, it is warm at the court house and contrary to rumors, and Spalding County will be open tomorrow.
- In my memo regarding the MLK parade there was an error. The memo stated January 30, the actual date of the parade will be

Monday January 20 at 3 p.m. Commissioner Ray and Commissioner Johnson are planning to attend and will be riding on a fire truck or in the delegation with the Fire Department. Another email will be sent out reflecting the correct date. This is a non-candy parade.

- 2014 is ACCG's 100th Anniversary. In celebration of their Centennial Anniversary they have many projects and programs scheduled to celebrate. They have asked that we adopt a resolution supporting their Centennial Anniversary.
- I would like to inform everyone that the Capital Connection Conference will be held February 2-4 at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor and Commissioner Johnson have already registered for this conference. Anyone wanting to attend needs to meet with Kathy immediately following this meeting so that we can get you signed up.
- The First Baptist Church of Griffin has opened up their Family Life Building from 6 p.m. tonight through noon tomorrow as a shelter, please help us to get the word out. The Red Cross has provided cots and they have a warm place for anyone who may need it.
- The Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation meeting is scheduled for January 15 @ 1:30 p.m.
- The Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority meeting will be January 15 @ 8:30 a.m.
- Introduced Kathy Gibson as the new Executive Secretary to everyone.

XIV. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Miller

- Wanted to know what progress has been made on the Vaughn School Road pot holes and getting a gate put up blocking the reservoir from trucks using the area for mud bogging.

County Manager Wilson advised that he had sent the request into the City and he would have to check to see what has been done. Mr. Wilson further stated that he had checked on the Covington Road and Public Works has been out and put gravel on the road and the plan was to go back out today because where people are entering Steele Road from Covington they are throwing the rocks up and they were going to put the gravel back on the roadbed there.

- Commissioner Miller stated that he had calls regarding Hwy 19 at the Ingles where there used to be a Yield sign, the sign was not put back up once the work was done and people are flying through that turn.
- He further commented that on Moose Lodge Road between 19-41 and Carver Road, there is another hole about 4 inches deep. This hole has been patched at least 3 times and the material being used is not holding up, we need to find another material that will

be more durable.

- Commissioner Miller commented that he had visited the Voters Registration office today and I wanted to say that they have a real nice set up now. Terry and they have done a great job working on that location, it is really nice.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor

- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she wanted to commend Ms. Irma Lewis, Victim Services Representative, for her dedication and hard work in going above and beyond on Christmas day to assist someone in need. A patient that had been assaulted came into the hospital, it was obvious that the patient was in an abusive situation and could not return home. A call was made to Ms. Lewis and she left her family on Christmas day to help this person and I wanted to acknowledge the work that is being done.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that a list of properties, buildings and land, owned by the County, that are not being used, be forwarded to the Commissioners. She stated that she is looking for ways to reduce costs and asked that the information be distributed to all of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Johnson

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Stated that she is looking forward to working with the Board and with the new Chairman.
- Expressed that she would like to see an item on the Agenda, in the near future, for a collaboration between the County, the City and the School Board to set some productive goals. She feels that it is important that the citizens see these agencies working together collectively and is looking forward to this happening.

Commissioner Ray

- Expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Flower-Taylor for the contributions made during the two years she served as Chairman. Thank you for your service to our citizens and to the members of this Board.
- Stated that he looks forward to working with the Commissioners and with the citizens of Spalding County toward the betterment of our community. That includes all of Spalding County, Sunny Side, Orchard Hill and the City of Griffin.
- Expressed his thanks to the First Baptist church for opening up their Family Life Building this evening to serve the people in need.

Chairman Gardner

- Thanked Commissioner Flowers-Taylor for her service as Chairman. He thanked her for stepping up to the plate and doing the job that you have done for the last 2 years.

- He is looking forward to working with all of the Commissioners as we continue to serve the Citizens of our community.
- Thanked everyone for their vote of confidence in electing him as Chairman. He stated that it is an honor to serve the citizens of this community and he thanked the staff stated he feels that we have an exceptional staff.
- Expressed concerns over the condition of the Dundee Mill location on High Falls Road. The property is not secure, it is an eye sore and basically the property is unsafe.
- He has had many positive comments regarding the resurfacing of local roads. He stated that citizens have called him regarding other concerns and ended by thanking him for the resurfacing of roads they have recently travelled.
- Thank the County Staff and Mr. Fortune for staying on top of the situation at the Holiday Pass subdivision. There was some damage done by the logging company and Mr. Crane and Mr. Fortune are working with the company to try to get the matter resolved.

XV. CLOSED SESSION – *None.*

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.