

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 of the Courthouse Annex, Monday, October 20, 2014, beginning at 6:00 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., Larry Lillard, Chief Appraiser, William Gay Human Resources Director, Jim Fortune, County Attorney and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** led by Chairman Gardner.
- II. **INVOCATION** – led by Commissioner Johnson.
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** – led by Commissioner Ray.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS** –
 1. Consider Proclamation declaring "Make a Difference Day" in Spalding County on October 25, 2014.

Proclamation

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

WHEREAS: On October 25th, millions of volunteers across the nation will unite with a common mission – to improve the lives of others. For more than 20 years, USA WEEKEND Magazine, in collaboration with Points of Light, has celebrated Make A Difference Day, the nation's largest day of community service. A celebration of neighbors helping neighbors, millions of volunteers from across the nation will unite to take on problems they see in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Connecting with others and working together through volunteer service can bridge the differences that separate people and help solve serious problems; and

WHEREAS: Fairview Baptist Church Team Kids are committed to Make a Difference in our community through fellowship and by delivering prayer rocks to the residents at Brightmoor Nursing Home; and

WHEREAS: The children of Fairview Baptist Church, through their participation in the Make A Difference initiative, will enrich the lives of older adults at the Brightmoor Nursing Home who have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED That the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, joins with Fairview Baptist Church Team Kids in recognizing Saturday, October 25, 2014 as

“MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY”

In recognition of the efforts of Fairview Baptist Church Team Kids, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners would like to

encourage the citizens and Community organizations of Spalding County to “Make a Difference” through performing service projects throughout the County in efforts to enhance the beauty and quality of life within the County.

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

Samuel C. Gardner, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to declare Saturday, October 25, 2014 as “Make a Difference Day” in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the three month period ended September 30, 2014.

William Wilson, County Manager, reported for the first three months of the year General Fund Revenues are at 12%, General Fund Expenditures are at 23%, Fire District Fund Revenue is at 6%, Fire District Fund Expenditures are at 20% which is normal for this point in the budget year. Tax bills went out last week and are due December 20th.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve the financial statements for the three month period ended September 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously by all.

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.

Spoke regarding concerns surrounding the new airport:

Harold Distel, 1300 Rover-Zetella Road, Williamson, GA expressed his concern over the number of buildings that will need to be built and communication towers that will need to be moved to accommodate the new airport that would not be funded by the FAA.

John B. Melin, 1913 Jackson Road, Griffin, GA expressed his concerns over a statement made by a City Council member last week after their meeting regarding the runway of the airport going north of the gas lines in that area. He further stated that if the runway is placed where it is

being proposed that it will cross a line installed by Atlanta Gas Light next to the power lines several years ago.

Norma Giles, 302 Elizabeth Lane, Griffin, GA stated that she is concerned that the Board of Commissioners and the County Attorney would agree to Item #10 of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement with the FFA, City of Griffin, Airport Authority and Spalding County that is being considered this evening. She express her concern as to where the funding would come from should the FAA withdraw their funding for the airport

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the October 6, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the minutes for the October 6, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA -

1. Consider approval on second reading an Ordinance amending the FY 2015 Budget Ordinance to provide for the 2015 tax levy.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is the second reading for the amendment, and that in order to balance the budget the county will have to appropriate funds from the LOST reserve and this amendment is required to provide for a balanced budget.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET ORDINANCE
FOR
SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County have duly adopted an annual budget ordinance for the 2015 Fiscal Year pursuant to the requirements of Title 36, Chapter 81 of the Official Code of Georgia, and Section 2-5003 of the Code of Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Georgia, specifically Title 36, Chapter 81-3, provides that said Board might amend its annual budget ordinance so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners that the annual budget ordinance as approved, adopted and enacted on second reading on June 26, 2014 be amended as follows:

Section 1. General Fund

A. Revenues

Fund Balance Appropriated	From	\$	0	to	\$	876,815
Real Property - CY	From	\$	22,659,325	to	\$	21,782,510

Approved on first reading this 6th day of October, 2014.

Approved, adopted and enacted on second reading this 20th day of October, 2014.

