

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, January 5, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chairman Raymond Ray presiding. Commissioners Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Rita Johnson, Bart Miller and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., County Attorney Stephanie Windham for Jim Fortune and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** led by Vice Chairman Raymond Ray.

II. **INVOCATION** led by Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor.

III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Vice Chairman Raymond Ray.

IV. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.**

1. Election of Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to nominate Commissioner Rita Johnson for the position of Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson nominate Commissioner Bart Miller as Vice-Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

At this point in the meeting Chairman Johnson assumed her position as Chairman to preside over the remainder of the meeting. Chairman Johnson stated that she was humbled and honored to be the Chairman for 2015. She stated that she is looking forward to working with the Board, the County Manager, the attorneys, Kathy, and the appointees and she feels that we will have a successful 2015 asks that everyone work together as a team for the citizens of Spalding County.

V. **APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appointment of County Manager for Calendar Year 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr., County Manager, for Calendar Year 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Appointment of County Clerk for Calendar Year 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr., as County Clerk for Calendar Year 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Appointment of Ex-Officio County Clerk for Calendar Year 2015.

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to reappoint Kathy Gibson, as Ex-Officio County Clerk for Calendar Year 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Appointment of County Attorney for Calendar Year 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint James R. Fortune, Jr. as County Attorney for Calendar Year 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider appointment of County Human Resources Attorney for Calendar Year 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to appoint John Lowery as the County Human Resources Attorney for Calendar Year 2015 on an as needed basis. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider appointment of County Zoning Attorney for Calendar Year 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to appoint to appoint Newton M. Galloway as the County Zoning Attorney for Calendar Year 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

William Wilson introduced Carl Humphrey as the new Warden for the Spalding County Correctional Institute to succeed retiring Warden Jimmy Sikes. Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Humphrey comes to Spalding County with over 30 years of experience, he has held the position of Warden at several institutions including the Georgia Diagnostic Classification Center in Jackson. Mr. Humphrey comes to us with a wealth of experience and he wanted to introduce him to the Board of Commissioners and welcome him to Spalding County.

Mr. Humphrey stated that he is glad to be with Spalding County and thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity.

VII. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VIII. 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 an Animal Control Ordinance to Spay/Neuter and licensing of animals in Spalding County:

Naomi White, 118 Newton Circle, Griffin, GA
Kerri Gebler, 646 MacArthur, Griffin, GA
Susan Brigden, 429 Tallulah Drive, Griffin, GA

Barbara Panick, 110 Magic Lily, Griffin, GA
Kay Stepler, 447 Tallulah Drive, Griffin, GA
Basia Davis, 421 Tallulah Drive, Griffin, GA
Brit Harper, 823 Dusky Sap Court, Griffin, GA
John Garrett, 110 Alliva Court, Griffin, GA
Gayle Hawbaker, 1121 Satilla Court, Griffin, GA
Daryl Williams, 834 Dusky Sap Court, Griffin, GA
Jean Williams, 534 Moore Street, Griffin, GA

Spoke about the Spalding County Youth Football Program:

Donald Driver, 534 Moore Street, Griffin, GA
Johnny Johnson, 1307 Crossing Place, Griffin, GA

IX. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting, December 29, 2014 Special Call Meeting and the December 29, 2014 Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the Minutes for the December 1, 2014 Regular Meeting, December 29, 2014 Special Call Meeting and the December 29, 2014 Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried 4-0-1(Hawbaker recused himself).

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading of an amendment to the Spalding County Code of Ordinances Division II, Part IX Public Health, Chapter 3A, Spalding County Minimum Housing Code Enforcement.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to approve on second reading an amendment to the Spalding County Code of Ordinances Division II, Part IX Public Health, Chapter 3A, Spalding County Minimum Housing Code Enforcement. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Lift from the table consideration of an appointment to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board to fill the unexpired term of Megan Oliver which expires December 31, 2016.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to lift from the table consideration of an appointment to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board to fill the unexpired term of Megan Oliver which expires December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider appointment to McIntosh Trail Community Services Board to fill the unexpired term of Megan Oliver which expires December 31, 2016 that was tabled at the meeting on December 1, 2014.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that Joe Ward, Jr, 139 Carriage Trace, Griffin, GA had been nominated by Chairman Johnson on January 5, 2015 to fill the unexpired term of Megan Oliver on the McIntosh Trail Community Services Board and that is the only nomination for consideration.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to appoint Joe Ward, Jr. to the McIntosh Trail Community Services Board to fill the unexpired term of Megan Oliver which expires December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision - Pod 31C.

Mr. Wilson advised that Pod 31C has been reviewed by the Community Development Department and by the Public Works Department all departments have recommended the acceptance of the final plat.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the final plat for Sun City Peachtree Subdivision, Pod 31C. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider acceptance of the Right-of-Way Deed for Bentgrass Court (Pod 31C Sun City Peachtree Subdivision).

Mr. Wilson stated this is the street within Pod 31C, it has been inspected by the Public Works Department and does carry the two year warranty that we require, acceptance is recommended.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to accept the Right-of-way Deed for Bentgrass Court (Pod 31C Sun City Peachtree Subdivision). Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of new 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Consumption on Premises for:
 - Chandla Reid – Joe’s Sports Café, LLC, 3031 North Expressway - Beer.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is a new business and the request is for a new alcohol license. This is for a beer license and all requirements have been met for the license, staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Consumption on Premises for Chandla Reid, Joe's Sports Cafe, LLC, 3931 North Expressway, for consumption of Beer only. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of new 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Consumption on Premises for:
 - Joseph T. Matheny, Sequoia Golf Peachtree, LLC, d/b/a Sun City Peachtree Golf Club, 250 Del Webb Blvd – Beer, Wine and Liquor.

Mr. Wilson stated at the meeting on December 1, 2014 the Board approved the 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for the Sequoia Golf Club. The management has changed and the name on the license needs to be changed, so the new manager came in and applied for a license. The previous manager worked there through New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day and the new manager now needs a license.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve a 2015

Alcohol Beverage License for Consumption on Premises for Joseph T. Matheny, Sequoia Golf Peachtree, LLC, d/b/a Sun City Peachtree Golf Club, 250 Del Webb Blvd, for Beer, Wine and Liquor. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider approval of new 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Retail Sale of Beer for:
- Samina Kabani - FPK, Inc. d/b/a Super Food located at 2529 Old Atlanta Road.

Mr. Wilson advised that they had a 2014 Alcohol license, but failed to meet the deadline for submission of their license renewal. Per our code they have to be considered as a new application. All documents has been provided and approval of the 2015 license is recommended.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/ Miller to approve a 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Retail Sale of Beer for Samina Kabani, FPK, Inc. d/b/a/ Super Food located at 2529 Old Atlanta Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider approval of new 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for the following:
- Tushar Patel - Royal Store, LLC d/b/a/ Exxon Food Mart located at 2295 U.S. Highway 41 (North Expressway)

Mr. Wilson advised that this location has changed ownership and this is a new license for this location. Mr. Wilson stated that for this location staff is recommending approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve a 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Retail sale of Beer and Wine for Tushar Patel, Royal Store, LLC, d/b/a Exxon Food Mart located at 2295 U.S. Highway 41 (North Expressway). Motion carried unanimously by all.

- Pravinbhai Patel - Jay Vasudev, Inc. d/b/a/ Express Food Mart located at 2903 North Expressway.

Mr. Wilson stated that there is a charge pending in another county against Mr. Pravinbhai Patel for sale of alcohol to a minor. This case is not pending in Spalding County and has not be adjudicated, but there is a charge pending in another Georgia county. Other than that the applicant meets the requirements for the license.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve a 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Retail sale of Beer and Wine for Pravinbhai Patel, Jay Vasudev, d/b/a Express Food Mart located at 2903 North Expressway.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that he had inspected all of the alcoholic beverage license applications presented to the Board this evening. As part of the application each applicant has to sign an affidavit which gives the Sheriff permission to run a criminal background check. The application that they swear to includes the question have you ever been arrested or convicted, he wasn't sure of the exact wording, but this applicant answered the question "no". Commissioner Hawbaker stated that he felt that the applicant wasn't truthful in that there is a charge

pending against the individual in another county.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated she is concerned that when the application was reviewed and we were aware of a charge pending in another county and the applicant responded “no” to the question of being arrested the matter should have been addressed at that time. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor suggested that the application be more specific and possibly modified as to clearly ask the questions:

- Have you been arrested?
- Have you been convicted?

