



**Board of Commissioners – Regular Meeting  
April 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM  
Room 108, Spalding County Annex Building  
After Agenda**

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The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Spalding County Annex, Room 108, with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, Ryan Bowlden, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, and James Dutton were present for the meeting. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham, and Deputy County Clerk, Ragan Jones, to record 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**

Reverend Carmen Caldwell, New Mercy Baptist delivered the Invocation.

**III. Pledge to the Flag**

Commissioner Ryan Bowlden, District #4, led the Pledge to the Flag.

**IV. Citizen Comment**

Speakers must sign up prior to the meeting and provide their names, addresses and the topic they wish to discuss. Speakers must direct your remarks to the Board and not to individual Commissioners or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Commissioners or County employees are not a matter of public concern and personal attacks will not be tolerated. The Chairman has the right to limit your comments in the interest of disposing of the County's business in an efficient and respectable manner.

Speakers will be allotted three minutes to speak on their chosen topics as they 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. No speaker will be permitted to speak more than three minutes or more than once unless the Board votes to suspend this rule.

Michelle Drugacz, 312 Whispering Pines Way, Griffin, Georgia spoke regarding complaint against Chairman Davis's spouse.

**V. Minutes**

1. Consider approval of the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on March 18, 2024, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on March 28, 2024.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extra Ordinary Session on March 18, 2024, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on March 28, 2024. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

## **VI. New Business**

1. Consider approval of Vehicle Purchase Resolution from Carl Humphrey.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve Vehicle Purchase Resolution from Carl Humphrey. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

2. Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Board that United Pool Management be responsible for setting Aquatic Center Gate Entry Fees.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to direct staff to get more information regarding the cost for group swimming and other community partners. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

3. Consider a recommended date of Aquatic Center opening from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to table the consideration of recommended date of Aquatic Center opening from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

4. Consider upgrades for the 911 radio system.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to initiate RFP/RFQ for upgrades to 911 radio system. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

5. Consider a recommendation from PLAC on the Parks and Leisure Services Master Plan.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve recommendation from PLAC of CPL group for the Parks and Leisure Service Master Plan with use of Impact Fees at the cost of \$399,785. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

6. Consider approval of CSBG Amendment #1.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to approve additional allocation of \$119, 213.30 to be distributed between the Salvation Army and Nutrition Program CSBG Amendment #1. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

## **VII. Report of the County Manager**

- ✓ April 8-12: Budget from BOC on feedback and developed.
- ✓ Striping for last year's T-SPLOST has been completed!
- ✓ Bridge @ Jordan Hill and Teamon Road will be completed no later than April 15th. The Public Works Department was able to save roughly \$100,000 and time by completing this project. Thank you to public works for great work!
- ✓ State of GA Governor issued approximately 161,000,000 for infrastructure. We received additional funds of \$1,120,000 for a local match of roadway enhancement. We are currently collaborating with Henry County and the City of Griffin to resurface Hillview Road and resurfacing Pine Hill Road.
- ✓ The sidewalk project Carver Road has been completed!
- ✓ We are continuing to work on additional sidewalks at Spalding Street and North Hill Street. We are currently continuing to acquire right of way on North Hill Street.
- ✓ The Aquatic Center will be opening soon, and we are excited!
- ✓ Thanked Sheriff Dix for helping with Code Enforcement!

## **VIII. Report of the Commissioners**

### **Rita Johnson**

- ✓ Inquired about schedule for budget meetings next week.
- ✓ Great work session!
- ✓ Evergreen Pay Study presentation was helpful, and we need to figure that into the budget.
- ✓ Thank you to the employees that came to hear the Pay Study presentation.
- ✓ Thank you to Newton Galloway for Raising the Bar discussion.
- ✓ Happy Birthday to Chairman Davis!

### **James Dutton**

- ✓ Had a discussion with Director of Spalding County Library about space for parking and updates.
- ✓ We need professional courtesy back in our County.

### **Ryan Bowlden**

- ✓ Great news about the starting date of Code Enforcement!
- ✓ We need to look at getting new insurance.
- ✓ Awesome news about the bridge at Teamon Road and Jordan Hill.

### **Gwen Flowers-Taylor**

- ✓ Raise the Bar – We need quality employees and paying them well!
- ✓ Agreed with Newton Galloway about Raising the Bar! We need Code Enforcement.
- ✓ Agreed with Sylvia Redic about keeping our County clean.
- ✓ We cannot expect other employees to enforce codes if we do not pay them for that.
- ✓ There are concerns about the pay compression. We must prioritize.
- ✓ Happy Birthday to the Chairperson!
- ✓ Looking forward to discussing the Zoning Ordinance.
- ✓ We are on the road to success at the Animal Shelter.
- ✓ Appreciates how the County Manager can prioritize projects.
- ✓ Asked if we can discuss action about making assignments and how we will notify the public on how future funds coming in will be able to help them. This will ensure the community involved in how we are using these funds.

**Clay Davis**

- ✓ Commissioner Flowers-Taylor and I are working on spending the Opioid Settlement money in the best way to take care of our citizens. Great news!
- ✓ The LMIG money from the Governor and outsiders giving monies to Spalding County is a great thing for us!

**Stephanie Windham**

- ✓ We will be receiving money from the Opioid Settlement of \$160,000 or more.

**IX. Executive Session**

1. Consultation with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Stephanie Windham stated, "There is no need for an Executive Session tonight."

**W. Adjournment**

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***