Chairman

County Manager

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the FAA, the City of Griffin, Spalding County and the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for Replacement of the Griffin-Spalding County Airport.

Mr. Wilson advised that both the Chairman of the Airport Authority and the Airport Director are present if the Board had any questions.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that the authority explain Item #10 of the Memorandum of Agreement to address the concerns raised by Mrs. Giles.

Dick Morrow, Chairman of the Airport Authority, stated that he would like to address several of the items of concern expressed this evening and get some of the misconception out in the open. Mr. Morrow advised that the Memorandum of Agreement with the FAA has been unanimously approved by the City of Griffin and the Airport Authority and we did discuss Item #10 at the Airport Authority meeting and with the approval from the County federal funding will become available.

Mr. Morrow stated that the runway, taxi ways and relocation of communication towers is part of a federal project, administered by GDOT and will work basically the same as the highway projects in the county that utilize federal funding. He further stated that since the airport is being funded with federal funds we have to follow their rules for construction and hiring contractors. Mr. Morrow advised that whoever bids the overall job will have to meet all of the federal and state requirements for insurance and bonding. However, the contractors will be encouraged to locally source projects to qualified contractors in this area.

Mr. Morrow advised that the FAA stated that the Memorandum of Agreement is a standard boilerplate agreement that is utilized for all of the multi-year grants that are issued by the FAA. Item #10 is part of the boilerplate and is included to insure that the entities are committed to the project. He further stated that if the FAA withdrew their funding that the airport project would have to continue, but there is no time table to be met toward completing the airport.

Mr. Morrow stated that the terminal and other buildings are not federally funded; however, as soon as the Memorandum of Agreement is signed, the current airport will go up for sale. Funds from the sale of the airport land and buildings will have to be reinvested into the new airport, so this money will be reinvested into the new terminal and hangers.

Mr. Morrow stated that there are a couple of towers in the survey

area and a possible third one. Once the engineering for the airport layout is complete and it is determined which towers may be in the way then we will address what towers may have to be moved and that will be funded by the FAA and money to move the towers is included in their estimates.

Mr. Morrow then stated that there is a gas line and a power line on the proposed site that have been identified and the cost of moving these items have been included. The site has been inspected and it is pretty well defined as to what is there and what needs to be done pending final engineering.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF GRIFFIN, SPALDING COUNTY, THE GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY AIRPORT
AUTHORITY, AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
FOR REPLACING THE GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY AIRPORT**

This Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) dated as of [DATE], is entered into between the City of Griffin, Georgia (City), Spalding County (County), the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority (Authority), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and sets out the agreement, commitments, and obligations of the parties hereto.

WHEREAS, the City, County, and Authority own and operate the Griffin-Spalding County Airport (Airport), Griffin, Georgia, which was originally constructed in 1939;

WHEREAS, Airport has approximately 110-based aircraft and a single runway, Runway 14-32, 3701' x 75', with 200' displacements on each end;

WHEREAS, Airport has received \$3,416,820.00 in Federal financial assistance for various airport improvements over the years;

WHEREAS, the current runway length and airport design are insufficient to support the community's current and prospective aviation needs;

WHEREAS, Airport is geographically constrained by residential and commercial development including a shopping mall, U.S. Business 41, and a railroad, and is therefore not suitable for expansion;

WHEREAS, the City, County, and Authority support the construction of a replacement airport in order to enhance civil aviation through improvements to safety, better efficiency, and increased capacity and to better meet the aviation needs of the community;

WHEREAS, in 1973 and 1989 the FAA funded studies to facilitate the relocation of the existing airport to achieve these goals but refused to fund later studies because the sponsor decided not to proceed with the acquisition and construction of the replacement airport;

WHEREAS, the City, County, and Authority again propose to construct a replacement airport using local funds, Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants, and state matching funds;

WHEREAS, the City, County, and Authority initiated a site selection study for a new airport location and conducted an environmental assessment of the project at their own expense;

WHEREAS, in 2013, the FAA's Atlanta Airports District Office (ADO) issued a Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision resulting from the environmental assessment for the replacement airport;

