



AFTER AGENDA
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
October 7, 2024
6:05 PM
Room 108, Annex Building
119 E. Solomon Street
Griffin, GA 30223

Present: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson, Steve Ledbetter, Erica Dye, Stephanie Windham
 Absent: Ragan Jones

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

Chairman Clay Davis called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

II. INVOCATION

1. Commissioner Dutton delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

1. Commissioner Bowlden led the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2024 Millage Rate.

Speakers:

- Steve Ledbetter - County Manager
- Michelle Drugacz
- Tim Poole
- Rick Taylor
- Julia Mallonee
- Cynthia Owens
- Bruce Ledbetter
- Cristine Thomas
- Vickie Hennesey
- Mark Kirkland
- Jeff Grant

Motion/Second by James R Dutton/Rita Johnson to Continue Public Hearing Opened at 6:08 pm. Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: None

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/Ryan Bowlden to Confirm Close public hearing - 7:07 pm. Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: None

V. MILLAGE RATE

1. Consideration to set the CY2024 Millage Rate.

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/Rita Johnson to Recommend for approval Motion to adopt a millage rate of 15.588. Motion Failed: 2 - 3 Voting For: Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Ryan Bowlden

Motion/Second by Clay Davis/Gwen Flowers-Taylor to Recommend for approval Motion to adopt a millage rate of 14.981 and no increase to the fire district tax.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor seconded for discussion and then rescinded her second.

Motion Failed: 0 - 0

Voting For: None

Voting Against: None

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/Rita Johnson to Recommend for approval Commissioner Flowers -Taylor motioned to adopt a millage rate of 15.55 and use fund balance to resolve any shortage to the budget.. Motion Passed: 4 - 1

Voting For: James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: Clay Davis

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/Rita Johnson to Approve Motion to adopt the Fire District Tax at last year's rate of 3.742. Motion Passed: 4 - 1

Voting For: James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: Clay Davis

2. Adoption of the Griffin-Spalding County School System's 2024 millage rate. [Griffin-Spalding County School System 2024 Millage Rate](#)

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/Rita Johnson to Approve Set the Griffin-Spalding County School System Millage Rate at 16.742 mills.. Motion Passed: 4 - 1 Voting For: Clay Davis, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: James R Dutton

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring October as International Alpha Delta Kappa Month.

[Alpha_Kappa_Delta_Month_Proclamation_2024_Spalding_County.docx](#)

Motion/Second by James R Dutton/Rita Johnson to Approve Commissioner Flowers-Taylor read the proclamation.. Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: None

2. Recreation Dashboard

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3. Board of Assessors Update

[Tax Assessors Presentation BOC_10.07.2024.pptx](#)

4. Update on meeting EPD Storm water requirements. [Storm Water Flyers.pdf](#)

VII. 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.

- Michele Drugacz spoke

VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes from Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on September 16, 2024, Work Session on September 16, 2024, and Extraordinary Session on September 16, 2024.
[2024-9-16 SpecialCalledMeeting Minutes .pdf](#)

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/James R Dutton to Amend Motion to combine consideration of all minutes into one vote, and to approve acceptance of the minutes as presented for September 16, 2024, Special Called Meeting, Work Session, and Extraordinary Meeting.. Motion Passed: 5 - 0

***Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson
Voting Against: None***

2. Consider approval of September 16, 2024 Board of Commissioners Work Session
Consider approval of September 16, 2024 Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session
[2024-9-16 ExtraordinarySessionMinutes.docx](#)
[2024-9-16 Work Session Minutes.docx](#)

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the following Renewal 2025 Alcohol Licenses for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine:
 - High Falls Country Store, 2662 High Falls Road, Griffin, Ga 30224. No Violations.
 - Ringgold Grocery, 4243 Jackson Road, Griffin GA 30223. No Violations.
 - Nash Food Mart, 1511 Vaughn Road, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.
 - 362 Express, 1600 Williamson Road, Griffin, GA 30224. No Violations.
 - A1 Food Mart, 1650A N Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.
 - Aman Food Mart, 3970 N. Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.
 - Citgo, 1639 N Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.
 - JV's Corner, 1700 Zebulon Road, Griffin, GA 30224. No Violations.

- Copeland Grocery, 1578 High Falls Road, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.
- S & M Grocery, 3244 Fayetteville Road, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.
- Griffin Food Mart, 2295 N. Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.
- Racetrac # 2495, 1638 US Hwy 41, Griffin, Ga. 30224, No Violations.
- Racetrac # 182, 4200 N. Expressway, Hampton, Ga 30228, No Violations.
- North Food Mart. 4290 Newnan Rd. Griffin, Ga 30223. No Violations.
- Family Dollar # 32213, 1642 N Hill St. Griffin, Ga 30223. No Violations.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor excused herself from the meeting.

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Motion/Second by Rita Johnson/James R Dutton to Approve Dr. Ledbetter read the Alcohol Renewal locations into the record.. Motion Passed: 4 - 0

Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: None

2. Consider approval of the following Renewal 2025 Alcohol Licenses for Retail Sale of Package Store:

- Sam's Package Store, 1301 N Hill St. Griffin, Ga. 30223, No Violations.
- Zetella Express, 4319 Newnan Road, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.

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Motion/Second by Rita Johnson/James R Dutton to Approve . Motion Passed: 4 - 0

Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: None

3. Consider approval of the following Renewal 2025 Alcohol Licenses for Retail Sale of Consumption on Premises:

- George Francis Crosby, Griffin Moose Lodge, 1435 Zebulon Road, Griffin, GA 30224, **No Violations**

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Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/James R Dutton to Approve . Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: None

4. Consider approval of the following Renewal 2025 Alcohol Licenses for Retail Sale of Wholesale Distribution:

- William J. Madison, Jackson Beverages, 915 S Pinehill Rd., Griffin, GA 30224. **No Violations**

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Motion/Second by Rita Johnson/Gwen Flowers-Taylor to Approve . Motion Passed: 5 - 0

Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson

Voting Against: None

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of adoption of Human Resources Personnel Policy.

***Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/Ryan Bowlden to Approve Motion by Commissioner Flowers -Taylor to adopt the Personnel Policy Manual with the addition of increasing the number of vacation days as presented by staff during the workshop.. Motion Passed: 5 - 0
Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson Voting Against: None***

2. Consider approval of the SDS Water Service Area Map
Revision [Water Service Areas - Updated 2024.pdf](#)

***Motion/Second by Ryan Bowlden/Gwen Flowers-Taylor to Approve . Motion Passed: 5 - 0
Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson
Voting Against: None***

3. Consider appointment of two (2) Architectural Firms in Support of Spalding County.

***Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/Ryan Bowlden to Approve Appointment of CPL and LDD-Blueline as the County's Architectural firms.. Motion Passed: 5 - 0
Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson
Voting Against: None***

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

XII. REPORT OF DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Rita Johnson/Gwen Flowers-Taylor to Approve Adjourned at 9:18 pm.
Motion Passed: 5 - 0
Voting For: Clay Davis, James R Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson
Voting Against: None***