



# Spalding County online

## Board of Commissioners

### PUBLIC HEARING

A third public hearing was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in their office in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, December 20, 2001 beginning at 4:30 o'clock p.m. with Commissioners, Michael Kendall, Martha McDaniel, Merrill Massengale, Johnie McDaniel and Dick Morrow present. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, Assistant County Manager Michael Sabine and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

Chairman Massengale called the Public Hearing to order and welcomed the guest present.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive comment on the proposed reapportionment maps that were displayed in the meeting room.

At this time, Chairman Massengale allowed time for the citizens in the audience to look at the maps before receiving comment.

Mr. Fred Edwards gave his address as 747 Steele Road and stated that Map No. 5 reminds him of the map that the state is fussing about. He said, "In my opinion I think Map No. 5 stinks".

Mr. Daa'ood Amin gave his address as 123 Hummingbird Hollow and stated that he could support Map No. 2. He said that he understands that all of the commissioners had input in the drawing of this map. He said that he was involved in the present plan that the commissioners' are already under now. He said hopefully the Board would not have a problem with the Justice Department.

*With no further comments, motion made by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Johnie McDaniel and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.*

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### **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, held a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, December 20, 2001 in their office in the Courthouse Annex in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia, beginning at 5:00 o'clock p.m. with Commissioners Martha McDaniel, Merrill Massengale, Dick Morrow, Johnie McDaniel and Michael Kendall present.. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, Assistant County Manager Michael Sabine, County Attorney Jim Fortune and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

## Agenda Topics

### I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Massengale

### II. WELCOME TO GUESTS – Chairman Massengale

### III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider adoption of Resolution recommending a redistricting plan to the County's General Assembly delegation for introduction as a local act.

Commissioner Massengale handed out three blank index cards to each of the Commissioners and asked each Commissioner to put the map of his preference on the card and put his name on the card. County Manager Wilson will take up the cards and read the results. He said if there were at least three (3) cards for one particular map, then someone can make a motion to adopt this map. County Manager Wilson read each of the cards and the results were as follows: Commissioner Massengale – Map No. 4; Commissioner Morrow – Map No. 2; Commissioner Martha McDaniel - Map No. 2; Commissioner Johnie McDaniel - Map No. 2; Commissioner Mike Kendall – Map No. 2.

*Motion made by Commissioner Johnie McDaniel that the Board of Commissioners approve Redistricting Map No. 2. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion.*

Commissioner Martha McDaniel stated that she was more interested in the citizens of Spalding County than her own personal views. She said that Map No. 2 will serve the Board even though she prefers Map No. 4 but for the good of the entire county she cannot be selfish and vote for a map that she knows is going to lose.

Commissioner Morrow thanked Commissioner Martha McDaniel for her comments towards Map No. 2.

Commissioner Johnie McDaniel thanked the Board for being patient with him while he was making his decision. He said that he tried to be agenda free. He said that he had been torn between Map No. 2 and Map No. 4 and he came to the conclusion that Map No. 2 would be the least amount of impact to the community. He said that this would still retain District 1 and District 3, which he represents, as minority districts.

Commissioner Kendall echoed everybody's sentiments. He said that he felt that Map No. 2 most fairly addressed the parameters that were on the table, created the least amount of change in the existing districts, maintained for each commissioner to have some geography inside the City Limits of Griffin and maintained the minority districts fairly close to what they have been and a good compromise for everybody.

Commissioner Massengale stated that he believes if you are not making change, then you are standing still. He said that he was for making change and that is why he was for Map No. 4. He said that in his opinion the fairest map is Map No. 4.

*Commissioner Johnie McDaniel corrected his motion to indicate plan spaldcc2. Commissioner Morrow seconded the amended motion and motion was approved by a vote of 3-1 with Commissioner Massengale voting against the motion.*

The Resolution adopted is as follows:

## Resolution

### *A Resolution Recommending Adoption of a Redistricting Plan for the Board of Commissioners*

WHEREAS the Spalding County Board of Commissioners is comprised of five members, each elected from single-member districts; AND

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners is required to redistrict itself in compliance with the results of the latest decennial Census of the United States and in conformance with the requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; AND

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners has studied various plans submitted for review by the Board and comment by the public through two public hearings pertaining to commission district boundaries; AND

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners desires to recommend a preferred plan for introduction by Spalding County's delegation in the General Assembly of Georgia as a local act of the General Assembly pertaining to Spalding County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia that the Board hereby recommends the redistricting plan known as Plan Spaldcc2 (also known as Map #2) for adoption by the General Assembly and subsequent review by the United States Department of Justice prior to final implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, in association with the County Attorney, to prepare the requisite submission of the recommended plan to the United States Department of Justice for preclearance review purposes subsequent to its adoption by the General Assembly.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider rescinding motion made December 17, 2001 relative to Amendment to **UDO #A-01-17**. *Motion made by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow to rescind the previous motion.*

County Attorney Fortune stated that this was a motion to rescind the action taken the other night and to wipe the slate clean. He said the amendment made did not achieve the desired results.

*Chairman Massengale called the question on the motion to rescind and motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

2. Consider floor amendment to Amendment to **UDO #A-01-17** relative to lots of record in platted subdivisions in the AR-1 District. The floor amendment is as follows: Insert a new section to Amendment to UDO #A-01-17, Section 8A: "For lots of record in the AR-1 district that are situated within a platted subdivision recorded with the Clerk of Court for Spalding County, on or before December 17, 2001, the minimum heated square footage required shall be reduced to 1,250."

*Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Massengale the floor amendment to UDO #A-01-17 was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Kendall voting against the motion.*

3. Consider amended Amendment to **UDO #A-01-17** at first reading. *Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Johnie McDaniel the amended amendment to UDO #A-01-17 was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Kendall voting against the motion. **The Resolution with amendment will be incorporated into the minutes on second and final reading.***

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Johnie McDaniel the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:22 P.M.*

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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