

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, April 6, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Raymond Ray, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, County Attorney, Jim Fortune, Administrative Services Director, Jinna Garrison, Superintendent of Recreation, Kelly Leger and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.

- I. **OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** by Chairman Rita Johnson.
- II. **INVOCATION** led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker.
- III. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Commissioner Bart Miller.
- IV. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**
 1. Consider approval of a Proclamation celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor read the Proclamation and Deacon Ernest Wimbush, Jr. representing Macedonia Baptist Church asked that the Commissioner for his district present the proclamation to the church on Sunday, September 27, 2015, marking the 150th Anniversary of this church.

Proclamation

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

- WHEREAS:** Macedonia Baptist Church was established under a Brush Arbor by the church elders and a small group of saints in 1865, and
- WHEREAS:** In 1859 the land at 4144 Old Atlanta Road, Pomona, Georgia, where the church now stands was purchased and in 1890 Reverend John Henry Moore was installed as the first Pastor called to lead God's people, and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout the history of Macedonia Baptist Church there have been several ministers who have accepted the call, the most recent being Reverend Gregory Tyler, Sr. who was called to minister in 2006 and currently serves as pastor, and
- WHEREAS:** Macedonia Baptist Church has, over the years, endeavored to change the world one person at a time as directed by Matthew 28:19-20, by effectively teaching, preaching and ministering the word of God, and
- WHEREAS:** Macedonia Baptist Church is a friendly church where everyone is welcome and Christ is All, and
- WHEREAS:** 2015 marks the 150th Anniversary of Macedonia Baptist Church in Pomona, Georgia and, in honor of this occasion, the Macedonia Baptist Church congregation will celebrate this memorable occasion on September 27, 2015, and

WHEREAS: The members of Macedonia Baptist Church give God all the glory, and will celebrate 150 years and still growing strong, and

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, do hereby congratulate the Macedonia Baptist Church on the celebration of its 150th Anniversary of community service to the Griffin and Spalding County area, and offer sincere best wishes for many more years of thriving fellowship to all the members of its congregation.

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

Rita Johnson, Chairperson

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

2. Consider approval of a Proclamation designating April 2015 as Donate Life Month in Spalding County, Georgia.

Chairperson Rita Johnson read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Wayne Johnson, who was the Spalding County Administrator from 1979 to 1991, and is a liver transplant recipient.

Proclamation

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

WHEREAS: one of the most meaningful gifts that a human being can bestow upon another is the gift of life; and

WHEREAS: more than 123,000 men, women and children await life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplants, of which over 5,000 reside in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: the need for organ, eye, and tissue donation grows daily as a new patient is added to the national waiting list for an organ transplant every 11 minutes; and

WHEREAS: the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 18 people die daily due to the lack of available organs; and

WHEREAS: organ, eye, and tissue donation can provide families the comfort of knowing the gift of donate organs and tissue endows another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and

WHEREAS: donating life through organ, eye, and tissue donation is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness we, Spalding County, Georgia, citizens can perform; and

WHEREAS: LifeLink of Georgia is the non-profit, community service organization dedicated to the recovery of high quality organs and tissues for transplantation therapy; and

WHEREAS: Spalding County, Georgia supports LifeLink of Georgia's life-saving mission; and

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED That I, Rita Johnson, Chairperson of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as

“DONATE LIFE MONTH”

In Spalding County, Georgia to honor those who made the decision to give the gift of life, to focus attention on the extreme need for organ, eye and tissue donation, to encourage all residents to take action and sign up on Georgia’s Donor Registry at www.donatelifegeorgia.org, to discuss the miracle of transplantation as a family, and to make a family commitment to organ, eye and tissue donation.

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Mr. Wayne Johnson stated that he accepted the Proclamation and the thought behind it. He advised that a little over 7 years ago, a young man in Atlanta, Georgia lost his life and as a result he received a liver, as he had cancer of the liver and was on the donor list. He stated that he received this young man’s liver and has been doing quite well for the last seven years.

Mr. Johnson stated that on behalf of himself and other transplant patients and their families in Spalding County he accepted the Proclamation. He added that there are others in Spalding County currently awaiting transplants and some who will die while they are waiting. Mr. Johnson extended his thanks to those individuals who have agreed to donate their organs upon their death to extend the lives of those currently awaiting transplants.

3. Consider Proclamation declaring April 25, 2015 as World Tai Chi and Qigong Day in Spalding County.

Commissioner Donald Hawbaker read the proclamation and presented to Ms. Eva Schmidler who was present to receive the Proclamation.

Proclamation

WORLD OF TAI CHI AND QIGONG DAY

WHEREAS: The health and welfare of our citizens is a primary concern and we encourage all Spalding County residents to engage in good health practices: and,

WHEREAS: Tai Chi is beneficial to all ages by reducing stress, helping to recover faster from injury, improving balance, increasing energy, coordination and flexibility and developing the mind-body connection; and,

WHEREAS: Harvard Health Publication has called Tai Chi a “moving medication” for all the myriad health issues it has been proven to help with: and,

WHEREAS: World Tai Chi and Qigong Day is a global event celebrated in more than 80 countries on the last Saturday in April: and,

WHEREAS: Citizens can view demonstrations and experience Tai Chi basics at The Park at Sixth on April 25, at 9 a.m. and help create “a wave of healing energy around the world” now,

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED That the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, joins with the Spalding County Parks and Recreation Department in recognizing Saturday, April 25, 2015 as

“WORLD OF TAI CHI AND QIGONG DAY”

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

Rita Johnson, Chairperson

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Eva Schmidler stated that they appreciate the support that Spalding County has given the organization and she invited everyone at the meeting to experience the health effects that Tai Chi and Qigong can offer.

4. Consider a proclamation recognizing Cronic Chevrolet Buick GMC for 40 years of service to Spalding County and the surrounding area by declaring April 7, 2015 as Cronic Chevrolet Buick GMC Day in Spalding County.

Chairperson Johnson read the Proclamation and presented the Proclamation to Wanda Cronic-Howell the daughter of the founders.

Proclamation

TO RECOGNIZE FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE BY CRONIC CHEVROLET BUICK GMC

WHEREAS: Cronic Chevrolet Buick GMC was begun by J.A. and Freda Cronic in 1975 and has been committed to providing excellent service, quality products and fair prices for all consumers in Griffin, Spalding County, and the entire Southern Crescent area for the past forty (40) years; and,

WHEREAS: Starting with one dealership in downtown Griffin, selling one car line (Chevrolet), the Cronic Automotive Group has grown to include three dealerships on both side of the North Expressway

representing eight new car franchises (Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Nissan, Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, RAM); and,

WHEREAS: All three Cronic dealerships continue to operate on the same proven principles and goals established by the Cronic's forty (40) years ago and that time-tested tradition of excellence is carried on today by dealer, Wanda Cronic Howell, the daughter of the founders; and,

WHEREAS: It is appropriate to set aside a day to recognize the four decades of service provided to this community by this corporate citizen and to allow all local citizens to express their thanks and convey their appreciation for the outstanding service to and support for our community, not only in the area of new and used vehicles and service, but also as a valuable supporter of the area arts organizations, civic clubs, youth activities, religious causes and local family events; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT RESOLVED** that the Spalding County Board of Commissioners join with the citizens of Spalding County in recognizing the Cronic Automotive Group on their commitment to our Community and declare the 7th day of April, 2015, as

“CRONIC CHEVROLET BUICK GMC DAY”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County to be affixed this, the 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand fifteen.

Rita Johnson, Chairperson

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Ms. Cronic-Howell accepted the Proclamation on the behalf of her parents and all of the employees of the Cronic Corporation. Ms. Cronic-Howell stated that they have a wonderful team and appreciate the recognition.

5. Recognition of the 2015 Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism nominees and presentation of the 2015 Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism.

Kelly Leger, Superintendent of Recreation, gave a short history on the Bain Proctor Award and introduced the two nominees for the 2015 Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism:

Ms. Marie Clark was nominated as a volunteer at Brightmoor Hospice since April 2013. She is retired from the Spalding County Tag Office and also volunteers at her church. Ms. Clark's unique ability to connect with all types of patients and families makes her an asset to Brightmoor Hospice the care team. Ms. Clark is the type of person that you can always count on whether it is visiting with patients, providing respite for families or assisting with the bereavement team. Ms. Clark has truly made a difference in her devotion to patients and their families.

Mr. Lamar Jones whose nomination reads "perhaps the greatest gift that one can give is time." Mr. Jones has dedicated 32 years of his job providing our community with fire safety and protection services. While a fireman in early 1970 he was asked by a fellow fireman to help with a Babe Ruth league team. The following year, Lamar took the team full time and has continued since then participating in the leagues with baseball. Mr. Jones

has been involved with the Babe Ruth League, Dixie League, and little league in Spalding County for 44 years. Mr. Lamar Jones was awarded the 2015 Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism.

Mr. Jones then thanked everyone for the award. He stated that he is a born again Christian and that he believes God gives everyone a talent or gift which are different depending on the person. He stated that he believes that God gave him the talent and the gift to coach baseball, to take care of the younger people and lead them in the right direction.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve items 1 through 5 under Presentations and Proclamations. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the seven months ended February 28, 2015.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, was present to answer any question the Board may have with regard to the financial statements.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the financial statements for the eight month period ending February 28, 2015. 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 against closing the Collection Centers:

LouAnn Collier, 121 Valley Drive, Griffin, GA

Thomas Martin, 312 Stonewood, Griffin, GA

Charles Rucks, 6209 Newnan Road, Brooks, GA, in addition he asked that the County work on getting a brush truck for the Fire Department.