WHEREAS, the City, County, and Authority propose to relocate all airport operations to the new facility once constructed and open for public use. The City, County, and Authority will

then initiate a request to transfer all obligations to the replacement airport and seek the Associate Administrator's approval to close the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire hereby to memorialize their roles in the progress and completion of the replacement airport project;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is entered into for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the benefits accruing to the City, County, Authority, and the FAA, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, adequacy and legal sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto covenant and agree that:

1. The acceptance of this agreement does not convey any obligation on the part of the FAA to commit Federal funding for the design and construction of the replacement airport. However, the FAA is prepared to consider the City, County, and Authority's request for Federal funding for the design and construction of the replacement airport under certain conditions set forth below.
2. The FAA will recognize the City, County, and Authority's initial investment of approximately \$6 million dollars of local funds as substantial local commitment in order for FAA to consider programming federal funds for the replacement airport, if, and to the extent, current law and funding allows.
3. Upon acceptance of this agreement, the City, County, and Authority affirms its obligation to provide its 10% local matching share for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants associated with the design and construction of the replacement airport.
4. The City, County, and Authority shall appraise the Airport property and the replacement airport property within six months prior to their request to close the Airport in accordance with applicable FAA policy. The total contribution by the City, County, and Authority to the replacement airport must be no less than the appraised value of the Airport.
5. Upon the opening of the replacement airport, the City, County, and Authority will submit a request to FAA to transfer all federal obligations associated with the Airport and the Airport property to the replacement airport in order to facilitate the disposal and sale of the Airport.
6. By acceptance of this agreement, the City, County, and Authority acknowledge and certify their continuing commitment to comply with all of their Federal grant obligations at the Airport, as well as the replacement airport. Failure to comply with the Federal grant obligations may result in the suspension or termination of Federal financial assistance. With respect to the replacement airport, the City, County, and Authority also specifically affirm that:
 - a. The replacement airport and all facilities which are necessary to serve the aeronautical users of the airport, other than facilities owned or controlled by the United States, shall be operated at all times in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by applicable Federal, state, and local agencies for maintenance and operation. They will not cause or permit any activity or action thereon which would interfere with the use of the replacement airport for airport purposes.
 - b. They will take appropriate action to assure that such terminal airspace as is required to protect instrument and visual operations to the replacement airport (including established minimum flight altitudes) will be adequately cleared and protected by removing, lowering, relocating, marking or lighting, or otherwise mitigating existing airport hazards and by preventing the establishment or creation of future airport hazards.
 - c. They will take appropriate action, to the extent reasonable, including the adoption of zoning laws, to restrict the use of land adjacent to or in

the immediate vicinity of the replacement airport to activities and purposes compatible with normal airport operations, including landing and takeoff of aircraft.

d. they recognize and acknowledge that compliance with these obligations, and others, may require annual financial commitments by the City, County, and Authority which are beyond the City, County, and Authority's local matching share for AIP grants and irrespective of any Federal financial assistance.

7. The City, County, and Authority are responsible for addressing interests or rights of existing tenants. The tenants' potential relocation costs are the sole responsibility of the City, County, and Authority and/or tenant. These costs are not AIP eligible.

8. In accordance with FAA Order 5050.4B, the City, County, and Authority must complete an environmental review of the Airport property prior to its closure and disposal. The cost of the environmental review for the Airport property is not AIP eligible.

9. The City, County, and Authority will close the Airport upon commencement of service at the replacement airport; the City, County, and Authority agree that the Airport property can never be used as an airport, public or private. Documents will be provided to the FAA by the City, County, and Authority to ensure this condition, such as a deed restriction.

10. Once this MOA is signed by all parties, and the replacement airport project has begun, the City, County, and Authority are required to complete the construction of the replacement airport with or without Federal financial assistance. The City, County, and Authority's failure to comply with this requirement will necessitate a refund of any Federal funds expended for the design and/or construction of the replacement airport to that date. This requirement shall remain in effect even if Federal financial assistance is suspended or terminated for violations of the City, County, and Authority's Federal grant obligations.

11. The FAA will issue a notice in the Federal Register not less than 30 days prior to closure of the Airport announcing the closure of the Airport.

