



Spalding County online

Board of Commissioners

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, held their extraordinary session on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 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 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 Johnie McDaniel**
- II. INVOCATION - Rev. Randy Valimont – Led by Chairman McDaniel in the absence of Rev. Valimont.**
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led By County Manager Wilson**
- IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

At this time Chairman McDaniel presented Commissioner Massengale a plaque for his year of service as Chairman of Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2001. Mr. McDaniel thanked him for his faithful service and leadership.

1. Consider approval of a Proclamation declaring Saturday, January 26, 2002 as “Griffin Utility Club, Inc. Appreciation Day” in Spalding County. Kay Quam of the Utility Club was present to receive the Proclamation. *Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Massengale the following Proclamation was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

Proclamation

“The Griffin Utility Club, Inc. Appreciation Day”

WHEREAS, The Griffin Utility Club, Inc. is a non-profit women’s service organization established in 1927 and celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, The Griffin Utility Club, Inc. fosters interest among its members in social, educational, cultural and civic life of the community by giving many hours of service to our community, participating in fundraiser activities, attending monthly meetings and paying dues in order to give good quality time and donations to area citizens and organizations of our community; and

WHEREAS, Its motto is “to grow in Christian life in serving God, our country and our fellow man”; and

WHEREAS, The Griffin Utility Club, Inc. is the producer of the famous cookbook, *The Stuffed Griffin* and the Club is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of this cookbook; and

WHEREAS, The Griffin Utility Club, Inc. also sponsors nursing, memorial and academic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, The Griffin Utility Club, Inc. will be having their 75th Diamond Jubilee on January 26, 2002 to celebrate the accomplishments of its members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County that **Saturday, January 26, 2002** is hereby proclaimed as

“GRIFFIN UTILITY CLUB, INC. APPRECIATION DAY”

in Spalding County and encourage the citizens of our community to recognize the continuing contribution of the members of this Club in making our community a better place to live for all citizens.

This the 22nd day of January 2002.

Chairman McDaniel asked for a motion to amend the agenda to go into a Closed Meeting at that portion of the agenda to discuss potential and pending litigation. Motion made by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Martha McDaniel and unanimously approved to amend the agenda.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of Financial Statements for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2001. Ms. Jinna Garrison, Finance Director, was present to answer any questions. *Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Massengale the Financial Statements were unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. Ms. Phyllis Wilcox is present to discuss the County's noise ordinance. Ms. Phyllis Wilcox gave her address as 123 Landsdown Drive and address the noise problem not only in her neighborhood but also all over Spalding County. She said that the "boom boxes" and radios in cars were very annoying and shows inconsideration of young people. She said that she had called the Sheriff's Department several times regarding noise at her residence and also felt like the curfews for young people are not being enforced.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. William Dixon, 132 LaPrade Road, stated that even if you abandon that portion of Dendee Street, there would still be a dirt road as there are four (4) houses on Lynn Street. He said that he feels that this problem is overstated and asked the commissions to do further study before voting on this matter.

VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the Regular Monthly Meeting of January 7, 2002 and Special Called Meeting of January 17, 2002. *Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

IX. CONSENT AGENDA – n/a

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider appointments to Boards, Authorities and Commissions. The following appointments were made for Calendar Year 2002:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR TERMS BEGINNING 1-1-2002

A. APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

1. Spalding County Library Board of Trustees- 4 Year Term

- a. To succeed Mrs. Lee Beckham, Four-year term to expire 12-31-05
- b. To succeed William P. Wilson, Jr., Four-year term to expire 12-31-05

Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow Mrs. Lee Beckham and William P. Wilson, Jr. were reappointed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

2. Spalding County Board of Zoning Appeals- 3 Year Term

- a. At-Large to succeed Rosa Callaway, Three-year term to expire 12-31-04

Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow this appointment was tabled by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

3. Spalding County Personnel Appeals Board- 3 Year Term

- a. To succeed Ivan Betz, Three-year term to expire 12-31-04
- b. To succeed C. E. Williams, Jr., Three-year term to expire 12-31-04

*Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow **Ivan Betz and C.E. Williams, Jr.** were reappointed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

4. Spalding County Parks and Recreation Commission- 3 Year Term

- a. District #1, to succeed Anthony Dickson, Three-year term to expire 12-31-04

*Commissioner Kendall reappointed **Anthony Dickson** to represent District #1.*

- b. District #2, to succeed Wayne Gardner, Three-year term to expire 12-31-04

*Commissioner Martha McDaniel reappointed **Wayne Gardner** to represent District #2.*

- c. District #3, to succeed Zachery Holmes, Three-year term to expire 12-31-04

*Commissioner Johnie McDaniel reappointed **Zachery Holmes** to represent District #3.*

- d. District #5, to succeed Blakely Barlow, Three-year term to expire 12-31-04

Commissioner Massengale stated that he would make his District #5 appointment at the February 4th meeting.

