

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, June 2, 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., Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, 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

1. Consider Proclamation declaring Saturday June 14, 2014 as Willie "Muletrain" Lewis Volunteer Day in Spalding County.

Proclamation

“Willie (Muletrain) Lewis Volunteer Day”

WHEREAS, in celebration of an extraordinary individual who through exemplary service and dedication contributed his time and talents to recreational community programs; and

WHEREAS, through his love and passion for the football he mentored and provided financial support for the recreation football program for over 35 years. Mr. Lewis was always there to help the children, including those who “just could not quite get there” on their own; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has been a big part of the Spalding County Community recreational programs since the 1960s when he attended school at Fairmont High School and served as a Life Guard at the Griffin Youth Center, where he also gave swimming lessons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has affected changed in recreation programs through volunteering his time, resources and skills to resolving problems that impact the way programs operated as well as the program outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has always believed that individuals and communities are the center of social change and that God used him to reach others and make their lives better ; and

WHEREAS, the late Willie (Muletrain) Lewis was born on February 20, 1950 to Walter and Mary Lewis Miller. Mr. Lewis was encouraged by and learned of service to others from his parents and the late Emmett and Annie Bankston. He exhibited this service to others until his death on July 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, As a Spalding County Fire Department employee, Mr. Lewis understood and accepted support from the County as they showed appreciation for his volunteering and outside activities during his career with the Department as a firefighter through his last position as Fire Marshall.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, that a copy of this Proclamation recognizing Willie (Muletrain) Lewis’ contributions to Spalding County and commemorating the contributions made through volunteering and service to others be spread upon the minutes of the proceedings of this Board, and that the Board of Commissioners does hereby urge its citizenry to convey their appreciation for the dedication and contributions made by Willie

(Multrain) Lewis to the recreation programs in Spalding County; and that, on this the 2nd day of June, two thousand and fourteen, we do hereby declare **Saturday, June 14, 2014** as

“Willie (Muletrain) Lewis Volunteer Day”

Samuel C. Gardner, Chairman

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Manager

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Proclamation declaring Saturday, June 14, 2014 as Willie “Muletrain” Lewis Volunteer Day in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the ten month period ended April 30, 2014.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the financial statements for the ten month period ended April 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 in favor of the Reunite Training & Counseling, Inc., and Good Samaritans Community Development Group, Inc. Summer Camp program.

Candice Williams, 1457 D.F. Fuller Drive, Griffin, GA
Diametra West, 763 East Broadway, Griffin, GA
Anthony Ramos, 12219 Barney Court, Fayetteville, GA

VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the May 19, 2014 Extraordinary Session and the May 22, 2014 Zoning Public Hearing of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 Extraordinary Session of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, the May 22,

2014 Public Zoning Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading, **Application #13-05Z:** Paul Thomas Jr. and Joyce Addis, Owners -1781 Carver Road (59.121 acres located in Land Lot 87 of the 2nd Land District) requesting a rezoning from R-1, Single Family Residential Low Density, to AR-1, Agriculture and Residential.
2. Consider approval on second reading, **Application #13-05AZ:** Paul Thomas Jr. and Joyce Addis, Owners -1833 Carver Road (3.061 acres located in Land Lot 87 of the 2nd Land District) requesting a rezoning from R-1, Single Family Residential Low Density, to AR-1, Agricultural and Residential.
3. Consider approval on second reading, **Application #13-05BZ:** Paul T. Addis, Jr., Owner Carver Road (42.237 acres located in Land Lot 87 of the 2nd Land District) -requesting a rezoning from R-1, Single Family Residential Low Density, to AR-1, Agricultural and Residential.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items 1, 2 and 3 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Reconsider approval of revised contract with Reunited Training & Counseling, Inc., and Good Samaritans Community Development Group, Inc.

Mr. Wilson advised that the amended contract is for one location within the county, City Park. Mr. Ramos' request is on the Board of Education agenda for Tuesday night to finalize his agreement for A.Z. Kelsey. They have submitted their certificate of insurance and that is approved. The only item remaining is the background checks that Parks and Recreation needs to do on his employees and Mr. Ramos is going to send that information to Kelly Leger tomorrow.

AMENDMENT TO
BUSINESS CONTRACT
DATED February 28, 2014

Business Contract ("Contract") Between

Spalding County, a political
subdivision of the State of Georgia
("Client")

and

Reunited Training and Counseling, Inc. and Good
Samaritans Community Development Group, Inc
("Contractor")

WHEREAS, Spalding County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, (hereinafter referred to as "client"), and Reunited Training and Counseling, Inc. and Good Samaritans Community Development Group, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor") have previously entered into a contract dated February 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the services to be provided by the Contractor has changed; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to amend the contract dated February 28, 2014, to reflect this change of circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed between the parties that the contract dated February 28, 2014 is hereby amended by striking from paragraph B. (2), Fairmont Park Community Center, 241 Blanton Street, Griffin, Georgia 30223 and AMBUCS, 1110 Highfalls Road, Griffin, Georgia 30223.