12. The City, County, and Authority must provide the FAA with an Exhibit A property map and a copy of the deed to the replacement airport property demonstrating ownership of an acreage valued at no less than \$6 million dollars in fee simple title prior to being considered for any grant of Federal assistance for the replacement airport.

13. The City, County, and Authority must obtain FAA approval of the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for the replacement airport and complete all appropriate environmental reviews prior to receiving any grant of Federal assistance for the replacement airport.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective immediately upon execution by the City, County, Authority, and the FAA.

FEDERAL AVAITION ADMINISTRATION

CITY OF GRIFFIN

Winsome Lenfert
Manager, FAA Southern Region Airports Division

Ryan McLemore
Mayor, City of Griffin

Date

Date

SPALDING COUNTY

Samuel Chipper Gardner
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Date

GRIFFIN-SPALDING AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Dick Morrow
Chairman, Airport Authority

Date

Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the FAA, the City of Griffin, Spalding County and the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority for replacement of the Griffin-Spalding County Airport. Motion carried 4-1 (Gardner).

2. Consider request of the Spalding County Sheriff's Office to allow the Sheriff's Junior Deputy Program to utilize 837 Memorial Drive from November 17th - 22nd for storage and distribution of fruit for their annual fruit box fundraiser.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Junior Deputy Program has requested the use of the old Premier Beauty location for their annual fruit box fundraiser. They had originally requested the old Ceramic Building; however, that is now being utilized by the Hall of Fame. They are requesting the use of this building for the storage and distribution of the fruit for this fundraiser.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the use of 837 Memorial Drive by the Junior Deputy Program for the storage and distribution of fruit for their annual fund drive from November 17 – 22nd, 2014.

Commissioner Flowers- Taylor state that she would like learn more about this program and asked that the Sheriff's Department advise how they choose Junior Deputies and what they do over the course of the year.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of a contract with S.A.F.E., Inc. to provide Veterinary Services for the Animal Shelter to comply with the Spay/Neuter before adoption ordinance.

Mr. Wilson advised that we did have a contract that had been arranged by the ACCAB board with Budget Vet; however, Budget Vet was unable to fulfill the terms of the contract. S.A.F.E., Inc. has been working with the Animal Shelter in their place, the contract has been reviewed and revised by the County Attorney. These are the same rates as the previous contract with Budget Vet.

CONTRACT WITH S.A.F.E. SAVING ANIMALS FROM EUTHANASIA, INC

This contract is made and entered into between Spalding County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "the county") and S.A.F.E. Saving Animals From Euthanasia, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "S.A.F.E.").

1. Spalding County operates an animal shelter in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia.
2. S.A.F.E. provides spay/neuter and vaccination services to the Spalding County Animal Shelter.
3. The parties desire that they enter into a formal contract spelling out the terms of their agreement.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual agreement set out, all parties agree to the following:

- A. S.A.F.E. will provide spay/neuter and vaccination services at the time of service to the dogs and cats which are being held at the Spalding County Animal Shelter.
 - a. Pursuant to Georgia Law, all surgical procedures performed on animals 12 weeks and older will include a 1 year Rabies vaccination.
 - b. All animals undergoing surgical procedures will receive 1 dose of a 24 hour pain medication.
- B. Spalding County agrees that it shall pay to S.A.F.E. the following fees for services rendered. Payment will be made within 14 days from the date of service. A statement of charges will be provided to the Animal Control Director on the date of service.
 - a. \$75 for female canine spay
 - b. \$75 for male canine neuter if greater than 75 lbs.
 - c. \$50 for male canine neuter less than 75 lbs.
 - d. \$45 for feline spay
 - e. \$30 for feline neuter
 - f. \$45 for canine male or female less than 4 months of age. Age is determined by S.A.F.E. veterinarian at time of examination.
 - g. \$15 for umbilical hernia repair at time of surgery, canine or feline.
 - h. \$25 for any animal placed under anesthesia and determined (without surgery) to have previously been altered. A Rabies vaccination will be administered.
- ~~C. The County will hold S.A.F.E. harmless for any and all claims which may arise from the execution of this contract.~~
- D. S.A.F.E. agrees that it shall maintain standard malpractice insurance coverage and agrees that it shall hold the County harmless for all claims which may arise out of the execution of this contract.
- E. S.A.F.E. makes no claim as to the adoptability, personality, disposition, health status, current or future status of any animal presented for surgery and will not be held liable at the time of service or at any future date for such.
- F. A basic assessment for surgery examination will be performed before surgery. No diagnostic tests will be performed on any animal. Those animals presented for surgery are considered elective and any complications, including death, are not the responsibility of S.A.F.E. Any animal determined to be at increased risk by S.A.F.E. veterinarian may be refused at the veterinarian's discretion.
- G. Payment will be made for each animal presented according to the above.
- H. Either party may terminate this contract upon 30 days written notice to the other.
- I. The relationship established hereto is that of Independent Contractor and S.A.F.E. shall in no way be considered an employee of Spalding County.
- J. The term of this contract shall be from the date of its execution until such time as one party or the other gives 30 days written notice of its intent to terminate same.

