



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, held A Special Called Meeting (Work Session on SPLOST extension) on Monday, July 9, 2001 in their office in the Courthouse Annex in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia, beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m. with Commissioners Merrill Massengale, Dick Morrow, Johnie McDaniel and Michael Kendall present. Commissioner Martha McDaniel was absent. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, County Attorney Jim Fortune and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

Agenda Topics

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Massengale

II. WELCOME TO GUESTS

Chairman Massengale recognized the guests attending this meeting. They were City Manager Ron Rabun, City Commissioner Tom Perdue who is also a member of the Sewer Task Force, William White, City Water and Wastewater Director, Sewer Task Force member Julian Jones, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority Chairman Daa'ood Amin and Executive Director David Luckie and Brian Upson engineer for Development Authority.

There was a discussion regarding the projects that are to be included in the SPLOST extension. The Griffin Spalding Development Authority is requesting funding in the amount of \$20,000,000 to acquire and develop East Meadow Economic Development Park, which would be a multi-use park. Mr. Luckie stated that they would like to attract technology and warehouse distribution plants similar to those they have in Henry County. It was noted in order to have this additional park, there would have to be sewage furnished and the Sewer Task Force has had several meetings and has requested funding in the amount of \$16,000,000 to construct a sewage treatment plant in either the Buck Creek Drainage basin or the Cabin Creek Drainage basin. The treatment plant would be a land application plant and not a direct discharge plant.

Mr. Amin stated that the Development Authority was trying to continue to expand the existing industrial base in order to have other sources outside of the pocketbooks of taxpayers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. To discuss possible dates to call for a bond referendum for an extension of the (SPLOST) Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

Commissioner Johnie McDaniel stated that he was excited about the possibility and hopes that over the next period of months he would have an opportunity with the leadership here in this room and the leadership that this Board can provide to motivate some people to get excited about this in the community. He said that we need to take every opportunity we can to say a good word for this SPLOST extension and the projects that would be included. We are really going to have to make an effort to educate people what this is about and the benefits that can come from it. There is opposition mounting up in the eastern part of Spalding County where these projects are to be implemented.

Commissioner Kendall stated from a political standpoint he supported a vote in November. He said that our proposal did not need to be tied up with the school's proposal for SPLOST vote in September.

Commissioner Massengale asked for comments from City Manager Rabun as how the City Commissioners feel about a September versus November date. Mr. Rabun stated that it takes some lead time for education effort to get the word out to people and sell the proposal. He said they feel that the vote should be held in November during the General Election. He also remarked on the confusion involved also.

Commissioner Massengale stated that he would like for these two SPLOST extensions stand separately and alone and give the people a chance to vote that way. He supported a November vote also.

Chairman Massengale asked for comments from all citizens present and the consensus was a November date rather than a September date.

Motion made by Commissioner Morrow to call for a SPLOST vote on November 6, 2001 for the East Meadow Economic Development Park and the companion sewer treatment plant that is proposed with it in the total amount of \$36,000.000 not to exceed sixty (60) months. Commissioner Johnie McDaniel seconded the motion and motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business, Chairman Massengale adjourned the meeting.

County Clerk

Chairman

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