Bobby Peurifoy, 917 South McDonough Road, Griffin, GA

Joe Bailey, 4079 Newnan Road, Griffin, GA

Dwayne G. Phillips, 123 Amberwoods Lane, Griffin, GA

Spoke against another SPLOST:

James Brooks, 1218 Rehoboth Church Road, Griffin, GA

Spoke regarding the budget:

Joe Bailey, 4079 Newnan Road, Griffin, GA

VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes for the March 16, 2015 Extraordinary Session, March 26, 2015 Zoning Public Hearing and March 27, 2015 Special Called Meeting of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Minutes for the March 16, 2015 Extraordinary Session, March 26, 2015 Zoning Public Hearing and March 27, 2015 Special Called Meeting of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners. Vote carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval on second reading Application #14-05Z: Bankston Properties, LLC, Owner – Spalding County Board of Commissioners, Agent - Williamson Road (30.366 acres located in Land Lot(s) 76 and 77 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a rezoning to O & I, Office and Institutional.

William Wilson, County Manager, stated that the first reading was last year and made the approval contingent upon the City of Griffin De-annexing this property. The City has De-annexed the property and this is the second reading of the ordinance to provide for a Veterans Facility to be located on the property.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve on second reading Application #14-05Z: Bankston Properties, LLC, Owner – Spalding County Board of Commissioners, Agent - Williamson Road (30.366 acres located in Land Lot(s) 76 and 77 of the 2nd Land District) - requesting a rezoning to O & I, Office and Institutional. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request from the Spalding County Fire Department to apply for the FY 2015 Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to purchase enhanced smoked detectors for the hearing impaired in our community.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is a 100% funded grant and there is no match required for this grant. All grants must come before the Board of Commissioners and staff recommends approval for solicitation of this grant.

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve the request from the Spalding County Fire Department to apply for the FY 2015 Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to purchase enhanced smoked detectors for the hearing impaired in our community. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider resolution authorizing contract with Georgia Department of Human Services for the FY 2016 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

Mr. Wilson advised that the County had received notification from Three Rivers Regional Commission that the FY2016 Grant which runs from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 is ready to be applied for and the contract amount is \$110,440.00 which is for the same amount as last year. This grant is used for home delivered meals, after school summer tutoring programs and grant administration.

**CSBG RESOLUTION TO
CONTRACT SPALDING
COUNTY AND THE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners desire to provide services to assist underprivileged families throughout the County of Spalding; and

WHEREAS, a project application plan has been prepared for submission to the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide funding for services made available through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, this plan includes proposed services relative to Nutrition and Education Programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Board to contract for said services under the Community Services Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County that the Board intends to contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide CSBG Services within Spalding County for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Eligible services shall be made available through the provisions of the FFY'2016 CSBG Program.

This _____ day of April 2015.

Rita Johnson, Chairperson
Spalding County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

COUNTY CLERK

(County Seal)

Motion/Second by Ray/Johnson to approve a resolution authorizing contract with Georgia Department of Human Services for the FY 2016 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with The Board of Regents of the University of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wilson advised that the County recently renovated facilities for the Cooperative Extension Service at the Memorial Drive Plaza/Cooks Shopping Center. This is an MOU stating what the county will be responsible for and what UGA will be responsible for. Predominantly the County provides the operating budget for this facility and we provide partial funding for some of the salaries and full funding for a couple of salaries and this is the annual agreement that we have for them. Their current budget is \$164,635.00.

COUNTY EXTENSION PERSONNEL CONTRACT/MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

On Behalf of

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

And the

Spalding COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

In accordance with the Smith-Lever Act of the U.S. Congress of 1914, an agreement between The Board of Regents of the University of Georgia system on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct Extension work in Georgia, and by virtue of the authority conferred upon the governing authority of the county under Article 9, Section 4, Paragraph 2, of the Constitution as amended in 1983, as implemented in the O.C.G.A. #20-2-62 and O.C.G.A. #48-5-220, 10, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners hereinafter referred to as the **COUNTY** and the Board of Regents of the University of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension hereinafter referred to as the **UGA EXTENSION** do hereby agree to cooperate in the operation of an Extension education program in agriculture, natural resources and environmental management, family and consumer science, 4-H/youth work, and subjects related thereto in Spalding County.