HERETOFORE AFFIX our hands and seals this _____ day of October, 2014.

SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

S.A.F.E, INC.

BY: _____
Samuel C. Gardner, Chairman

BY: _____
Susan Helton, RN, President

Attest: _____
William P. Wilson, Jr., County Manager

WITNESS: _____

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve contract with S.A.F.E., Inc. to provide Veterinary Services for the Animal Shelter to comply with the Spay/Neuter before adoption ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider eliminating the Tobacco Surcharge for County Employees scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2015.

Bill Gay, Human Resources Director, advised that the request before the board is to consider eliminating the tobacco surcharge for employees scheduled to be implemented on January 1, 2015. This had been recommended as part of the wellness incentive program this year to encourage employees to stop using tobacco products. Unfortunately, the surcharge has been viewed by many of the employees as a punitive action rather than a wellness objective.

Mr. Gay stated that instead of the surcharge the Human Resources Department would like to devote more time to having tobacco cessation classes that are offered by the American Cancer Society and there is also a program offered called Fresh Start which is designed to assist employees with tobacco cessation. Additionally, there are resources available through Blue Cross and Blue Shield that employees can utilize. Mr. Gay further stated that if these items are offered as incentives that it would probably be viewed more favorably by the employees.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that although she appreciates Mr. Gay's concerns regarding the perception of the employees, she feels that when the board made this decision the employees were offered six months to get into a smoking cessation program and prove they would work toward stopping tobacco usage. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor further stated that the rates for medical insurance are eating up a huge portion of the budget every year. Additionally, all employees who are on an employers' insurance whether it is inside or outside of the county has to meet certain requirements in order to be insured.

Mr. Gay then advised that prior to the tobacco surcharge initiative, all wellness initiatives had been rolled out on a voluntary basis, this option was mandatory. The biometric screening and health risk assessments were rolled out over a number of years on a voluntary basis, before becoming a mandatory requirement.

Commissioner Miller stated that obesity is as bad as smoking and you have just as many health risks over the long term if you are overweight as you would with smoking tobacco. Commission Miller stated that he feels the employees of the county need to be educated on the facts surrounding tobacco and that if the training were done by an employee, it would probably be better accepted and the employees would be more receptive than if it were done by someone in a supervisory capacity.

Commissioner Ray added that he had heard from employees who smoke and dip state that they feel they are being singled out. They are aware that it is their choice to smoke; however, the obese people that work for the county choose to eat and they are not being singled out as a group. Obesity can lead to diabetes and heart disease and the smokers want to know why they are being singled out and other important health factors are being ignored.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that if the employee is actively seeking help in smoking cessation, if they are on the patch or if they are in a program then the surcharge should not be implemented; however, if they are doing nothing than the surcharge should apply.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to table elimination of the Tobacco Surcharge for County Employees scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2015.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor rescinded her second.

Commissioner Ray asked for an update on the wellness program and the programs offered within the wellness program. How many employees are currently participating in the wellness program? We need to get people involved in the wellness programs being offered and supervisors need to make sure that their people are participating.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked how many employees are participating in the Virgin Health Miles program and other programs being offered by the county.

Mr. Gay stated that there are currently 95 employees enrolled in the Virgin Health Miles. These people have a pedometer and they are uploading their steps.

