



**Board of Commissioners – Extraordinary Session
May 20, 2024, at 6:00PM
Room 108, Spalding County Annex Building
After Agenda**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held an Extraordinary Session on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Spalding County Annex Room 108, with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, Ryan Bowlden, James Dutton, and Gwen Flowers-Taylor 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

Rick Taylor, Associate Minister, Taught by Rock Springs Church, delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner James Dutton, District #2, led the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Presentation of Financial Statements for the month ending April 30, 2024.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to accept the Financial Statement for the month ending April 30, 2024, as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation from Dr. Keith Simmons - Griffin Spalding County Schools End of Year Report
2. Presentation of Community Emergency Response Team Graduates.
3. Presentation of the 21st Annual Bain Proctor Lifetime Volunteer Service Award.
4. BOOST Dashboard.
5. National Police Week Proclamation

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve the Proclamation declaring May 12-18, 2024 as National Police Week in Spalding County. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Special Presentation from Fire Chief Mike Byrd.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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 Member or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Members 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 (3) minutes to speak on their chosen topics as they relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners. No questions will be asked by any of the members 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 (3) minutes or more than once, unless the Board votes to suspend this rule.

VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session and Regular Meeting on May 6, 2024.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on May 6, 2024, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on May 6, 2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of amending the original ARPA funds request to include the \$2.9 million earmarked for water/wastewater projects and all accrued interest for SCWA.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve amending the original ARPA funds request to include the \$2.9 million earmarked for water/wastewater projects and all accrued interest for SCWA. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. IGA with Water Authority

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to approve IGA with Water Authority. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. SDS Map Update – SCWA

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve SCWA SDS Map Update. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. 1st Reading for FY 25 Budget

Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to table the 1st Reading for FY25 Budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- ✓ Asked for executive session tonight to discuss legal purposes.

X. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita Johnson

- No Updates.

James Dutton

- Last week, I attended the Fire Truck Push In and led the dedicatory prayer. I am excited about the Fire Department's new equipment.
- Spalding County has incredible firefighters! They are humble and amazing!
- There are two upcoming parades: Juneteenth and July 4th. Can we confirm the date of the Juneteenth parade?
- Civic organizations and golf carts are welcome to be a part of the parade!
- Tomorrow is election day. Make sure you go vote!

Gwen Flowers-Taylor

- If you don't vote, you don't have a voice! Go vote!
- Congratulations to Jennifer Deal! She is a dedicated servant and an amazing volunteer.
- We need to investigate the culverts on dirt roads.
- A new Dollar General Market is being constructed at the corner of North Hill Street and Armstead Circle, situated between two residential houses. I have consulted with Community Development, and the zoning for N. Hill Street is commercial. When we approved the comprehensive plan, we did not review the zoning map, and that oversight needs to be corrected.
- It is difficult to see addresses as they are only on one side of the mailboxes. This is a hazard for emergency vehicles. We need to discuss reflective house numbers for mailboxes during a work session.

Ryan Bowlden

- No Updates.

Clay Davis

- Go vote!
- I would like to get a consensus from the Board to start the process of hiring a grant writer, community development planner, and public works engineer.
- I want to extend thanks to the Council on Aging for their session on senior issues.
- Regarding the Bus Driver for Making Tracks Travel Club, this position is currently in the budget, and we are transitioning to a full-time role.
- At the next Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board of Assessors chair will provide a briefing with tax assessors' information.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session for 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). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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).

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to enter into an Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for 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). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to close the Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to send a factual letter detailing the concerns with the Tax Commissioner to the Governor to be sent on behalf of the Board of Commissioners by the Chairman. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.