Commissioner Miller asked for the applicant be given the opportunity to come back into the office and modify his application and that upon his application being revised the license be granted.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then rescinded her motion so that it can be amended.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve a new 2015 Alcohol Beverage License for Retail sale of Beer and Wine for Pravinbhai Patel, Jay Vasudev, d/b/a Express Food Mart located at 2903 North Expressway upon the condition that the application be revised prior to issuance of the license. Motion carried 4-1 (Ray).

7. Consider authorizing the Chairman to execute a Quitclaim Deed for the jointly owned Griffin-Spalding County Airport Property to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority.

Mr. Wilson advised that an intergovernmental agreement was signed by the City, the County and the Airport Authority on August 12, 2014 that states that once a deed is prepared, the City and the County will deed the current airport property to the Airport Authority. The document before you is that deed, the City has approved it and they are awaiting our approval.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to authorize the Chairman to execute a Quitclaim Deed for the jointly owned Griffin-Spalding County Airport Property to the Griffin-Spalding County Airport Authority. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider recommendation from the Animal Care and Control Advisory Board to adopt a mandatory Spay and Neuter Ordinance and require registration of all dogs and cats in Spalding County.

Mr. Wilson advised that the attached document is a proposed ordinance, the dates for first and second readings on the cover sheet are in error. This ordinance is a draft for consideration by the Board to move ahead with a Spay and Neuter Ordinance. The first reading would be in February, this document before you is your opportunity to review and have input and determine if you would like to move ahead with a Spay and Neuter Ordinance. The attached draft can be changed before first reading and is the recommendation of the Animal Care and Control Advisory Board to determine where the Board would like to go from here.

Vickie Hennessey, Chairman of the Animal Care and Control Advisory Board, was in attendance to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the proposed Spay and Neuter Ordinance. Also Animal Shelter Supervisor, Brent Foster was in attendance should the Board have any questions.

Ms. Hennessey gave a small speech highlighting the problems caused by animals being allowed to reproduce without control. She stated that population of dogs and cats in the United States currently exceeds the capacity of our society to care and provide homes for them as companion animals. She stated that this is one among many other reasons that the Animal Care and Control Advisory Board has recommended resolution that entails sterilization requirements, unaltered animal permits and annual registration of animals.

Ms. Hennessey stated that responsible pet owners should not have a problem with this ordinance as it will not cost them any more than they already pay to keep their pets healthy. ACCAB is currently working on a plan with the local veterinary association, owners and practice managers, spay mobile units, vaccination clinic spots to have one central website to register all animals that are being seen to have vaccines so they can arrange to have spay and neutering at that time. The registration can be done annually to coincide with the annual rabies vaccination. Ms. Hennessey stated that the ordinance could be complaint driven with possible patrolling of identified "hot spots" or sectors. Ms. Hennessey stated that no additional personnel would need to be added at this time.

Ms. Hennessey stated that at an upcoming ACCAB meeting they will be discussing a communication and education plan that will entail a major communication blitz on social media and in the newspaper, PSA's and a web launch. The PR campaign will include resources of assistance through the new 5013C Friends of Spalding County Animals explaining the Ordinance, Enforcement and all of the options available to help with low cost spay and neuter for families that struggle with financial challenges.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor wanted to know what the incentive was going to be for residents to register their animals. She stated that her biggest concern is in establishing a way for this to happen with no additional cost to the County, she stated that she feels that the registration should go hand in hand with the inoculations of animals. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor further stated that she doesn't want this to be a hardship imposed on the elderly or anyone else with financial challenges. She also stated that the ordinance will need to be enforced not only by the County, but by the City of Griffin who houses their animals at the County Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Hawbaker wanted to be clear on the current policies and practices at the Animal Shelter so that he can better understand the scope of the current problems. He asked if animals were picked up as a direct result of a call or is there any active patrolling done on a day to day basis.

Animal Shelter Supervisor, Brent Foster, advised that the current policy is complaint driven; however, if they receive numerous complaints in a particular area, they will patrol that area several times a day. There are exceptions to the complaint driven policy, but for the most part the animal pick-ups are complaint driven.

Commissioner Hawbaker then inquired as to the current policy in regard to the length of time an animal spends in the Shelter before it is euthanized?

Mr. Foster advised that State law requires only three days for an owner to reclaim their animal; however, the Board allows fourteen and then it is at Mr. Foster's discretion dependent on space.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked if there were any breeds that are automatically euthanized.

Mr. Foster then advised that pit bulls or pit bull mixes can be reclaimed, if you are the owner and only rescue groups can pick them up.

Commissioner Hawbaker then stated that based on what he has heard the Animal Shelter constantly has an over-population problem.

Mr. Foster advised that they are at or above capacity most of the time.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she feels the ordinance is a good start and she likes what it stands for, but she feels there is a need to work on the particulars of how and when registration will be done? You can get rabies shots and other shots that are good for three years, will registration be an annual thing? What is the cost for registering an animal or the costs for an unaltered permit? How will violations be enforced?

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor feels there are still a lot of questions that need to be answered and she hopes that the PR campaign will focus on the reason we are doing this is to make sure that your animals are healthy. And there are options available to assist in helping you to comply with the ordinance.

Mr. Wilson stated that any questions or suggestions could be directed to him and that he would forward them to Mr. Fortune and the ACCAB Board. He further stated that the proposed educational process for the next few months would be beneficial.

9. Consider approval of an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2015 budget ordinance to provide for donations for construction of a disk golf course at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park.

Mr. Wilson advised that this ordinance is record a donation of a little over \$8,000 to be used for construction of a disk golf course at Wyomia Tyus Park.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2015 budget ordinance to provide for donations for construction of a disk golf course at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider establishing a date and time for a workshop to develop a policy for the use of Spalding County Board of Commissioners Official Letterhead Stationary and possible discussion on the Spalding County Park and Recreation Football program.

Mr. Wilson stated that he had suggested Friday, January 16, beginning at 9 a.m.

Consensus of the Board is to have a workshop on Friday, January 16th, to discuss the use of Spalding County Board of Commissioners Official letterhead stationary beginning at 9:00 a.m. and depending on the outcome of the Parks &

Recreation Advisory Board meeting Thursday night a possible discussion of football as well.

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

(a) To succeed Chairman Chipper Gardner as the Chairman's appointment for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Chairman Johnson will succeed Chairman Gardner in this post.

(b) To succeed Robert Parker for a three year term ending December 31, 2017.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to reappoint Robert Parker to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for a three year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

(c) To succeed Tom Gardner for a three year term ending December 31, 2017.

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to reappoint Tom Gardner to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for a three year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

(d) To succeed JoAnne Phinazee for a three year term ending December 31, 2017.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to appoint Clay Davis to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for a three year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion failed 2/3 (Flowers-Taylor/Johnson/Miller).

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to appoint Brian Miller to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for a three year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried 3-2 (Hawbaker/Ray).

12. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Anne Childress to expire December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to appoint Linda Minty to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Anne Childress to expire December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

13. Consider appointments to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

(a) To succeed Paul Beamon for a six month term ending June 30, 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to reappoint Paul Beamon to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a term ending June 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

(b) To succeed Kenny West for a six month term ending June 30, 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to reappoint Kenny West to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a term ending June 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

(c) Barbara Lights to succeed Trudy McDevitt, who retired in 2014, for a two year term ending June 30, 2016.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to appoint Barbara Lights to succeed Trudy McDevitt, who retired in 2014, to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a two year term ending June 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

(d) To succeed Jeff Head for a two year term ending June 30, 2016.

Mr. Wilson advised that this position has historically been held by a representative of the City of Griffin Fire Department; however, the City of Griffin has notified us that they no longer wish to be represented on this Advisory Council. Mr. Wilson requested that the appointment be tabled until we can contact the Region IV EMS and determine who we can place on this Advisory Council.

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker to table the appointment to replace Jeff Head on the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council until such time as it is determined who can replace the City of Griffin representative. Motion carried unanimously by all.

14. 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, 2015.

Chairman Johnson designated Commissioner Ray to continue to serve on this Authority.