Mr. Wilson stated that Blue Cross and Blue Shield has given the county the results of the biometric screenings that were done during open enrollment. We can have them down to present the results of that screening and advise what programs are available through Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to table elimination of the Tobacco Surcharge for County Employees scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2015. Motion carried 4-1 (Gardner).

5. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor would like to discuss CUVA (Conservation Use Valuation Assessment) and how it relates to the zoning of properties.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that at the last Zoning Public Hearing the board was made aware of citizens being told that in order for the Conservation Use to be available to a property it had to be zoned agricultural. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor further stated that several people had requested rezoning because of this requirement.

Larry Lillard, Chief Appraiser, stated that some of his staff had told people they would have to be zoned agricultural in order to qualify for the CUVA. Mr. Lillard further stated that he takes full responsibility for his staff and that the staff involved were under the impression that they were doing the right thing.

Mr. Lillard advised that he has informed his staff that it is not their responsibility to advise anyone with regard to the CUVA, they are simply to take the application, review it for completeness and assist them only if it is needed, gather all of the documentation together and place it on the agenda for the Board of Assessors. Bottom line is that whether a property is approved or disapproved for the CUVA it is determined by the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Lillard then passed out a blank CUVA application and reviewed sections of the application. Mr. Lillard pointed out that not only does the tax assessors have to address a zoning issue, but deed restrictions and covenant restrictions on property being considered under this application. If any of those items are in place with a property that would violate and of these items they are usually considered in the approval or denial of those applications. He repeated that his staff had overstepped their boundaries in the past, but they will not do it again.

Commissioner Miller asked what happened to the citizens that were denied CUVA in 2013.

Mr. Lillard advised that if the CUVA was denied then the application automatically went to the Board of Equalization for consideration. The Board of Equalization would review the application and either make a recommendation to the Board of Assessors to either reconsider their decision to approve it, or they would uphold the decision of the Board of Assessors to deny it. If the applicant disagreed with the Board of Equalization ruling they could appeal that ruling to the Superior Court. If they did not file a timely appeal the denial stands for that tax year.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if an information sheet could be pulled together on the requirement for the CUVA and what is expected of the home owner applying for this consideration. Something that would give people a better understanding of the requirements for CUVA consideration and make it easier for the property owner to understand.

6. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor requests a workshop to address changes to the FLUM (Future Land Use Map) and Overlay Zones.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that the land use for the western part of the county has not developed in the direction that was planned and hoped for when the FLUM was enacted and it is time to take a hard look at the FLUM. Years ago, we felt that the area in western Spalding County out in the Carver Road area would be denser than it has become. The trend in the area appears to be where people are purchasing larger plots of property and the trend seems to be going in a different direction from the plan. She stated that she feels that we really need to reassess our FLUM and redefine where we want density to grow. We need to determine if

there are overlay zones that need to be created because of increased density in terms of village nodes and shopping areas and commercial zones.

Mr. Wilson suggested that she bring this matter up during the Zoning Meeting on Thursday night, and see what type of work that Planning and Development and Mr. Galloway would have to do to prepare for this.

7. Commissioners Ray and Johnson request a workshop to review the Financial Policies concerning RFP Policy and Procedures and a review of the Managed IT Services RFP issued in July, 2014.

Consensus of the Board is to have a work session on the Financial Policies and Procedures and a review of the Managed IT Services RFP immediately following the 800 MHz work session on Monday, November 3rd, 2014.

8. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor would like to discuss departmental dress codes and the County-Wide dress code in Article V Section 16 of the Spalding County Personnel Ordinance.

Consensus of the board was to conduct a work session on November 10, at 1:00p.m. and that all of the department heads who have dress code policies be present and prepared to discuss the policies in place for their department.

9. Consider cancellation of the Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Sessions on November 17 and December 15 due to the holiday season and people travelling during this period of time.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to approve cancellation of the Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Sessions on November 17 and December 15 due to the holiday season and people travelling during this period of time. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- ECG/MEAG Power Economic Development Bus Tour will be in Griffin on November 5th. The purpose of the tour is to showcase our community assets to the GDECD project managers. They will be visiting The Lakes at Green Valley and the UGA campus. Lunch will be at the Chamber at 12:30, any of the commissioners who wish to participate need to contact Kim Grist in David Luckie's office.
- Lt. General Curt Raubun of the Georgia Military College will hold a Q&A with the business community leaders on November 8, 2014 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on the Griffin campus to discuss educational opportunities for the Griffin Community.

