

MINUTES

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, July 20, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Donald F. Hawbaker were present. Commissioner Raymond Ray was absent. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson Jr., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, County Attorney, Jim Fortune and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairperson Rita Johnson.
- II. INVOCATION led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker.
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG led by Commissioner Bart Miller.

Commissioner Miller/Johnson made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item to reconsider all projects previously approved for the 2015 SPLOST. No action taken due to a 2-2 (Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor) vote.

Commissioner Miller stated that the reason for this request is that he agrees with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor that the money from the SPLOST is not property tax money; however, the operating costs for some of the items on the SPLOST will have to come out of tax payer money in the future and he feels that the Board should reconsider some of the items on the SPLOST.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Consider approval of Proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring Spalding County Resident, Reginald J. Jones, for his participation in historic events which advanced the cause of freedom.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that this proclamation is appropriate as this year marks the 50th Anniversary of the events stated in this Proclamation.

Proclamation

Honoring Spalding County Resident Reginald J. Jones

WHEREAS, Into the mid-1960s Southern state legislatures had passed and maintained a series of discriminatory requirements and practices that had disenfranchised most of the millions of African-Americans across the South since the turn of the century.

WHEREAS, African-American groups launched a voters-registration campaign in Selma, Alabama in 1963, and finding resistance by white officials to be intractable, even after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ended legal segregation, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and activists of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference were invited to join such voter-registration groups, bringing many prominent civil rights and civic leaders to Selma in January 1965; and,

WHEREAS, James Bevel, who was directing the Selma Voting Rights Movement, called for a march of dramatic length, from Selma to the state capital of Montgomery and the first march took place on March 7, 1965, during which State troopers and county possemen attacked about 600 unarmed marchers with billy clubs and tear gas after they passed over the Norman Pettus Bridge and into Dallas County, Alabama, such event becoming known as **Bloody Sunday**; and

WHEREAS, A second march took place March 9, 1965, and that night a white group beat and murdered civil rights activist James Reeb, a minister from Boston, who had come to Selma to march with the second group; and

WHEREAS, A third march to Montgomery started on March 21, 1965, and with Governor George Wallace refusing to protect the marchers, but President Lyndon B. Johnson committed to doing so, protected by 2,000 soldiers of the U.S. Army, 1,900 members of the Alabama National Guard under Federal command, and many FBI agents and Federal Marshals, the marchers averaged 10 miles per day along U.S. Route 80, known in Alabama as the “Jefferson Davis Highway,” and the marchers arrived at the Alabama State Capitol on March 25, 1965. With thousands having joined the campaign, 25,000 people entered the capital city that day in support of voting rights. The route is memorialized as the "Selma To Montgomery Voting Rights Trail," and is designated as a U.S. National Historic Trail; and

WHEREAS, Reginald J. Jones, a resident of Spalding County, was a teenage “foot soldier” in the third, 0successful march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama and participated in establishing and memorializing historic events and places 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, In February 2015 both houses of the United States Congress voted for a resolution to award Congressional Gold Medals to the "foot soldiers" of the Selma campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County that this Proclamation be publicly read and presented to Reginald J. Jones and that a copy of this Proclamation recognizing and commemorating Reginald J. Jones’ courageous and historic contributions to the cause of freedom and liberty for all persons, to the States of Alabama and Georgia, to the United States of America and to Spalding County, be spread upon the minutes of the proceedings of this Board, and that the Board of Commissioners does hereby urge its citizenry to convey their appreciation to Reginald J. Jones for such courage and contributions.

Rita Johnson, Chairperson

William P. Wilson, Jr., County Manager

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Flowers-Taylor approve a Proclamation nunc pro tunc honoring Spalding County Resident, Reginald J. Jones, for his participation in historic events which advanced the cause of freedom. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. PRESENTATIONS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the twelve months ended June 30, 2015.

Jinna Garrison stated she would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the financial statements presented to the Board.

Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve the financial statements for the twelve months ended June 30, 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.

Carl Pruett, 120 Four Oaks Drive, Griffin, wanted to talk about the new fireworks law passed by the State of Georgia and the County Noise Ordinance. Sent letters today to Representative John Yates and Representative David Knight asking that these type of explosions not be allowed in a neighborhood areas.

David Dodd, 700 Woodland Drive, Griffin, spoke on behalf of Impact Racing Ministries and the Gator Swim Team. Spoke in favor of an Aquatic Center.

Daryl Williams, 834 Dusky Sap Court, Griffin, wanted to talk about the Mud Dogs and the need to pass an ordinance to prevent a Mud Dogs II in a few years. Spoke in favor of a Spay and Neuter Ordinance. Asked the Board to go ahead and pass the Spay and Neuter Ordinance.

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of minutes of the June 15, 2015 Board of Commissioner's Extraordinary Session, the June 25, 2015 Special Called Meeting, the June 25, 2015 Zoning Public Hearing and the July 9, 2015 Special Called Meeting.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 Board of Commissioner's Extraordinary Session, the June 25, 2015 Special Called Meeting, the June 25, 2015, Zoning Public Hearing and the July 9, 2015 Special Called Meeting.

Commissioner Miller asked if the minutes for July 9, 2015 could be approved since one of the votes has been questioned.

Jim Fortune, County Attorney advised that the Minutes are a reflection of the action taken at the meeting and as long as the Minutes are an accurate reflection of the business conducted at the meeting then they can be approved.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA -

1. Consider approval on second reading Ordinance 2015-04 Amending Part VII, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 7-1004 of the Code of Ordinances of Spalding County to provide for No Parking on "The Lakes Parkway".

SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

**NO PARKING ZONE
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04
AN ORDINANCE**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO PROVIDE FOR NO PARKING ZONES ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, as the governing authority of said County, as follows:

Section 1. That the Code of Spalding County, Georgia, be amended in Part VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1004, relating to no parking zones on streets by adding new paragraph (48) to read as follows:

“(48) *The Lakes Parkway.* Upon any portion of the roadway or public right-of-way.”

Section 2. The within ordinance shall be and become effective immediately upon its adoption by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia present at two meetings, as provided in Section 2-1005 of the Code of Spalding County, Georgia; and, upon the erection of signs as required herein by the public works forces of Spalding County, Georgia.

Section 3. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia on January 4, 1994 and has amended said Ordinance subsequently; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator, in conjunction with the Planning Commission, has deemed it advisable to recommend amendment to a portion or portions of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, such proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County was reviewed by the Spalding County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the text amendment was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia on June 25, 2015, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-66-1, et. seq. in the Spalding County Hearing Room, Room 108, Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia considered the proposed amendment, any and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Spalding County Planning Commission and all data and evidence taken at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia and an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of Spalding County, Georgia, is in conformance with the Spalding County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people;

NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, that the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: A new paragraph shall be added to Section 2302(E) of "Official Zoning Map Spalding County, Georgia (Official Map)" of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County as follows:

A new Official Map was adopted on July 20, 2015, which will replace the previous Official Map.

Section 2: The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia is directed and authorized to execute such notice of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia.

Section 3: The Zoning Administrator is authorized and directed to enter such notice of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia accordingly.

Section 4: The foregoing amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Spalding County, Georgia shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 5: All Ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

Approved on 1st reading June 25, 2015.

Approved on 2nd reading July 20, 2015.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked that all of the items on the consent agenda be considered by the Board as a whole if there is no objection by any of the other Board members.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Hawbaker to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. OLD BUSINESS -

1. Reconsideration of the approval of the Aquatic Center on the pay as you go project list for the 2015 SPLOST at \$4,690,000.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker reconsider the approval of the Aquatic Center on the pay-as-you-go project list for the 2015 SPLOST at \$4,490,000. Motion carried 3-1 (Miller).

2. Consider approval of Aquatic Center on the pay as you go list for the 2015 SPLOST for \$4,690,000.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker approve of Aquatic Center on the pay-as-you-go list for the 2015 SPLOST list for \$4,690,000 and location of the Center to be established at a future date. Motion carried 3-1 (Miller).

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Consider approval of an amplification permit for Stephanie Banks for a birthday party at Griffin Moose Lodge on Saturday, July 25th, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

William Wilson, County Manager, advised that all of the departments have reviewed this application and recommend approval.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve an amplification permit for Stephanie Banks for a birthday party to be held at the griffin Moose Lodge on Saturday, July 25th, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Conduct public hearing to consider the establishment of street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 37B and Pod 37B Cobblestone Drive

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker conduct a public hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 37B and Pod 37B Cobblestone Drive. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Chairperson Johnson then opened the meeting for comments on the street light district. No one present at the meeting chose to comment.

Motion/Second to close Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to close the public hearing to consider the establishment of a street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 37B and Pod 37B Cobblestone Drive. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of street light district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 37B and Pod 37B Cobblestone Drive.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the street light district for Sun City Peachtree – Pod 37B and 37B Cobblestone Drive.

Commissioner Hawbaker stated that the reason for approving the street light district in this manner is because this particular pod had a different configuration from the other pods. Cobblestone Drive is a long road that has approximately 17 street lights on it. It has a long stretch with no homes to be constructed and the other homes in the pod have been assessed the street light costs even though they are not benefiting from those lights. This designation will remove the burden being placed on the residents for street lights and the common area on Cobblestone drive will bear the burden of those street lights in the undeveloped area.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of Contract with the Office of the Public Defender for Indigent Defense Services in Spalding County, Georgia for FY 2016.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is a contract for indigent defense, it is equal to the amount of the Public Defender's budget and the State of Georgia requires that we have a contract with the Public Defender's Office for the fiscal year.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve the Contract with the Office of the Public Defender for Indigent Defense Services in Spalding County, Georgia for FY2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider approval of a contract with Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging for Senior Nutrition Program to be provided at the Senior Center.

Mr. Wilson advised that this is the new Senior Nutrition Program being implemented at the Senior Center. He advised that Mr. Fortune, Ms. Garrison and the Leisure Services Department have reviewed the contract and recommend approval.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she had questions regarding items listed in Attachment A of the contract that relates to the services that are going to be provided. Attachment A states in addition to congregate meals we will provide exercise, physical fitness, health promotion and disease prevention group, home delivered meals and medication management. She stated that she was under the impression that we would be providing congregate meals and administering the meals-on-wheels program. The contract continually refers to Attachment A and attachment A does not specifically state the items that we will be responsible for under this contract.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor also expressed her concern over the way the contract reads that appears to imply that we will be providing these services for more than just Spalding County. She asked that under Scope of Services where it states "Such services shall be provided within and respecting any or all of the Three Rivers Region (Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, and Upson Counties), as further specified in Attachment A hereto" be revised to reflect Spalding County and that Attachment A reflect the services that we have agree to provide. She wants to make sure that we are not agreeing to services that we are not prepared to provide.

Mr. Fortune stated that this is probably a boiler plate contract and he understands Commissioner Flowers-Taylor's reluctance to sign a contract obligating the county to services that have not been previously agreed to. Mr. Fortune asked that the contract be approved subject to corrective language which clearly indicates that this money will be spent only in Spalding County to provide meals to eliminate any possible confusion.

Mr. Fortune asked that the contract be tabled and placed on the Thursday night Public Zoning hearing since the effective date of the contract is August 1. He further advised that we can line out the objectionable language and add to the contract and send back a counter proposal that we would act on Thursday. This will not make any meaningful change as far as they are concerned, so they shouldn't have a problem with it.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to table until the Public Zoning Hearing on Thursday, July 23rd to provide time to change the contract to reflect that we will provide the congregate meals at the Senior Center and administer the meals-on-wheels program to residents of Spalding County to remove the possibility of confusion. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider request from Magistrate Court to purchase a 2016 Ford Escape in the amount of \$19,212.46 low bid from Speedway Ford.

Mr. Wilson advised that the car that the Magistrate Court is replacing is a 2004 Ford Taurus which was totaled in an accident, that was not our employee's fault and the other driver did not have insurance. Mr. Wilson stated that the vehicle was totaled and staff is asking that the Board approve a three year lease purchase on this vehicle like we do on all vehicles. He further advised that he would bring the Board an Ordinance amendment to the 2016 Fiscal budget later this year that will include the lease purchase vehicles.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to purchase a 2016 Ford Escape in the amount of \$19,212.46 the low bid from Speedway Ford. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider request from Griffin Main Street for use of fund balance accumulated over the past several years to assist in maintaining their accreditation with the Georgia Main Street Program.

Daa'ood Amin was present to answer the Board's questions. He advised that the funds had accumulated over the last few years. They began to accrue when the City of Griffin took over the Main Street Program and the accounting. These funds are Hotel/Motel funds that have been remitted to the Main Street Program over the years.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to use the \$26,000 that remains from projects they were able to value engineer in the past to keep their accreditation with the Ga. Main Street Program. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider request from the Spalding County Office of Homeland Security to apply for the FY 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant: 2015 Response and Recovery Competitive Award Application in the amount of \$7,500.00 to purchase a messaging system for the 911 Center.

Mr. Wilson advised that we do have the monies required for the match in our Budget and staff recommends approval.

Motion/Second by Miller/Flowers-Taylor to approve the request from the Spalding county Office of Homeland Security to apply for the FY2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant: 2015 Response and Recovery Competitive Award Application in the amount of \$7,500.00 to purchase a messaging system for the 911 Center.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if this messaging system is compatible with the CAD system being proposed for use by the 911 Center.

Eric Mosley, Assistant County Manager, stated that the messaging system software is compatible with the CAD system being proposed for the 911 Center.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider appointment to McIntosh Trail Community Services Board to fill the unexpired term of Joe Ward, Jr. to expire December 31, 2016.

Mr. Wilson advised that the County has received a letter from the McIntosh Trail Community Services Board stating that Smokey Page would like to serve the unexpired term of Joe Ward, Jr. to expire December 31, 2016.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to approve the appointment of Robert "Smokey" page to the unexpired term of Joe Ward, Jr. to expire December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider request from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to appropriate an additional \$10,000 to the Parks and Recreation FY2016 Budget for the purpose of hiring an intern.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board discussed at length how to better market the amenities that Spalding County has to offer. At the present time there we do not advertise that the Senior Center has facilities for rent, that we have spaces for conferences, we have "spill over" space at the Extension Office along with the pavilions at the various park locations available for rentals.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board would like for the County to apply to ACCG for an intern who is

majoring in marketing to assist in promoting the amenities that Spalding County has to offer. It is their hope that the intern will be able to establish a business plan for the Parks & Recreation Amenities.

Mr. Wilson advised that the fall semester intern applications have already been closed by the ACCG. He stated that he would recommend that the Board apply for a Winter Semester intern. He advised that, if approved, ACCG will fund up to 250 hours at \$10.00 an hour for an intern and all the County has to provide is the FICA tax and workers compensation.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to approve applying to ACCG for two interns for Winter Semester to assist in Park and Recreation establish and implement a marketing strategy for Spalding County amenities.

Commissioner Miller expressed his concern over an intern who is not familiar with the County. He stated that if an intern can be acquired through the ACCG, he has no problem with applying for that internship; however, he will not agree with paying someone to come in and implement a marketing strategy who has no idea of what Spalding County has to offer.

Motion carried 3-1 (Miller).

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

1. Last Monday we had 4-H Youth in Governance at the Annex. Commissioner Hawbaker participated and we had a great time with the youth who attended. We held a mock commission meeting and taught them all about the County and what we do. This is a multi-day, one week program, and this year we had approximately 21 kids participate.
2. Tuesday, July 14th was the Grand Opening of Otsuka Chemical America. Mr. Wilson stated that it is a state of the art facility and encouraged the Board to visit that facility.
3. Public Transportation Update from Three Rivers Regional Commission – The TRRC commission is still working with GDOT to restore full Public Transit Service to the six county area. Currently they are providing limited service in the region with the buses they have available. The transit buses are provided by GDOT and several of the new buses have not yet arrived and some of the older buses have experienced problems with the air conditioning and engines. They are currently working with DOT for short term relief and are hoping to repair the air conditioning on the buses that can be put back into service. They assure that they are working 24/7 to get the fleet back to normal.
4. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor inquired about the Correctional Institutions' escapee protocol. We have a contract with the Department of Corrections that states that the county is responsible for the care and custody of inmates housed at our facility. This requires that all correctional staff be Post certified with the State of Georgia. This certification gives the correctional officer statewide police power in the supervision and arrest powers that pertain to inmate custody. This allows our correctional officers to transport inmates to other county facilities and state facilities and gives them the authority to search and apprehend inmates that escape from our custody; therefore, the correctional officers of the Spalding County CI and the correctional officers of other departments, who have the post certification can be utilized anywhere in the State of Georgia to apprehend an escapee.

Mr. Wilson further advised that standard policy and procedure for our Correctional Institution, approved by the Department of Corrections is that when we have an escape reported, the officers in charge of any detail are to complete the detail as quickly as possible, take their inmates back to the Correctional Institution and then report to the area where the inmate escaped and begin a defined search pattern for that inmate.

Mr. Wilson stated that we did have an escapee last week, he was apprehended in about 7 hours. He wanted to thank everyone involved in the search and apprehension of this inmate, both our staff, the Henry County Police

Department, the Henry County Sheriff's Department and Henry County Administration. They had multiple officers on the scene and assisted in apprehension of the inmate who is back in the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Center in Jackson.

5. Tomorrow night, July 21, 2015, we will be doing the switch over to 800MHz Phase II, we are looking forward to getting this behind us and making sure that all of the radios are working. This should happen between 11:30 and midnight.
6. Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, Commissioner Miller, Chairperson Johnson, Eric Mosley and County Manager Wilson attended a meeting at Griffin First Assembly to learn about DSPII. The Discovering Soldiers Potential program is designed to assist soldiers returning to their lives. This group is working with the soldiers to get them back into the system and into the workforce by providing services and making sure they are getting all of the services that they are entitled to as a returning veteran.
7. Mr. Wilson advised that the last non-governmental tenant has vacated their location at the Cook's Shopping Center. That tenant was a Beauty Shop and they vacated the premises the first of the year. This is the location where we had originally talked about putting the "Doc in a Box" for the employees.

Terry Colling, our Elections Supervisor, asked while that location is vacant that the County consider moving the Veterans Administration Office to that location. It would offer easier access to the office and it has a wheel chair ramp available to accommodate veterans who may be in wheel chairs.

Mr. Wilson advised that he had talked with the local workers in the office and with the State and they are amenable to moving. He advised that he has not talked with them about securing office space for DSPII at that location, but he is hoping that they will be amenable to the co-location as we essentially provide that office space at little to no cost to the Veterans Administration. It would be great to have access to all of the veterans services consolidated at one location.

Mr. Wilson is asking the Board's permission to approach the Veteran's Administration with both proposals and let them know that we will remodel the offices and create a spot to accommodate DSPII within that office to provide all of the veterans with a "One Stop Shop" to get access to their Veterans Benefits and other programs available to them.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Hawbaker – Wished a Happy Birthday to Chairman Johnson and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor.

Since our last meeting, there have been two incidents one on June 17, the terrible shooting at the Charleston Church and the second shooting in Chattanooga in which four Marines were killed and a sailor who died last Thursday. He stated that he didn't know what the solution to this might be, but it would probably be more arms, not less.

- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor – Discussed the world today, and feeling comfortable with someone carrying a weapon into a retail store. She stated that she is almost to the point now that you have to protect yourself in the world today and you can only hope that the person carrying the weapon into the retail store carrying it for their protection.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she was happy to learn about the DSPII program and how they walk veterans through filling out the paperwork for veteran benefits and assists these individuals in getting the services needed and that are available to them. This program will also assist the veterans in completing the paperwork needed to qualify for these programs.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor advised that she attended the swim meet on Friday and as hot as it was those kids were having a great time. The pavement at the pool was so hot they had to hose down the cement around the pool or put down towels for the kids to stand on while they waited their turn but that didn't deter them and they all had a great time.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to start having workshops again in August to address issues that we are not having the time to deal with substandard housing. She also requested update on the status of the Spay and Neuter Ordinance.

- Commissioner Miller stated that he went back through the notes on the SPLOST. He reiterated that he is not against the swim center, but he is against something that is not going to pay for itself. He feels we need to go back and look more closely at the list of projects for the SPLOST before we adopt it. He expressed his concern over air conditioning gyms in the County that were not built for air conditioning.
- Chairperson Johnson stated that Daa'ood Amin has volunteered to be the Chairman for the 2015 SPLOST Committee.

Mr. Wilson advised that he had talked with King and Spalding and Todd Barns with Raymond James this morning. Floyd Newton is preparing the intergovernmental agreement and we hope to have the first draft tomorrow. The City of Griffin has a meeting on July 28th where they will approve it and later that week we will get Orchard Hill and Sunny Side to approve it and it will be on our Agenda for approval on August 3rd along with a resolution calling for the election. On August 4th the Board of Elections will meet and issue the call for the election.

Mr. Wilson stated that he had talked with Kenny Smith, City of Griffin, City Manager this afternoon to see if he thought the City would have a problem with the following proposal: The City of Orchard Hill and the City of Sunny Side SPLOST requests are relatively small amounts he would like to take the first two months of collections, pay the debt service on the bonds issued and then take the remaining funds and split them between the City of Orchard Hill and the City of Sunny Side get them their money upfront since it is a small amount so the checks from that point forward can be divided between the City of Griffin and Spalding County.

He also asked the Board about financing the bonds and paying interest on the bonds for the first three years which will allow the County to accumulate approximately \$4 million per year toward the pay as you go projects so we won't have to wait until the end of the SPLOST for the pay as you go. This has been calculated in the interest costs that have been given to the Board. We will have the final numbers later this week.

Consensus of the Board accept the proposals as outlined by Mr. Wilson with regard to bonding interest delay and paying the cities of Orchard Hill and Sunny Side for their projects in full at the beginning of the SPLOST.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Miller to enter closed session to discuss the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4) at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimous by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Hawbaker to return from closed session at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Flowers/Miller to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

/s/ _____
Rita Johnson, Chairperson

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