(b) To succeed Eddie Grogan for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint Eddie Grogan to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority for a four year term ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

15. Consider appointments to the Board of Appeals & Adjustments Unsafe Building Abatement Code.

(a) To succeed Charles Penney for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint Charles Penney to the Board of Appeals & Adjustments Unsafe Building Abatement Code for a four year term ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (b) To succeed Fred Edwards for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to reappoint Fred Edwards to the Board of Appeals & Adjustments Unsafe Building Abatement Code for a four year term ending December 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all.

16. Consider appointment appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Animal Care & Control Advisory Board.

- (a) To succeed Brent Foster as the Animal Shelter Supervisor appointment for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint Brent Foster as the Animal Shelter Supervisor to the Griffin-Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (b) To succeed Donna Grant (Post #2) for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Mr. Wilson advised that there was no nomination from Post #2 for this position. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then nominated Kerri Gebler for the post appointment.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to appoint Kerri Gebler to the Griffin-Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board Post #2 to fill the unexpired term of Donna Grant ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (c) To succeed Vickie Hennessey (Post #4) for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Miller requested that Vickie Hennessey be reappointed for the Griffin-Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory board for a term of one year ending December 31, 2015.

- (d) To succeed Pat McDaniel (Post #3) for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Chairman Johnson appointed Gayle Hawbaker to replace Pat McDaniel as the Post #3 representative to the Griffin-Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

- (e) To succeed David Melton (Post #1) for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor reappointed David Melton to represent Post #1 on the Griffin-Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

- (f) To succeed Daryl Williams (Post #5) for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Hawbaker reappointed Daryl Williams to represent Post #5 on the Griffin-Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

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

- (a) Chairman or designee succeed Commissioner Rita Johnson.

Chairman Johnson stated that she would like to continue to serve on the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a one year term ending December 31-2015.

- (b) County Manager to succeed William P. Wilson, Jr. for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor/Miller reappointed County Manager, William P. Wilson, Jr. to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

- 18. 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, 2015.

Chairman Johnson designated Commissioner Raymond Ray to continue serving on the Spalding County Board of Health for a one year term to expire December 31, 2015.

- 19. 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 ending December 31, 2015.

Chairman Johnson expressed her desire to continue on the Griffin Downtown Council-Main Street Advisory Board for a one year term to expire on December 31, 2015.

- 20. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors to succeed William Murray for a six year term ending December 31, 2020.

Mr. Wilson advised that there are currently four nominations in the book for this appointment:

- (a) Bill Murray was nominated by Commissioner Ray on December 2, 2014

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to reappoint Bill Murray to the Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors for a six year term ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that he has no problem with Mr. Murray as an individual; however, in his law practice he has over the past two years dealt with many tax appeals and he had discovered gross inequities not only in his district, but in other parts of the

county. Commissioner Hawbaker stated that Mr. Murray was approached by members of the Board of Equalization in an attempt to educate him on matters that needed to be fixed and the individual was told to “mind his own business.” Commissioner Hawbaker stated that although he does respect Mr. Murray as a real estate broker, he does feel that we need new representation on the Board of Tax Assessors.

Vote failed 1-4 (Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor/Miller/Johnson).

- (b) Larry W. Lillard, Sr. was nominated by Commissioner Miller on December 12, 2014.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to appoint Larry W. Lillard, Sr. to the Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors for a six year term ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that during the course of the tax appeals, Mr. Lillard exhibited great tenacity in defending the findings of the Tax Assessors Office. He then stated the reason he opposes the appointment is because it is not good business to put someone who is the immediate predecessor to the new Chief Appraiser in a position overseeing the new Chief Appraiser.

Vote failed 2-3 (Hawbaker/Ray/Johnson).

- (c) Johnnie A. McDaniel was nominated by Commissioner Hawbaker on December 15, 2014.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Johnson to appoint Johnnie A. McDaniel to the Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors for a six year term ending December 31, 2020. Vote carried 3-2 (Flowers-Taylor/Miller).

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

- (a) Chair or designee to succeed Commissioner Bart Miller for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Chairman Johnson reappointed Bart Miller as designee to serve on the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2014.