SECTION I

The UGA EXTENSION shall:

1. - employ and supervise County Extension personnel. It shall be the responsibility of the UGA EXTENSION to establish minimum qualifications for County Extension personnel, certify the qualifications of all applicants, and to determine the total salary applicants are to be paid.
2. - appoint County Extension personnel in compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity regulations and subject to the approval of the COUNTY.
3. - in the event the work of any County Extension staff member becomes unsatisfactory to the COUNTY, it shall be the responsibility of the COUNTY to communicate this dissatisfaction to the District Extension Director of the UGA EXTENSION. It shall then be the responsibility of the UGA EXTENSION to appropriately deal with the dissatisfaction and advise the COUNTY of action taken, if any. The UGA EXTENSION shall have the right to terminate or transfer personnel from the county. In either case, UGA Extension will select a replacement for the county, following the procedure described above.
4. - keep at all times an accurate record of all funds received and disbursed under this agreement including all support documents. The UGA EXTENSION shall retain such records for a period of three (3) years unless an audit has begun but not been completed or if the audit findings have not been resolved at the end of three (3) year period. In such cases, the records shall be retained until the audit is complete or until the resolution of the audit findings.
5. - carry out all work under this agreement in accordance with the administrative and other requirements, including personnel matters, established by the University of Georgia, federal and state laws, regulations, and standards.
6. - provide County Extension personnel with the necessary stationery, envelopes, publications and other educational materials needed for an effective program. The UGA EXTENSION also agrees to plan, implement and conduct training as necessary to keep County Extension personnel adequately prepared to conduct effective, relevant Extension programs.
7. - pay a portion of the salary and associated benefits of County Extension personnel at a rate in compliance with the Board of Regents and the UGA EXTENSION salary administration policies.
8. - reimburse all County Extension personnel directly for expenses incurred on behalf of the UGA EXTENSION for officially designated travel outside Spalding County as authorized by the District Extension Director.
9. - support County Extension personnel and the Extension program in Spalding County with necessary assistance of district and state subject matter and supervisory personnel and other resources as available from the University of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, and other agencies and organizations with whom the UGA EXTENSION cooperates.
10. - report to the Spalding County Board of Commissioners at regular intervals on the nature of the County Extension program and progress being made.

SECTION II

The COUNTY shall:

1. - provide a suitable County Extension office; the suitability of the office to be agreed on by all parties. The COUNTY further agrees to provide sufficient funds to pay for necessary office supplies, office equipment, telephone, utilities, data communication/networking (including broadband internet connectivity), postage, demonstration materials, janitorial service and other items necessary for the operation of an effective Extension education program.
 - a. Coordinate with UGA Extension IT personnel prior to the removal or modification of county office network infrastructure deployed and/or managed by UGA Extension. The county shall also coordinate with UGA Extension IT personnel prior to the addition of new network infrastructure where the existing network infrastructure has been deployed or is managed by UGA Extension.
 - b. Coordinate with UGA Extension IT personnel in planning for the relocation of an existing or establishment of a new Extension office where the network infrastructure and/or computing resources will be managed by UGA Extension.
 - c. Allow the installation and use of client software and unrestricted access to online resources deemed necessary by UGA Extension to conduct Extension business operations and program delivery.

2. - provide a portion of the salaries and associated benefits of County Extension personnel as shall be agreed upon by UGA EXTENSION and the COUNTY. Salary and benefits, including leave, shall be calculated according to policies established by the Board of Regents. The UGA EXTENSION will provide monthly statements to the COUNTY reflecting the COUNTY portion of benefits and/or salary. COUNTY reimbursement for county portion of benefits will be made to the UGA EXTENSION in the full amount upon receipt of the statement. COUNTY reimbursement for county portion of salary shall be paid monthly by the COUNTY directly to County Extension personnel unless some other method is agreed upon in writing by the UGA EXTENSION and the COUNTY.

3. - when an individual terminates employment through resignation or retirement, and chooses to take a lump-sum payment for accumulated annual leave, the COUNTY agrees to pay their share of the annual leave payment in accordance with UGA leave policy.

4. - reimburse the travel expenses of County Extension personnel for official travel on behalf of Spalding County. The reimbursement shall be paid monthly by the COUNTY directly to County Extension personnel unless some other method is agreed upon in writing by the UGA EXTENSION and the COUNTY.

5. - approve or disapprove appointment recommendations of County Extension personnel.

6. -notify the District Extension Director of the UGA EXTENSION if the work of any County Extension staff member is unsatisfactory to the COUNTY.

7. - evaluate financial support to the UGA EXTENSION annually, make adjustments as necessary for continued effective support, and to notify the UGA EXTENSION of these adjustments. The evaluation should include salary dollars for cost-of-living and/or merit increases.

SECTION III

1. This Contract/Memorandum shall take effect when it is executed by the Spalding COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and the UGA EXTENSION.
2. The term of this Agreement shall be from until rescinded. It may be terminated by either party by written notice of such intent provided ninety (90) days in advance.
3. This Agreement may be modified by mutual written agreement of the parties hereto.
4. This Agreement may be renewed annually by letter of agreement signed by the parties hereto.
5. Neither party to this agreement will discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or against any applicant for enrollment at any school or college or against any student in his/her course of study or training because of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.

