



Minutes
Board of Commissioners - Extraordinary
Session October 21, 2024
6:00 PM
Room 108, Spalding County Annex Building
119 E. Solomon Street
Griffin, GA 30223

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

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Commission Chair Clay Davis Called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

II. INVOCATION

1. Robby Milner, Pastor of the United Christian Fellowship Church to deliver the Invocation.
 Robby Milner delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. Commissioner Ryan Bowlden to lead the Pledge to the Flag.
 Commissioner Rita Johnson led the pledge to the flag.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Transmittal of the 2024 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Community Work Program (CWP) for Spalding County to Three Rivers Regional Commission for regional and State review.
 No one signed up to speak at public hearing.

Motion/Second by James R Dutton/Gwen Flowers-Taylor to Continue Call by Chairman Davis to enter public hearing at 6:02 pm. Motion passed unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by James R Dutton/Rita Johnson to Confirm Call by Chairman Davis to close public hearing at 6:03 pm. Motion passed unanimously by all.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consider approval of financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2024

1. Presentation of the Financial Statements

Approval of the Financial Statements for month ending September 30, 2024
[SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 Financial Statements.pdf](#)

Motion/Second by Rita Johnson/Gwen Flowers-Taylor to Approve Deputy County Manager of Administration Erica Dye presented the financial statement. Motion passed unanimously by all.

2. Update on Forensic Audit

Deputy County Manager of Administration Erica Dye updated the Board of Commissioners on the progress of the Forensic Audit.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

1. Proclamation of Red Ribbon Week

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor shared that the UGA Archway professional will host a meeting on November 13th focused on addiction in the community, communication in the community, and what we can do to address this problem. Anyone who would like to be a part of this meeting are invited to attend.

Commissioner Johnson asked that in the future the county invite the Griffin+Spalding School System, specifically Dr. Keith Simmons to speak as the school system "makes a big deal" about Red Ribbon Week in Spalding County. Commissioner Johnson shared that she previously spoke at the school system regarding drug free schools and the importance of talking with our young people about Red Ribbon Week, "it's pretty special."

Two young Marines were presented with the Proclamation, and a photograph was made with the Commissioners.

[Spalding County Red Ribbon Week Proclamation 10.21.2024.pdf](#)

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/James R Dutton to Approve Dr. Ledbetter read the Proclamation for the record. Motion passed unanimously by all.

2. Update on Code of Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance.

County Attorney Stephanie Windham provided an update on the progress of the recodification of the Code of Ordinances. She indicated the draft would be ready by the end of November 2024 or middle of December 2024.

Dr. Ledbetter provided an update on the progress of the recodification of the Zoning Ordinances. He indicated staff was working with Croy Engineering and Community Development Director David Allen to follow the same timeline for completion as the Code of Ordinances for completion.

VII. 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.

Two citizens spoke:

- Annie Bing - 1) thanked the Board of Commissioners for the work completed at Airport Road Park on the walking trail; 2) asked the Commissioners to consider constructing a walking trail at the Senior Center.
- Michael Middlebrooks - asked the Commissioners to carefully consider and deny adding additional residential properties to the Northeast side of Spalding County (Hwy 155) as traffic issues negatively impact the area.

VIII. MINUTES

Commission Chair Davis shared that staff plans to present the minutes at the next meeting.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Commission Chair Davis indicated there were no items on the Consent Agenda.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Project Update on Improving Neighborhood Outcomes Grants.

Leisure Services Director Kelly Carmichael presented the update for the timeline and details of the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes Grant.

Dr. Ledbetter shared how the grant was obtained and thanked Representative David Knight and Governor Brian Kemp for their help to secure the monies to improve Ambucs Park and Volunteer Park.

[INODIC Grant Projects Timeline 10-9-2024.pdf](#)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission on the project plaque for the Aquatic Center.

[October 2024 Plaque.pdf](#)

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/Rita Johnson to Discuss Commissioner Flowers-Taylor motioned to approve. Commissioner Johnson made a second. After discussion, Commissioner Flowers-Taylor rescinded her motion and Commissioner Johnson withdrew her second. Motion Withdrawn: 0 - 0

Voting For: None

Voting Against: None

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/James R Dutton to Table Commissioners asked that Commissioner Flowers-Taylor work with staff to make changes to the proposed plaque for the Aquatic Center and bring the changes back to the Board for consideration at their next meeting. Motion passed unanimously by all.

2. Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission for a Fairmont Heritage Park Gym conceptual plan.

[October 2024 Presentation Fairmont Gymnasium Conceptual Plan.pdf](#)

Motion/Second by Rita Johnson/James R Dutton to Table Staff asked the Board of Commissioners to table the agenda item as they received information from Kyle Epstein (architect) that a few last-minute changes were requested. Motion passed unanimously by all.

3. [GDOT Agreement Regarding the Griffin-Spalding County New Airport Griffin_Contract 41_Contract_Draft - SWW Redline 10-1-24.pdf](#)
[Coverletter to GDOT.doc](#)

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/James R Dutton to Approve The Board of Commissioners added a cover letter to the approved contract. Motion passed unanimously by all.

4. Transmittal of the 2024 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Community Work Program (CWP) for Spalding County to Three Rivers Regional Commission for regional and State review.

Commission Chair Davis asked Dr. Ledbetter if the CWP commit us to spending the money. Dr. Ledbetter answered, "no sir, this does not commit us to spending the money. This is a work plan that highlights the projects that we intend to complete as the Board of Commissioners allocates the money for each project."

[FY2024 CIE Update - September 2024.pdf](#)

[Revised Annual Impact Fee Financial Report Fiscal Year 2024.pdf](#)

[FY25_TRANSMITTAL_-_ORCHARD_HILL.pdf](#)

[CIE Transmittal Resolution Spalding County 2024 Draft - October 2024.pdf](#)

[CIE Cover Letter - October 2024.pdf](#)

[Display Ad - CIE-CWP - 10-21-2024 Spalding County Mtg.pdf](#)

[PUBLIC NOTICE-CIR-CWP October 2024.PDF](#)

[Three Rivers Correspondence.pdf](#)

[SpaldingCo.DeadlineVarianceApprvl.10082024.pdf](#)

Motion/Second by Gwen Flowers-Taylor/James R Dutton to Approve . Motion passed unanimously by all.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

Dr. Ledbetter discussed the following:

- Airport Road Park walking trail complete
- Early Voting is underway
- Adopt a Pet
- County Project List for T-SPLOST => Spalding County has collected \$31.2 MM to date
- The county has resurfaced 78.81 miles of roads and purchased the replacement for Big Blue during the last three years
- Recovery work after Hurricane Helene - highlighting the 100 calls for service during the storm

XIII. REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

Nothing to report this evening.

XIV. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Rita Johnson
 - Encouraged citizens to vote and indicated the process was much easier this year
- Commissioner Dutton
 - Christmas Parade preparation
 - Sales Tax works, as was evidenced by T-SPLOST
 - Attended ACCG training on Tourism and expanding the County's revenue streams

- Heritage Park & Rosenwald should be considered as a part of our tourism offering. Commissioner Dutton spoke with Senator Marty Harbin regarding the State's help in adding these locations to the State's tourism points of interest.
- Commissioner Flowers-Taylor
 - United Way income back into the County: What does United Way do for Spalding County.
 - Asked that staff update her on the Jewel Drive issues.
- Vice-Chair Bowlden
 - Nothing
- Chairman Davis
 - National Hero's Day
 - Please go and vote

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Rita Johnson/Gwen Flowers-Taylor to Approve Commission Chair Davis called for a motion of adjournment at 7:14 pm. Motion passed unanimously by all.