- (b) To succeed Fire Chief Kenny West for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to reappoint Kenny West to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (c) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Samuel Gardner for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Chairman Johnson appointed Commissioner Hawbaker as designee to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Chairman Johnson also appointed Commissioner Hawbaker as designee to represent Spalding County at the Atlanta Regional Commission for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

- (d) To succeed Eddie Freeman for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint Eddie Freeman to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (e) To succeed Chad Jacobs for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint Chad Jacobs to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (f) To succeed William P. Wilson, Jr. for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr. to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (g) To succeed Sheriff Wendell Beam for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint Sheriff Wendell Beam to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (h) To succeed Todd Harris, School System Representative, for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to reappoint Todd Harris to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

22. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals.

- (a) To succeed Curtis L. Keys, Jr. (Post #2) for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Ray reappointed Curtis L. Keys, Jr. to represent Post #2 on the Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

- (b) To succeed William R. "Billy" Slaughter (Post #5) for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Hawbaker reappointed William R. "Billy"

Slaughter to represent Post #5 on the Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

- 23.** Consider appointment to Workforce Development A Division of Three Rivers Regional Commission formerly the West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board to succeed Samuel C. "Chipper" Gardner for a term to expire 12/31/2015.

Chairman Johnson will succeed Samuel C. Gardner for a term to expire 12/31/2015 on the Workforce Investment Board as Chairman.

- 24.** Consider the appointments to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children

- (a) To succeed Rita Johnson for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Chairman Johnson appointed Commissioner Miller to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Family and Children Services for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

- (c) To succeed Irma Lewis (Law Enforcement Representative) for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to reappoint Irma Lewis as the Law Enforcement Representative to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Family and Children Services for a one year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- 25.** Consider appointments to the Two Rivers R C & D Council.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Samuel Gardner for a one year term to expire 12/31/2015.

Chairman Johnson appointed Commissioner Hawbaker to the Two Rivers RC & D Council for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

- (b) Alternate member to succeed William P. Wilson, Jr. for a one year term to expire 12/31/2015.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to reappoint William P. Wilson, Jr. as the alternate member to the Two Rivers RC & D Council for a one year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- 26.** 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, 2015.

Commissioner Johnson reappointed Commissioner Flowers-Taylor to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory commission for a one year term

ending December 31, 2015.

- (b) Post 5 to succeed Jessie Griffin, who resigned from the Board for the unexpired term ending 12/31/2015.

Commissioner Hawbaker appointed Cass Robinson to fill the unexpired term of Jessie Griffin for Post #5 on the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission expiring on December 31, 2015.

- 27. Consider appointments to the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Raymond Ray for a one year term ending 12/31/2015.

Chairman Johnson reappointed Commissioner Ray to the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

- 28. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board.

- (a) To succeed James Campbell for a three year term ending December 31, 2017.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to reappoint James Campbell to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- (b) To succeed Lewis Patterson for a three year term ending December 31, 2017.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Ray to reappoint Lewis Patterson to the Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all.

- 29. Consider appointments 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, 2015.

Chairman Johnson reappointed Commissioner Flowers-Taylor to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority for a one year term ending December 31, 2015.

- 30. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Planning Commission.

- (a) To succeed Bruce Ballard (Post #2) for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Ray reappointed Bruce Ballard as the Post #2 representative on the Spalding County Planning Commission for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

- (b) To succeed Ed Johnson (Post #5) for a four year term ending December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Hawbaker appointed Walter L. Cox as the Post #5 representative on the Spalding County Planning Commission for the four year term ending December 31, 2018

XIII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Mr. Wilson stated that during the intergovernmental retreat we talked about a Hotel Conference Center and developing an RFP for a Hotel Conference Center in coordination with the City of Griffin and the Development Authority. The City of Griffin is moving ahead with preparing that RFP. He and Chad Jacobs will be going to Carrollton tomorrow with Development Authority members and City of Griffin members to see a Hotel Conference Center that is being built over there.
- Semi parking in Residential Neighborhoods: Mr. Wilson stated that he has sent everyone information on this, we are having problems throughout the County. We probably need at having a workshop or more discussion on the matter. This item will be placed on the February agenda to consider a workshop date.
- SPLOST/LOST collections for November.
SPLOST Collections for November were \$703,816.51 or 3.84% above collections for the same period last year.

LOST Collections for November were \$418,887.82 or 3.99% above collections for the same period last year.