Date Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Spalding County Or County Manager

Date County Extension Coordinator, Spalding County

Date Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, University of Georgia

Revised: 02/18/15

Motion/Second by Ray/Miller to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The Board of Regents of the University of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Griffin, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority and Spalding County for joint funding of a feasibility study to be conducted by PKF Consulting USA for a future Hotel/Motel Conference Center in Spalding County.

James Fortune, County Attorney, advised that the three entities the City of Griffin, Spalding County and the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority are joining together to fund a feasibility study through PKF Consulting to try and acquire a Hotel/Motel Conference Center for Spalding County.

Mr. Wilson advised that the total of the feasibility study is \$31,000.00 which would be \$10,333.33 for each entity. Mr. Wilson further advised that these funds will be taken out of the Commissioners' Contingency Fund as discussed during the Retreat.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING FUNDING OF HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY BETWEEN THE
COUNTY OF SPALDING,
AND
THE CITY OF GRIFFIN,
AND
GRIFFIN-SPALDING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, made this ____ day of April, 2015, by and between the COUNTY OF SPALDING, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereafter the "County") and the, CITY OF GRIFFIN, a municipal corporation situated within Spalding County, Georgia (hereafter the "City"), and the GRIFFIN-SPALDING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, a public body corporate and politic created and existing under the law of the State of Georgia (hereafter the "IDA"),

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to establish a multijurisdictional funding agreement to complete a Hotel and Conference Center Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement have discussed and agreed it to be within their mutual best interest to jointly provide the necessary funds to conduct a Hotel and Conference Center Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan. The intent of the study is to determine the potential for such a development in Spalding County and options to finance such a project; and

WHEREAS, development of such a project within the borders of Spalding County will provide substantial direct and indirect benefits to the community, its citizens and surrounding region and enhance economic vitality in numerous ways including but not limited to creation and retention of new temporary and permanent jobs; increasing the employment base; supporting the utilization of the industrial park, medical facilities and institutions of higher learning; generating

increased sales tax, property tax, and other general revenue sources; and stimulating further economic development in Spalding County and the surrounding region; and

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS HEREUNDER PROVIDED:

1. The City of Griffin will serve as the lead entity responsible for the coordination, assembly, and preparation of the Feasibility Study. All correspondence with the approved consultant will also be sent to partner organizations.
2. Each party will be responsible for providing the lead entity with any detailed information requested by the selected firm in order to complete the analysis.
3. The cost of the feasibility study will be equally funded by each participating organization. It is estimated that the study will not exceed approximately \$32000 less any contributions from other identified community organizations or corporations.
4. Each participating party will have a least one representative that will review the RFP responses and serve on the selection team.
5. Upon completion of the study, the participating parties will determine if further actions are warranted including request for qualifications and development agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding.

SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

CITY OF GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

BY: _____

BY: _____

xxx, Chairman

xxx, Chairperson

WITNESS: _____

ATTEST: _____

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Clerk

Kenny L. Smith, Secretary

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:

By: _____

By: _____

James R. Fortune, Jr., County Attorney

Andrew J. Whalen, III, City Attorney

GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BY: _____

xxx, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

XXX, Secretary

Approved as to form:

By: _____

XX, Attorney

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Griffin, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority and Spalding County for joint funding of a feasibility study to be conducted by PKF Consulting USA for a future Hotel/Motel Conference Center in Spalding County. Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 (Miller).

5. Consider approval on first reading an ordinance amending Section 12-1016(b)(2) of the Animal Control Ordinance by striking said subparagraph (g) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (g) regarding the establishment of fees and designation of Veterinary Clinics.

Mr. Fortune advised that this Ordinance will streamline the existing ordinance so when fees are changed or veterinary services are changed we will not have to amend the ordinance.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor to approve on first reading an ordinance amending Section 12-1016(b)(2) of the Animal Control Ordinance by striking said subparagraph (g) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (g) regarding the establishment of fees and designation of Veterinary Clinics . Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider termination of contract with Cell Tower Solutions, LLC.

Mr. Wilson stated that we are asking that you terminate the contract with Cell Tower Solutions, LLC. Since Mr. Long has taken over the Chief Appraiser position, he has met with Cell Tower Solutions and looked at their work products and we believe that the information they have provided to date is accurate and relevant for us, but they do not go deep enough into appraising the actual values or auditing the actual firms and that is what we thought we were getting when we approved this contract last year. This contract does allow for cancellation with a thirty day notice from either party.

The Board of Assessors and the Chief Appraiser have asked that we cancel the contract and work on finding another company that can audit the cell tower tax records to compare the equipment on site with what is being reported to the Tax Assessors.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked the purpose of the firm needing to be able to audit.

Donald Long, Chief Appraiser, stated that each personal property business owner in Spalding County submits a Personal Property Return and auditing companies make sure that the business owner is reporting correctly. This return is like the Honor System, you give the business owner a Personal Property Return and they fill it out and they send it in. It is not like a house which is physical property, Personal Property Returns are on the Honor System.

Mr. Long stated that Counties will hire auditing firms to go back three years and audit their books. We look at what they reported on their Personal Property Returns and compare that to their actual books and anything that you find that has not been reported either at the fair market value or that was left off is a discovery. Cell Tower Solutions is not an

auditing firm, they went out and inventoried and took pictures of the towers, but are not equipped to do the comparison we need for discovery. We are asking to terminate this contract and have an auditing firm pick up and start auditing in July.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve terminating the contract with Cell Tower Solutions.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if there was an RFP issued for this contract.

Mr. Wilson advised that no RFP was issued, the company had made a presentation to the Board of Assessors and the Chief Appraiser, Mr. Lillard, and they recommended the company to the Board and requested approval of the contract.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked that if the amount that they anticipate the County will recoup will return a value that will cover the costs of the audits.

Mr. Long stated that “yes” they do anticipate the audits to not only cover the costs, but be significantly more than the costs. He gave an example of a firm in Peachtree City that audited Cobb County and they found between \$1 and \$2 million in property taxes on cell towers alone in Cobb County. We don’t know until we actually audit the towers and look at the books.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she agreed that the contract should be terminated, but wanted to know if the Board of Assessors plan to hire an auditing company.

Mr. Long advised that it is the Board of Assessors intention to hire an auditing firm and it has been included in the budget request for FY2016.

Mr. Wilson added that in the past when we have performed this type of audit it has averaged a return of approximately four times the cost of the audit.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider request from Recreation Department to provide a summer camp program at City and Fairmont Parks and authorize budget amendments for this request in the amount of \$9,000.

Mr. Wilson stated that he had brought up briefly during County Manager Report at the last meeting. Kelly Leger at Parks and Recreation would like to hold Summer Camp at both City and Fairmont Parks and has developed a budget for both locations. It is felt that if we have the number of children estimated, at the fee recommended, we should break even. Staff recommends approval.

Mr. Wilson stated that this program was not included in the FY2015 budget because at the time we had a private organization who had agreed to take over the Summer programs. This organization did not work out so we are requesting additional funding to provide Summer Camp at the two locations. There will be a budget amendment on the revenue side of \$9,000 and a budget amendment on the expenditure side of \$9,000 to fund the Summer programs.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if they would be hiring anyone from Workforce Investment, she wanted to know if it would be adults or students who would be hired as camp leaders.

Kelly Leger, Superintendent of Parks, stated that we have made contact with Paxon who is operating the Workforce Development program for Summer Works and we are waiting on them to schedule their interviews with departments to find out what the needs are, so we are definitely already connected in with them. She stated that at this time she didn't know how many individuals they would have in their program looking for this type of work, so she doesn't want to go into the Summer counting on that program alone. She does want to be prepared in case they do not have people available to fill the positions.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the request from Recreation Department to provide a summer camp program at City and Fairmont Parks and authorize budget amendments for this request in the amount of \$9,000. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider approval of lease agreements with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC for the lease of mowing equipment included in the FY 2015 Budget for the Parks Department.

Mr. Wilson advised there was no need for action on this item as the County has decided not to go with PNC Equipment Finance and will be utilizing the GMA lease program.

9. Establish dates for Public Hearings on Refuse Collection and Disposal Options.

Mr. Wilson stated that it was suggested at the meeting this morning that Saturday, April 11, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, April 14, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m., in Meeting Room 108 of the Annex Building to take Public Comments pm Refuse and Disposal options and recommendations for possible 2015 SPLOST. These hearings will be Public Comment Only, there will be no presentations made by staff.

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to approve Public Hearings for Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider approval of Letter of Intent for Underwriting and/or Placement Agent Services with Raymond James for the 2015 SPLOST.

Mr. Wilson stated that we may be issuing bonds to pay off debt. Todd Barnes, who is with Raymond James. This is the person that we dealt with for the 2014 SPLOST and he handled the Water Authority Bond reissue and the Airport Authority Bond issue. This is a Letter of Intent so that he can advise us and give us financial direction and financial instruction on how we can proceed if we issue bonds. If we don't issue bonds there will be no fees involved.

Motion/Second by Ray/Flowers-Taylor to approve the Letter of Intent for Underwriting and/or Placement Agent Services with Raymond James for the 2015 SPLOST. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Establish a date to meet with the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side to discuss possible projects for inclusion on a 2015 SPLOST referendum to be held on Tuesday November 3, 2015.

Mr. Wilson stated that when this subject was discussed in the Work Session this morning that we set April 27th at 4:00 p.m. as the date for a Work Session where the Board will finalize the County projects for the 2015 SPLOST and to set a meeting with the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side on May 18th at 4:00 p.m. before the Extraordinary Session that evening.

Consensus of the Board was to have the Work Session on May 4 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss enforcement of the Minimum Housing Code and Tractor Trailer Truck Parking in residential areas.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Ray to establish a Work Session this morning that we set April 27th at 4:00 p.m. as the date for a Work Session for the Board will finalize the projects for the 2015 SPLOST and to set a meeting with the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side on May 18th at 4:00 p.m. before the Extraordinary Session that evening. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Commissioner Hawbaker would like to discuss Jordan Hill Road Bridge replacement project and the North Hill Street Bridge over Cabin Creek replacement project funding.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that State funds have been set aside to replace the bridge just north of the entrance to Sun City Peachtree on Jordan Hill Road over Troublesome Creek. The bridge required some shoring up and the County spend approximately \$12-13,000 performing the repairs. He stated that we will lose this funding if we do not do something by FY2016.

This project would result in the bridge being closed for a period of 12 to 18 months and would cut off transportation north on Jordan Hill road and would impact approximately 1500 residents who utilize that road and bridge to go north to Atlanta. Closing the bridge would cause these individuals to add approximately 11 miles one way to their commute.

The State Sufficiency Rating for this bridge is at 17 and the State slates a bridge for replacement if it has a Sufficiency Rating less than 50. This rating is based on the original concrete mortar and steel utilized in the construction of the bridge and doesn't taken into consideration any improvements.

We have talked with B.J. Martin and Brian Upson of Paragon Consulting about securing the services of a bridge engineer to go out to the bridge and make a serious evaluation of the Sufficiency Rating taking into consideration the improvements that were done in 2014.

Commissioner Hawbaker also advised that he had heard from a citizen last week that the south end of the bridge has started to separate again. He advised that he had not been out there to see the separation himself, but asked that Mr. Wilson have Public Works investigate that concern.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that if an engineer states with improvement that bridge can be kept in place for 5 years without any concerns for the safety of vehicles crossing the bridge then he would not

be opposed to having the funding for that bridge redirected to the bridge over Cabin Creek so that it could be replaced as part of the project to put the roundabout in that area.

Commissioner Hawbaker asked the Board if they feel the funds should remain attached to the bridge over Troublesome Creek, or should they be rerouted to the Cabin Creek Bridge. He advised that the Cabin Creek Bridge currently has a Sufficiency Rating of 12-13 with a maximum load of 3 tons so school buses cannot utilize the bridge due to the weight limitation. He further stated that the GSATC would really like to see those funds moved over to the Cabin Creek Bridge.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that Pulte Homes is resistant to the bridge being out for 12 to 18 months because of the effect it will have on marketing and home sales. Pulte brings prospective homeowners into the development over that bridge and invested a lot of money into the waterfall and the entrance on that side of the development. They are and will continue to be resistant to closing the bridge for that extended period of time.

Commissioner Hawbaker advised that if the bridge is evaluated by an engineer and needs to be replaced due to safety concerns, then the project needs to be let and the bridge needs to be built. However, if the bridge with appropriate upgrades, can continue to accommodate the traffic, then the funding should be moved to the Cabin Creek Bridge.

Commissioner Miller wanted to know how much it was going to cost to get the engineers out to do that evaluation.

Mr. Wilson advised that Paragon Consulting is contacting engineering firms regarding the bridge and pulling together the pricing for the evaluation. Mr. Wilson then advised that we are due for the bi-annual bridge report from the GDOT, so we are going to try to get the GDOT sufficiency ranking on that individual bridge. He confirmed that any bridge with a Sufficiency Rating below 50 is automatically put on the list for replacement and this bridge is currently ranked at 17. He stated that he is not sure that we will find an engineer who will guarantee that bridge will last another 5 to 10 years before it drops below the 10 ton minimum for school buses.

Mr. Wilson stated that we had asked the state to do a run around and the State denied the request stating there were sufficient alternatives to access the area and they would not fund a run around for the area during the time the bridge is being replaced.

Mr. Wilson advised that some hard decision were going to have to be made regarding the Cabin Creek Bridge because the bridge has not been able to be utilized by school buses or fire trucks for almost 9 years due to the 3 ton limit placed on that bridge. Funding to replace this bridge will need to be discussed if the funding available does not get moved from Troublesome Creek.

Commissioner Miller stated that at the GSATC meeting, GDOT stated that if the money was moved from the Jordan Hill Road/Troublesome Creek project that it would be years before funding could be requested again. Additionally, if that bridge should fail, the County would be looking at the expense of replacing this bridge with no help from GDOT.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that GDOT has a very long historical memory and if funds designated for a project are not utilized for that project then the bridge could go out and it would just sit there for five years until funding could be requested again or the County would have to come up with the money on our own.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that the GSATC committee meets again in May and he would really like to be able to report which way the County wants to go on this matter.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if moving funds from one project to another project has been done before.

Mr. Wilson advised that not since we became a part of ARC has funding been moved from one project to another, but before that we had and it wasn't a big deal. Now it is a very big deal.

13. Consider authorizing funding for the performance of professional services associated with the release of surplus airport property at the Griffin-Spalding County Airport in compliance with applicable FAA guidelines.

Mr. Wilson advised that as part of the intergovernmental agreement that we signed with the City of Griffin and the Airport Authority, with regard to the Airport Road walking track and the Sheriff's Hanger, we all agreed that any lease payments would be credited as a lease purchase toward those properties. In order for us to move ahead and the airport declare those properties as nonessential parcels we need two things:

- An actual survey of the individual parcels; and,
- An appraisal of those parcels.

The Airport Authority had acquired pricing for Michael Baker & Company to do the survey and appraisals and they will charge \$15,460 for one of the properties and \$15,350 for the other. It will be approximately \$31,000 for the appraisal and survey before we can have the payments currently being applied as rent credited to a lease purchase of the properties.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that if the County pays for the survey and appraisal for these properties, which will enable the Airport to declare the properties as excess and make them available for purchase, can the amount paid be deducted from the purchase price of the property?

Motion/Second by Ray/Hawbaker, to authorize funding in the amounts of \$15,460 for airport road parcel and \$15,350 for the Sheriff's Hanger parcel to come out of Commissioners Contingency Fund ask that the cost of the survey and appraisal be applied to the purchase price of the property. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- The Cadets for the Bear Battalion annual awards ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The County sponsors the Alan Imes Award every year and he asked for a volunteer from the Board to attend this function at Griffin High School and present the award.

Commissioner Raymond Ray stated that he would attend for the Board of Commissioners.

- Blood Drive

A total of 51 units were collected and most of those were donated by County employees.

- Healthy Lifestyles is a 24 hour doctor on line. We are proposing the old beauty salon at the Cooks Shopping Center to place this equipment. He advised that we must have a HIPPA approved location. With a small amount of renovation we can do this and have 24 hour access for a \$10 vs a \$25 copay requesting permission to go ahead and rehab the old beauty salon.
- Spalding County Collection Center fact sheets will be placed on the website tomorrow and will be available to the public for the public hearings.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she felt this would be a perfect opportunity to place the information regarding the Collection Centers on the social networks available so that the facts are available to the citizens of the County.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that last Thursday he toured the Public Works Department. He advised that Mr. Crane, the Interim Public Service Director, was very informative. He stated that Public Works it is a good operation and they are doing a great job on saving the county money and keeping the costs down. He wanted to thank all of the employees for their long term service to our community.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor wanted to congratulate Macedonia Baptist Church on their 150th Anniversary. She stated that is a long time to be in the same spot and have a presence in that community.

She stated that it is important to be an organ donor and it is important that the donor make their family aware of the fact that they want to be a donor.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that with regard to the man who stated earlier that we need to pick up trash on the highways. The Warden at the CI has implemented a work detail to pick up trash on the side of the State roads and Highways.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if we could get some signs up on North Hill Street letting people know that 2008 SPLOST funds are being expended on those projects.

She wanted to congratulate Lamar Jones who received the Bain Proctor Award for volunteerism for this year. She stated that it is amazing that he has been coaching for over 40 years.

Commissioner Raymond Ray wanted to congratulate both nominees for the Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism. It is a prestigious award, given in the name of an honorable man.

Commissioner Bart Miller asked Mr. Wilson to go back one year on the Senior Center get compile the operating costs for the center. He would like

to have that within a month. We need to start looking costs if we are going to start paying for themselves.

He stated that Lamar Jones played baseball at Griffin High School. He was a very talented baseball player and has taken that talent and done a lot to support and promote baseball here in Spalding County.

Commissioner Miller wanted everyone to know that he does not email, if anyone wants to contact him, to please call him on the phone. He does not Facebook nor does he respond to email. He doesn't mind talking with people about their concerns, but he does not do social media nor does he respond to emails.

Chairperson Rita Johnson wanted to congratulate Commissioner Flowers-Taylor on her promotion at Spalding Regional.

She also wanted to congratulate all of the recipients who received proclamations and awards tonight.

Congratulations to the Main Street Program who hosted the 2015 Main Street Conference here.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she is looking forward to the Public Hearings. She asked everyone to come in with an open mind so that we can all work together.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to adjourn at 8:22 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

/s/ _____
Rita Johnson, Chairperson

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