All other terms and conditions of the contract remain in full force and effect.

This _____ day of May, 2014.

SIGNATURES CONTINUED ON FOLLOWING PAGE

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
in the presence of

Spalding County Board of
Commissioners

Signature – Samuel C. Gardner
Chairman

Signature – William P. Wilson, Jr.
County Clerk

Reunited Training and Counseling, Inc.

And

Good
Samaritans Community Development
Group, Inc.

Per: _____

Per: _____

Per: _____

Motion/Second by Johnson/Miller to approve the revised contract with Reunited training & Counseling, Inc., and the Good Samaritans Community Development Group, Inc. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request of Life Tabernacle and Praise Church, Inc. to permit a temporary building as a permanent structure.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that the request has been withdrawn they will bring the matter before the Board for consideration in July.

2. Consider request from Oak Hill Baptist Church for an Amplification Permit on June 29, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for their Annual Freedom Festival and Fireworks to be held at 100 Lakeside Road, Williamson, Georgia.

Mr. Williams advised that the application has been through the review process and Community Development recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the request from Oak Hill Baptist Church for an Amplification Permit on June 29, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for their Annual Freedom Festival and Fireworks to be held at 100 Lakeside Road, Williamson, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider request from Henry Warren for an Amplification Permit for an annual horse riding event at 680 S. McDonough Road event on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Williams advised that the application has been through the review process and Community Development recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Miller/Johnson to approve the request from Henry Warren for an Amplification Permit for an annual horse riding event at 680 S. McDonough Road event on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to allow construction of a Disc Golf Course at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and several members of the County Commissioners have been contacted by Jason Stowell representing the Griffin Disc Golf Association who expressed their desire to have a Disc Golf course at Wyomia Tyus Park. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board has met the group several times and the group has made several presentations to that Board. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is recommending that the Board approve installation of the Disc Golf course at Wyomia Tyus Park. Representatives from Parks and Recreation and the Disc Golf group were at the meeting to answer any questions.

T.J. Imberger, Parks Superintendent, advised that there will be no additional staff required, that there is ample parking at the Wyomia Tyus Park to accommodate any additional traffic. The plan is for this course to be a world class course that will host tournaments and those tournaments would be planned around any other tournaments or events at the park. The group will be raising the funds through sponsors to build the course and will fund all of the construction. The construction will be done by the group under the supervision of Parks and Rec or they will pay Parks and Rec to do construction. All of the funding will be through sponsors, no county funds will be expended. In addition, the group will sponsor work days to assist in construction and maintenance of the course throughout the year so there will be no cost to the county.

Mr. Imberger stated this group has also committed to installing practice baskets at some of the other parks within the county to generate interest in the sport.

Commissioner Gardner added that he has reviewed the materials provided by the organization and in addition has performed research on the internet. There appears to be growing interest and participation in this sport and a demand for courses to accommodate the sport.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the recommendation from Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission to allow construction a Disc Golf Course at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider adoption of the FY 2015 Fee Schedule as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Wilson advised that these fees were incorporated into the proposed FY 2015 Budget, he advised that each event increased by approximately \$5.00 and after much discussion the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to send the Schedule to the Board for consideration.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to adopt the FY 2015 Fee Schedule as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor inquired as to the cost for per child for playing football last year.

Kelly Leger, Recreation Superintendent, advised that the department had been asked to charge fees that would recoup all of the cost for programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Departments. We had to take a close look at all of our programs and in the football program we knew that we were under charging for this program and we were having to supplement the fee every season. After analysis we arrived at the figure of \$150.00 per player plus a refundable equipment deposit of \$25.00. We are also asking with this new fees schedule that the amount of money left in our scholarship fund be utilized to offset the increase in fees for the participants this year and perhaps not charge an equipment deposit reducing the figure per player to \$135.00.

There is an association currently forming that will take over the football program at the end of the FY 2014 season. They are getting all of their paperwork in order, shadowing the actions of the Parks and Recreation staff in preparation of the 2014 season so their membership will have a working knowledge of how to handle the program. They are shadowing Park and Recreation staff to learn equipment inventory, reconditioning of equipment, budgeting, coach training and hosting football camps. They have been working very hard to learn what it takes to operate a very successful and expensive sport.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concern over the drastic increase in the cost to play football. She stated that she has seen the cost for recreation programs increase over the years, but there has never been such a drastic increase for any sport.

Mr. Wilson stated that since this is the last year that the county will be hosting this sport that Parks and Recreation has requested

the use of their entire scholarship fund to supplement the increase to the individual participants. If the board approves the used of the entire scholarship the participant cost could be reduced to \$135.00 per child. The football scholarship program is the only program of this type that the county offers.

Ms. Leger stated that once the athletic association has their non-profit status that they can start raising funds to build a scholarship fund to offset the cost of the football program for next year. The associations are required to submit a budget and account for their actions during the entire season. The money in the current Parks and Recreation budget will be used to refurbish and recertify equipment, repair or replace damaged uniforms so that they will be ready to turn over to the association so that they can start their season with equipment that is ready to play with that is safe and up to par. Next year the association will be responsible for refurbish, replacement and recertification of all the equipment.

Commissioner Ray stated that he sympathizes with the number of the children this action may affect; however, when you look at the budget requirements that we have to face as Spalding County Government, the priorities that we have to facilitate and things that are mandated by State and Federal agencies. When you think about public safety, law enforcement, fire safety and things of that nature, priorities need to be with the mandated safety items. Commissioner Ray added that he does regret that these actions are effecting the youth of our community, but we cannot continue to provide services that we cannot afford. It is a hard line and I hate that the children of the county may be affected, but I have to take the priority of mandated public safety over recreational sports.

Motion failed 2-3 (Flowers-Taylor/Johnson/Miller).

Commissioner Miller stated that he is not in favor of not charging a deposit for the equipment. He stated that it takes months to get the equipment back and if a deposit for the equipment is received there is an incentive for the equipment to be returned at the end of the season.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve the fee schedule as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and to authorize the Finance Department to move an additional \$3,500.00 from the Commissioners Contingency account into the scholarship fund to offset the price of the increase in fees for FY 2014 football season and a deposit for equipment will be charged to each participant. Motion carried 3-2 (Gardner/Ray).

6. Consider request of Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for approval of Facility Use Policy and incorporation of said policy into the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Rules & Regulations.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has been working on this policy for several years. This establishes an official policy for who can utilize the facilities at no charge and puts that in official policy language, approval is recommended.

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve the request of the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for approval of Facility Use Policy and incorporation of said policy into the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Rules & Regulations.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked why there were some organizations or individuals grandfathered into this proposal.

Ms. Leger stated that the committee appointed a subcommittee to research the usage of Parks and Recreation facilities by organizations in the community. The subcommittee noted that continually the same organizations would use our facilities to provide community serving events. The same names kept reoccurring so that subcommittee made the recommendation to the advisory committee that these organizations/individuals be grandfathered due to their commitment to hosting community minded activities that are open to the public.

Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).

7. Consider proposals for audit services for Fiscal Years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, stated that a RFP for audit services went out in April, 2014 and in May 5 responses to the RFP had been received. The request for proposal asked for a technical bid and a sealed cost proposal. The Chairman, Mr. Wilson and ASD were the evaluation committee and used an evaluation criteria form to rank the proposals. Each criteria of the proposal was evaluated and given points that could accrue to a maximum of 100 points for the technical score. The cost proposal was ranked from lowest cost receiving a score of (5) to highest cost receiving a score of (1). The proposals were evaluated individually and then compiled as a group. Ms. Garrison stated that there is a bid chart included in the agenda package reflecting the scores for each respondent.

The technical scores were combined, then the sealed cost proposals were opened and their score added to the technical scores. Mauldin and Jenkins received the highest score. The staff recommendation is that Mauldin and Jenkins be approved for audit services. In addition to the high score for Mauldin and Jenkins they have an added value in that they proved up to 30 CPE hours free to anyone from Spalding County who would want to attend.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Miller to approve audit services for Fiscal Years 2014, 2015 and 2016 be awarded to Mauldin & Jenkins as recommended. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider approval on first reading an ordinance amending the FY 2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for yearend budget amendments.

Mr. Wilson stated that most of the adjustments reflected were for reinstatement of the Good Friday and Memorial Days Holiday for

the employees and the remaining was for lease purchase proceeds.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve on first reading an ordinance amending the FY 2014 Budget Ordinance to provide for yearend budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider approval of Addendum to the SAVE (Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements) Program Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Wilson advised that it is required by the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act that all counties use the federal SAVE program to verify the lawful presence of all applicants for “public benefits” there is a \$300.00 annual fee for this service and approval was recommended.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Addendum to the SAVE (Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements) Program Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider authorizing Spalding County Sheriff's Department to apply for a FY 2014 JAG Grant for purchase of Tactical Entry Vests for the Special Operations Unit.