The SPLOST did cease on December 31st and vendors have been notified as required by the Department of Revenue. We did advertise in the newspapers contiguous to Spalding County and the Department of Revenue notified everyone.
- We received notice from the Georgia Emergency Management agency that Spalding County has receive the EMPG Grant. The funds from the Emergency Management Performance Grant will be used for a backup generator for the Gary Reid Fire
- We need to have a workshop to discuss what we are going to do about the Hill Street, North Side Drive and Tuskegee Intersection Improvements. There are preliminary plans to be reviewed and with your permission I will place this on a future work session. We need to decide how we want to move forward, the Board has only approved preliminary drawings and cost estimates. The City of Griffin approved a roundabout at that intersection, but the County has not.
- We received an email from Robert Mohl and it has been distributed to all of the Commissioners about getting the word out to locally owned Minority Businesses and the need to be certified through the State of Georgia's Unified Certification Program in order to be considered for work on the new airport.
- The Cooperative Extension received numerous awards at this year's 2014 Extension Staff Awards.

- The Griffin Spalding Chamber of Commerce will hold their 102nd Annual Dinner Meeting on January 15th. Mr. Wilson advised that he has the information for anyone who would like to attend, the tickets are \$50.00 per person.
- Mr. Wilson advised that once we get the new Chief Appraiser into position, the Board wanted to have a workshop to discuss Common Areas and the valuation of Common Areas, this is a future workshop that needs consideration and it will be placed on the February agenda.
- The Board had requested that staff meet and discuss the limitation of animals and changing the zoning ordinance. Mr. Wilson sent to the Board the consensus of the group was to limit the number of animals, cats or dogs, to four per piece of property regardless of the number of acres. He hasn't heard anything back from the Commissioners so that is still out there.
- Intergovernmental Retreat report was sent out to the Board last week and it was mentioned that we might need a work session on moving ahead with the Archways Project once the presentation is done by Mel Garber in February.

XIV. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hawbaker – Nothing

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor

- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked the County Manager if we ever got anything straightened out with regard to Animal Control picking up deceased animals from local vets at no charge.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor also wanted to know if at the retreat on January 24th there would be any type of finance budgeting workshop included as part of the retreat. She stated that since our employees have not had any type of raise in a very long time and we are currently having problems acquiring and keeping quality people, we really need to do something different.

Mr. Wilson advised that he will be meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman this week to review a draft agenda for the retreat. Employment, benefits and raises are major topics for the retreat. Also, Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be there to talk about their Wellness Program and Matt Bidwell will be there to give his annual report to the Commissioners on health insurance. Mr. Wilson stated that as far as the Financial Report, we have the auditor coming to the February 2nd meeting to present the audit. Mr. Wilson also advised that he is working with Animal Control to determine when the picking up of dead animals at veterinary clinics was authorized and who authorized it.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if the new Assistant County Manager and the restructuring of job duties would be presented at the retreat. Mr. Wilson stated that final interviews will be held this Thursday and Friday of the top three candidates and the new Assistant County Manager will be at the retreat.

Commissioner Ray – Nothing.

Commissioner Miller

- Commissioner Miller asked for an update on the 800 MHz system and the City’s response to our last proposal. Commissioner Miller stated that it is time the City makes a decision and the County stops giving in.
- Commissioner Miller also wanted an update on the sale of unused property. How many parcels do we have and how many acres can be put back onto the tax digest if we sell the property.

Mr. Wilson advised that 800 MHz Phase II is ready to be implemented within the next 60 days. He advised that the last item the Board voted on was to go back to the City with the original contract. He also advised that a committee has been formed of users of the system and will be meeting next week. Both 800 MHz and CAD users will be attending the meeting. Kenny Smith does attend that meeting so he will get the Board information on the 800 MHz at that time.

Chairman Johnson

- Chairman Johnson stated that many of the surrounding counties have a designated workshop once a month and she feels that this would be beneficial for Spalding County as well. She further stated that this would probably help the decision making process for the Board.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

The County Manager requests an Executive Session for discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4).

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to enter into Executive Session for discussion of future acquisition of real estate as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4). Motion carried unanimously. The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:28 p.m.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to close the Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion /Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the purchase of Parcel #060-01-11A. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to adjourn. Motion carried unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

/s/ _____
Rita Johnson, Chairman

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