



**Board of Commissioners – Special Called
Meeting March 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM
Room 108, Spalding County Annex Building
MINUTES**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 9:00 am in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson and Ryan Bowlden were present for the meeting. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor and James Dutton were absent from the meeting. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, Director of Accounting and Finance, Eria Dye, and Deputy County Clerk, Ragan Jones to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay W. Davis.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

Dr. Steve Ledbetter delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Commissioner Ryan Bowlden led the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion/Second by Bowlden/Johnson to amend the agenda to add Beck, Owen & Murray presentation for the County Attorney position and remove the Executive Session. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. The Spalding County Board of Commissioners to hear presentations from perspective law firm, Beck, Owen & Murray, for County Attorney.

Mrs. Windham thanked the Board for scheduling this meeting around her prior obligations. She stated she has been honored to represent the county as County Attorney for 4 years, and highlighted that Beck, Owen, and Murray served as County Attorney for more than 60 years. Her firm serves as attorney for numerous governmental agencies in Spalding County and surrounding communities. Mrs. Windham stated her firm has positive relationships with Spalding County employees, and that is not easily duplicated. She mentioned her availability to the Board. She thanked the Board for her established relationships and hoped to continue to serve the Board of Commissioners as County Attorney.

Chairman Davis asked, "Have you had any issues being over extended?"

Mrs. Windham responded, “No. Mr. David Penland joined the firm, and supports the legal needs of the county. He has come in and taken over some responsibilities.”

Commissioner Bowlden thanked Beck, Owen, and Murray for applying.

Dr. Ledbetter stated considerations for attorneys will be March 28th at the Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing Meeting.

2. Consider request to conduct an Executive Session for discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6).

Chairman Davis indicated there was not a need for executive session. The Board of Commissioners attending agreed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.