



**Board of Commissioners – Extraordinary Session**  
**July 15, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
**Room 108, Spalding County Annex Building**  
**After Agenda**

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The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held an Extraordinary Session on Monday, July 15, 2024, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building located at 119 E. Solomon Street, Griffin, Georgia beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, James Dutton, Ryan Bowlden, 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 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**

1. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor to deliver the Invocation.

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor delivered the Invocation.

**III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

1. Commissioner Rita Johnson to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

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***Motion/Second by Bowlden/Dutton to amend the agenda to move New Business #8 to Executive Session. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**IV. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to accept the Financial Statement for the month ending June 30, 2024, as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

2. FY 23 Audit Update

Ms. Dye & Dr. Ledbetter updated the Board of the status of FY23 Audit.

3. Forensic Audit Update

Ms. Dye and Dr. Ledbetter updated the Board of the status of Forensic Audit.

## V. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Consider approval of a Proclamation declaring July as National Parks and Recreation month.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve a Proclamation declaring July as National Parks and Recreation as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

2. Aquatic Center Update

Robby Milner, Leisure Services Program Administrator, presented the current usage of the pool.

3. Beat the Heat Update

Emergency Management Director, Glenn Polk, presented the Beat the Heat update.

4. Presentation of Kevin King for earning Public Works Certification.

TJ Imberger, Director of Public Works, presented Kevin King for earning the American Public Works Association (APWA) National Certification in Public Works.

## 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.

### **Commented on the need for more space to hold Elections.**

Nadine Cowan, 132 Stillwater Trace

Hal Cowan, 132 Stillwater Trace

Geraldine Mangham, 114 Ruby Way

JPaul Folds, 146 Jasper Court

Cindy Phillips, 4463 West Ellis Road

Margaret Blue, 620 Windy Hill Road

Emma Jean Foster-Taylor, 118 Sherbrooke Way

Theron Bond, 423 Tilney Avenue

Mary Passmore, 858 Lakeside Road

Carol Jones, 1611 Pinebrook Drive commented on Animal Shelter concerns.

Brett McIver, 1125 Skyline Drive commented on soccer fields at Tyus Park.

Robert Morgan, 19 Johnston Road commented on an easement.

Sadru Ali, 4319 Newnan Road commented on the Alcohol Ordinance.

## VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes from Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Work Session and Extraordinary Session on June 17, 2024, and Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on June 20, 2024.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve the minutes from Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Work Session and Extraordinary Session on June 17, 2024, and Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on June 20, 2024. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider reappointment of Matthew Perry for Regional IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2026.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve reappointment of Matthew Perry for Regional IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2026. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

2. Consider request for out of state use of Spalding County Motor Coach.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve request for out of state use of Spalding County Motor Coach. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

3. Consideration of a proposal for building official services from Charles Abbott Services.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to table consideration of proposal for building official services from Charles Abbott Services. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

4. Consider approval of the updated Alcohol Ordinance.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to table approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Alcohol Ordinance until August 5, 2024. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

5. Consider approval of the Conflict-of-Interest Ordinance.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to table approval of Conflict-of-Interest Ordinance. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

6. Consider approval of the execution of deed to John O. Scott, Sr. et al for a portion of N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Extension which was previously abandoned by Spalding County.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the execution of deed to John O. Scott, Sr. et al for a portion of N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Extension which was previously abandoned by Spalding County. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

7. Consider approval of FY25 GED Testing Agreement between Southern Crescent Technical College and Spalding County on behalf of the Spalding County Correctional Facility for GED testing by SCCI inmates.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve FY25 GED Testing Agreement between Southern Crescent Technical College and Spalding County on behalf of the Spalding County Correctional Facility for GED testing by SCCI inmates. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

8. Consideration of property purchase.

***Moved to Executive Session.***

9. Consideration from the Board of Elections for the use of Corporative Extension.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to table consideration from the Board of Elections for the use of Corporative Extension. Motion carried by a 4:1 vote (Dutton).***

10. Lift from the table and consider increase to daily per diem rate for the Board of Equalization.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to lift from the table and consider increase to daily per diem rate for the Board of Equalization. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve increase to daily per diem rate to \$100 for the Board of Equalization. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

#### **IX. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- ✓ T-SPLOST is ongoing. CW Matthews will be complete with 2024 road list soon!
- ✓ Congratulations to Kevin King on earning his National Public Works Certification!

#### **X. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

##### **Rita Johnson**

- Attended the Career Day at Fairmont Park.
- Thanked Spalding County Fire Department for banner at 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

### **James Dutton**

- The 4th of July Parade was great!
- The sewage in Ison Branch is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Inquired about the reimbursement for the \$250,000 for insurance deductibles.
- United Pools is doing a fantastic job at managing the Aquatic Center.
- Aquatic Center is great! The month and year pass cost needs to be decreased.

### **Gwen Flowers-Taylor**

- Addressed the soccer fields at Tyus Park. The Griffin Youth Soccer Association (GSYA) got an estimate of \$20,000 from UGA Turf for resodding. To allow the fields a break, the Board could help use resources so the GYSA can have an alternative practice location.
- Excited that private school and homeschool students can use the Aquatic Center at no cost.
- A discussion needs to be scheduled for trash dumping fees.
- Received a letter from Ms. Vicker about her doctoral dissertation. Part of her dissertation is how to discuss addiction and mental health in communities. An invite will be coming soon.

### **Ryan Bowlden**

- 111 King Richards Way has been getting complaints for nightly parties.
- Contacted Code Enforcement about corner of Lakeside and Highway 92 that is currently a homeless camp. We need a plan to get in touch with the owner who resides in Florida.

### **Clay Davis**

- An opportunity to enjoy a Chicken Plate at the Sheriff's Department is available on July 26th for \$15. All proceeds will support a colleague in need.

## **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to enter Executive Session at 9:11 p.m.  
Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

1. 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)
2. 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);
3. Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4).

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to exit Executive Session at 9:39 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

***Motion/Second by Bowlden/Flowers-Taylor to approve an EEOC mediation settlement agreement and settlement agreement and release between Natasha Burton and Spalding County in the amount of \$25,000 and to authorize the chairman to execute required agreements to settle this matter. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***