Mr. Wilson advised that the grant is for \$10,749.00 the vests are \$1,200 each and they are asking to purchase 10 of the vests. There are matching funds in their budget to cover the remaining balance. Mr. Wilson stated that the County does apply for the JAG grant every year, this year we purchased stab vests for detention and for the upcoming year we are requesting tactical entry vests for the Special Operations Unit.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray authorize the Spalding County Sheriff's Department to apply for a FY 2014 JAG Grant for the purchase of Tactical Entry Vests for the Special Operations Unit. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Alicia Stratton to expire December 31, 2015.

Mr. Wilson advised that Ann Childress has been nominated by Commissioner Ray to fill the unexpired term of Alicia Stratton on the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Ray to appoint Ann Childress to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Alicia Stratton. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Consider setting a date for a Public Hearing to establish as street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree -Pod 31B.

Mr. Wilson advised that the Public Hearing could take place on Monday, June 16, 2014 during the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Consensus of the Board was to hold the Public Hearing on Monday, June 16, 2014.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

1. ACCAB will meet on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. and they will be reviewing the Barking Dog Ordinance as drafted by the County Attorney.
2. The Griffin-Spalding Transit Feasibility Study Public Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 108 of the Annex Building.
3. Airport Authority, City of Griffin and Spalding County will meet at the City of Griffin City Hall on Monday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. This is a joint meeting of the Airport Authority, The City and the County and hopefully representatives from GDOT will also be attending the meeting.
4. June 16th at 6:00 p.m. will be the first reading of the 2014 Budget Ordinance.
5. June 26th @ 5:45 p.m. will be the second reading of the 2014 Budget Ordinance.
6. June 26th at 6:00 p.m. will be the Zoning Public Hearing.
7. Norfolk Southern Whistle Stop Safety tour is scheduled for June 4th. William Wilson and Raymond Ray will be participating. The train will travel from Barnesville to Jonesboro on Norfolk Southern and reviewing every crossing in Spalding County for safety.
8. SPLOST/LOST collections are up over this same collection period last year.
9. Health and Wellness events – We had to submit a report on how the County utilized Health and Wellness grand funds for last year. We hosted 20 Events that were attended by 519 participants, 15 sets of flyers went out and we expended a total of \$2,800 out of our \$4,000 grant. Those unexpended funds will be carried over to this year.
10. Senior Centers numbers – Every week the Senior Center issues a report on utilization of the center. During the week of week of 5/19-23 we had a total of 358 individuals go through the Senior Center and participated in 787 different events.
11. Novus changes – There will be some changes to the Novus Agenda software, we are upgrading to 4.0 and we will get with everyone to make sure that the new web addresses are placed your iPad and the website will be updated as well. This upgrade this Friday, June 6. They are updating the software at no cost to us.
12. 2014 SPLOST Survey will end Friday, June 6th at noon.

13. 2014 Water Quality Report issued today.

14. Condolences to the family of Officer Kevin Jordan.

- Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8 at Oak Hill Baptist Church Lakeside Drive, Williamson, Georgia.
- Funeral 2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9th, at Oak Hill Baptist Church.

Officer Jordan drove Big Blue for the Senior Center, he did a fantastic job and the seniors are really going to miss Kevin. The County has been asked to provide the bus for the funeral for County, City and School Board officials attending the funeral and has been asked that it be part of the procession. The Board had no problem with the request. Mr. Wilson advised that he would let everyone know where to meet the bus for the funeral.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Miller – Commissioner Miller wanted to know when the barriers were going to be put back up at the reservoir. Mr. Wilson stated that he had received an email from Dr. Keller today stating that he had prepared a work order for reinstallation of barriers and that they were going to make the barrier more substantial and harder for someone to remove.

Commissioner Miller also wanted to know if GDOT representatives and representatives from the FAA would be at the meeting on Monday night. Mr. Wilson stated that he would email Airport Authority Chairman, Dick Morrow, and get back with the Board.

Flowers-Taylor – No comment.

Johnson – Commissioner Johnson wanted to add her condolences to those already expressed this evening to the Kevin Jordan family.

Ray – to send his thoughts and prayers to the Jordan family and the Griffin Police Department for the loss suffered by both. It was a senseless loss of life that should not have happened. He asked that we remember not only the Jordan family, but his extended family with the Griffin Police Department.

Commissioner Ray also wanted to recognize Nolan Blake, a 12 year old boy who has been bravely fighting cancer for the last five years. Unfortunately he lost his fight yesterday and he wanted to extend his condolences to the Blake family. He stated that this young man was a fighter and an inspiration to anyone who knew him.

Gardner – No comment.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***