GMC is actively engaged in building 2 campuses a year across the State of Georgia.

UGA is hoping to get a large local turnout to show Gen.

Raubun that our community would appreciate having a campus for GMC here. The General is serious about opening campuses and needs to know Griffin/Spalding is supportive.

- Press Release – Recycling Center - Southeastern Paper Recyclers has notified Spalding County that they will no longer be servicing the Spalding County area. However, the County will continue to collect and recycle phonebooks, newspapers and magazines the only change will be where you will deposit these recyclables.

Effective immediately all phonebooks, newspapers and magazines are to be placed in the co-mingled containers at the recycling centers.

- We had 1565 voters the first week of early voting. Early voting is 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and this week we will have Saturday voting from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Zoning Public Hearing, Thursday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
- SPLOST Town Hall Meeting at UGA on Thursday night, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
- Funeral Arrangements for Artemus Hood. Longtime member of the Board of Elections member passed away on Thursday, October 16th. Visitation will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Services will be Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Donations can be made to in the name of Artemus Hood to the Georgia Transplant Foundation or Mt. Zion Baptist Church.
- Bennie Owens, long time member of the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority passed away and his funeral was Saturday, October 18
- GRPA Conference – Jekyll Island Awards Banquet, November 6th, 2014.
- TOPPAN USA, Inc. will be having their ground breaking ceremony on Monday, November 17 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Jacquelyn Suzanne King, daughter of Ross King, executive director of ACCG. The memorial service was held on October 15th and Mr. Wilson attended to represent the County.
- Assistant County Manager job description has been finalized and sent off for ranking then it will be advertised and filled.
- We are waiting on the Warden's job description ranking to be returned and then the Warden position will be advertised.
- Larry Lillard will be leaving us at the end of the year and we are accepting applications for the Chief Appraiser position.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Miller asked if the No Thru Truck zone designation for Vaughn Road applied to a resident of Vaughn Road who owns a dump truck and drives it to their home at night.

Mr. Fortune advised that the No Thru Truck designation applied to all trucks if the truck is not making a delivery on that road they are not supposed to be on the road. At the time the matter was considered the intention was not to cause a hardship to anyone who lived on Vaughn Road, so we might wish to amend that section to make that provision.

Commissioner Miller asked that the matter be brought back up for discussion at the next meeting. He stated that he would notify all of the truck drivers that live on Vaughn Road so that they can be present.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor – No comment.

Commissioner Johnson – No comment.

Commissioner Ray stated the death of Artemus Hood is sad and a loss to the community. His presence will be missed, he was always a gentleman, but he never was one to sidestep an issue. If he thought something was wrong, he did something about it.

Commissioner Ray stated he would like to give an “Atta Boy” to the Public Works Department, for their response to complaints received. Commissioner Ray reported that he had received two separate phone calls giving “Atta Boys” to the Public Works Department for the good job they are doing.

Commissioner Ray stated that the Intergovernmental Retreat was an excellent opportunity for the City, the County, the School System and business leaders within our community to come together. Commissioner Ray further advised that the group was able to start a collaborative leadership involving all three government entities and businesses across town. This collaboration will allow for us better plan and openly discuss matters concerning he community and hopefully save the county money by working together.

Commissioner Ray requested that an item be added to the agenda for the next meeting for consideration of a contribution of \$20,000.00 to the “Archway Program” and asked that the City and the School System join us to provide working capital to continue the collaborative leadership effort.

Commissioner Gardner stated that he would like to echo Commissioner Ray’s sentiments on Artemus Hood and Bennie Owens. Both of these gentlemen did a lot of hard work, volunteering for the citizens of this community and they will be missed.

Commissioner Gardner thanked Larry Lillard and his staff for the work that they do for Spalding County and he wished Mr. Lillard and his wife the very best in their retirement.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***

/s/ _____
Samuel Gardner, Chairman

/s/ _____
William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk