

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, May 5, 2014, beginning at 6:04 p.m. with Chairman Samuel Gardner presiding. Commissioners Raymond Ray, Rita Johnson, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, and Bart Miller were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Jim Fortune, County Attorney and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** – Chairman Samuel Gardner.
- II. **INVOCATION** – led by Chairman Samuel Gardner.
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** – led by Commissioner Raymond Ray.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS** – *None.*
- 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.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that we did not have anyone sign up to speak during the Citizen Comments.

VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval for the April 21, 2014 Extraordinary Session, the April 21, 2014 Public Zoning Hearing and the April 24, 2014 Public Zoning Hearing of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 Extraordinary session of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, the April 21, 2014 Public Zoning Hearing and the April 24, 2014 Public Zoning Hearing. Motion carried unanimous by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading: Amendment to UDO #A-14-01: Article 1. General - Section 106: A - amend Uniform Development Standards adopted by Spalding County.
2. Consider approval on second reading, Amendment to UDO #A-14-02: Article 23. Official Zoning Map - Section 2302: E - quarterly adoption of official zoning map in revised Geographic Information System (GIS) platform as applicable to unincorporated Spalding County.

3. Consider approval on second reading Amendment to UDO #A-14-03: Appendix C. Ordinance Establishing Board of Appeals - Section VII' - amend continuances before the Board of Appeals and paragraph numbering.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items 1, 2 and 3 as presented. Motion carried unanimous by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider request from Walking for Wellness to utilize Big Blue from September 15, 2014, through September 19, 2014, to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to lift the matter from the table and consider for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve the request from the Walking for Wellness to utilize Big Blue from September 15, 2014 through September 19, 2014 to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Miller asked that when future requests of this nature are made, that the itinerary for the trip be included with the number of miles to be covered outlined to avoid any confusion.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval from Kariem Murphy for Amplification Permit to host a 5 Year Anniversary Party for the Wrist Breakers Motorcycle Club on June 21, 2014 at 4297B Highway 19/41, from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that they do meet all of the requirements; however, this request is until 1:00 a.m. and the Board has historically limited the permits to 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Fortune suggested that the Amplification Permit be issued from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. the party can continue after 11:00 p.m. but there can be no amplification after that time.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve the Amplification Permit for the 5 year Anniversary Party for the Wrist Breakers Motorcycle Club from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at which time the amplification will cease. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval of a Transportation Program Service Agreement between Spalding County, the City of Griffin and Paragon Consulting Group.

Mr. Wilson advised that the County has been without the services of a Transportation Planner since Anthony Dukes resigned in December. This is a City of Griffin position and has been posted

in many different forms of media and has been posted on numerous websites. We have interviewed approximately 14 individuals and have not found a suitable candidate.

Paragon Consulting Group offered to bring Anthony Dukes into their group and presented the City and the County with the Agreement currently before the Board for consideration. This agreement would be a contract between the Spalding County, the City of Griffin and Paragon and reflects a \$10,000 savings from \$60,000 we had budgeted for this expense. Mr. Dukes would be able to be productive immediately as there would not be a learning curve as there would be for a new hire. Tentatively, if the Board approves the Agreement tonight, it would be on the City's agenda for consideration next Tuesday night, April 13th. We have a GSATC meeting on May 21 and had hoped that Mr. Dukes could start to work on April 15th.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that the City be presented the Agreement at their Commission meeting and asked they be consulted on putting this matter out for bid. This would be in accordance with the Financial Policies and Procedures the County recently adopted. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor and Commissioner Johnson stated that they would like to have feedback from the City as to their position on accepting the agreement or having the matter submitted out for bid.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to table consideration of approval for a Transportation Program Service Agreement between Spalding County, the City of Griffin and Paragon Consulting Group to the meeting on May 19th in order to get the City of Griffin's feedback. Motion carried 4-1 (Chairman Gardner).

3. Consider approval of the final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision - Pod 28B.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision – Pod 28B. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider acceptance of Right-of-Way Deed for Sandy Spring Drive and English Ivy Drive, Pod 28B - Sun City Peachtree.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to accept the Right-of-Way deed for Sandy Spring Drive and English Ivy Drive, pod 28B – Sun City Peachtree. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Set a date for a Public Hearing to establish street lighting districts for Sun City Peachtree – Pods 28B and 29A.

The Board recommended May 19 for the public hearing.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

1. Open enrollment with Biometric Screenings for the health insurance will be held at the Welcome Center on May 13, 14 and 15.
2. The Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee meets on Wednesday, May 21st at 1:30 p.m.

3. This Saturday, May 10th, the County is hosting a Spring into Fitness Health Fair to be held at Wyomia Tyus Park from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
4. May 16th, Relay for Life will be held at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds.
5. Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing is scheduled for May 22nd.
6. The SPLOST Survey is out and we have had several hundred responses to the survey so far. The Survey is available on the County and the City websites and we have paper copies available at several locations. The survey will be available to be public until May 30th.
7. Tomorrow, Chairman Gardner will be presenting a Proclamation for "Exchange Club Man of the Year" at Southern Crescent Technical College Cafeteria at 11:30 a.m.
8. Budget Review will be the week of May 12-16 and will begin every day at 9:30 a.m. and continue until we are finished. The Budget will be available this Friday on Novus Agenda.
 - a. The Budget Hearing is June 2nd at 5:00 p.m.
 - b. The 1st Reading is June 16th.
 - c. The 2nd and final Reading is June 26th at 5:45 p.m. this is right before our Zoning Public Hearing.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller – Commissioner Miller asked the County Manager the status of payment for the next furlough day. Mr. Wilson advised the County will have approximately 10 1/2 months of revenues and expenditures that can be reviewed and a recommendation will be made regarding whether or not to fund the next furlough day at the May 19th meeting.

Commissioner Miller stated that he felt a freeze should be put on hiring and promotions until the County can pay for the furlough days. He stated that we shouldn't be hiring or promoting any one until we can pay the holidays.

Flowers-Taylor – Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would be out of town during the Budget workshops, but she will review the Budget and email her concerns.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor wanted to make sure that what we get from the City is if they would be interested in bidding out the Transportation Planner services since this is part of the County's policy and she wants to make sure that the questions gets asked.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor wanted to know why we have heard nothing back regarding increasing the hotel/motel tax.

Mr. Fortune, County Attorney, advised that he had discussions with the Department of Revenue over this matter and there are still questions surrounding the possibility. He will contact the

Department of Revenue again to determine the methodology to use for increasing the tax. Mr. Fortune stated he would have something back to the commissioners on this matter by the next meeting.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked who owns the water tower over at the Highland Mills Village. It is an eyesore in the middle of that residential area. She also asked why the county is scraping and putting gravel on dirt alleys in that area behind the homes.

Mr. Wilson stated that the water tank is not owned by the County or the Water Authority. Mr. Wilson stated that he believes that parcel is part of the mill property. These alleys were deeded to the County at the same time the streets in the Highland Mills Village were deeded to the County and are shown as County right-of-way on the plat, that is why we are maintain these alleys.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor requested that these roads be reviewed to see if expenditure of the funds to maintain these roads is necessary or if these funds could be better utilized on roadways that are being used.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked for a status on the lights for the soccer field. She stated that there is money in the hotel/motel tax fund to install the lights.

Mr. Fortune stated that the same individual he had spoken to at the Department of Revenue regarding the hotel/motel tax increase was also the individual that Jinna had talked to regarding the lights on the soccer field. This individual stated that lights on the soccer field was not a capital improvement that could be utilized for the hotel/motel tax fund. However the statute that outlines the items this fund can be used for does include sports complexes. We will be talking with Bond Counsel in Atlanta on Friday who may be able to give us some insight on this matter.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked for an estimate from Facility Dude on how much the County expended on Odell Road. Evidently, the Public Works Department is out there patching the same areas every week and at some point it may be more cost effective to resurface the road instead of continuing to patch the road

Johnson – Commissioner Johnson she had gotten an email regarding the Public Works department and their response to a down tree on Birdie Road and wanted to thank them for a job well done.

Ray – Commissioner Ray wanted to thank the Board for addressing the issue of the number of outside animals allowed in an Agriculture Residential area of two acres or less. This has taken care of part of the problem, but we still have the problem of the noise created by outside animals housed on property of two acres or less. He stated that he had been contacted by about 12 citizens over the last few weeks asking that we go back and look at the noise ordinance.

Commissioner Ray stated that he and Mr. Wilson have reviewed the noise ordinance and there is no restrictions in our current ordinance for barking animals. He further stated that the City of Griffin has a Barking Ordinance and he would like for the County to look at their

ordinance and see about adding something along this line to our current ordinance.

Mr. Wilson advised that Commissioner Miller had also received complaints regarding refrigerated trailers being parked in residential areas. Mr. Wilson will also research to see if he can find any noise ordinance regarding refrigerated trailers.

Gardner – Chairman Gardner wanted to thank everyone for participating in the personnel ordinance workshop and finishing that up today. I know that we have asked Mr. Gay to get back to us on a few items and he will come back to us with a summary of the changes and I just wanted to thank all of you for the hard work you put in on this ordinance.

Chairman Gardner also wanted to thank the Public Works department for fixing Johnny Cut Road at Locust Grove Road it is now in very good shape.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

The County Manager requests an Executive Session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4).

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to enter Executive Session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4) at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers Taylor to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

/s/ Samuel C. Gardner
Chairman

/s/ William P. Wilson, Jr.
County Manager