6. Regional Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse Board

- a. Vacant - A Three-year term to expire 7-31-02 - County Manager Wilson has written the Spalding County Health Department and has asked for a recommendation for this position.

7. Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority- 6 Year Term

- a. To succeed Cecil Davis, Six-year term to expire 12-31-07
- b. To succeed Oscar Zellner, Six-year term to expire 12-31-07
- c. To succeed Dr. Gayle Goodin, Six-year term to expire 12-31-07

*Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow, **Cecil Davis, Oscar Zellner and Dr. Gayle Goodin** were reappointed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

8. Jail Population Management Task Force – 6 Year Term

- a. To succeed Tom Perdue, Six-year term to expire 12-31-07 - **tabled**

9. Board Of Appeals & Adjustments Unsafe Building Abatement Code- 4 Year Term

- a. To succeed Daa'ood Amin, Four-year term to expire 12-31-05
- b. To succeed John Picklesimer, Four-year term to expire 12-31-05

*Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, **Daa'ood Amin and John Picklesimer** were reappointed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

10. Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful, Inc. – 2 Year Term

- a. To succeed Kathy Beheler, Two-year term to expire 12-31-03
- b. To succeed Marvin Tackett, Two-year term to expire 12-31-03
- c. To succeed John Ballard, Two-year term to expire 12-31-03 -
- d. To succeed Patricia Grant, (SunnySide rep.), Two-year term to expire 12-31-03 -
- f. To succeed Mrs. Briddie Kruse, Two-year term to expire 12-31-03 - **tabled**
- g. To succeed Louise Tipton, Two-year term to expire 12-31-03
- h. Orchard Hill rep. Vacant position, Two-year term to expire 12-31-03 – **tabled**

*Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Massengale, **Kathy Beheler, Marvin Tackett, John Ballard, Patricia Grant, Louise Tipton** were reappointed to Keep Griffin/Spalding Beautiful by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

11. Board Of Directors, McIntosh Trail Regional Development Commission

- a. To succeed Regina Abbott non-elected citizen appointee
- b. To succeed Leola Hill (Minority Representative)
- c. To succeed Frank Thomas (Additional appointment)

*Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Massengale **Regina Abbott, Leola Hill and Frank Thomas** were reappointed to their respective appointments by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

12. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Commission

- a. Bill McBroom (Prosecutor's Office), One-year term to expire 12-31-02
- b. Fred Roney (Court System), One-year term to expire 12-31-02
- c. Tootsie Powers (School System), One-year term to expire 12-31-02
- d. Marvin Brooks (Private Sector), One-year term to expire 12-31-02

*Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, **Bill McBroom, Fred Roney, Tootsie Powers and Marvin Brooks** were reappointed to their respective positions by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

13. Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Planning Coordinating Committee

- a. To succeed Bill Westmoreland, One-year term to expire 12-31-02

*Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Massengale **Bill Westmoreland** was reappointed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

16. **Griffin-Spalding Community Collaboration Council**

- a. To succeed Martha W. McDaniel, Two-year term to expire 12-31-03

Commissioner Martha McDaniel stated that this was the Chairman's appointment made at the previous meeting.

- b. To succeed Vicki Massengale, Two-year term to expire 12-31-03

*Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Massengale, **Vicki Massengale** was reappointed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.*

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider adoption of Resolution recommending a redistricting plan to the County's General Assembly delegation for introduction as a local act. After discussion regarding the proposed maps and comments made by each Commissioner as to the reason for their choice of maps, *motion was made by Commissioner Morrow to adopt Map # Spaldcc5. Motion seconded by Commissioner Martha McDaniel and motion passed by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Massengale and Kendall voting against the motion.* Commissioner Kendall supported his map (Kendallsb) and Commissioner Massengale stated he could not vote for Spaldcc5 to represent both entities, the County Commissioners and the Board of Education. The Resolution is as follows:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

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 Spalccc5 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.

2. Consider Resolution to Abandon Dendee Street or a Portion Thereof pursuant to Resolution of Intent previously approved by the Board of Commissioners. *Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Massengale the following Resolution to Abandon Dendee Street or a Portion Thereof was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

**RESOLUTION TO ABANDON
DENDEE STREET OR A PORTION THEREOF**

WHEREAS, landowners contiguous to Dendee Street contend that Dendee Street has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by said road and have requested the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County as the governing authority of said county, to abandon said road as a part of the county road system; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2001 the Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution of intent to consider the abandonment of Dendee Street; and

WHEREAS, a copy of such resolution along with a copy of said plat and sketch was sent to each of the contiguous property owners and to the local Postmaster for review with the rural mail carrier and to the Superintendent of the Griffin-Spalding County School System for review with the person in charge of the bus transportation for students in the local school system, and in addition thereto copies of such resolution were posted at the Spalding County Courthouse and at the Spalding County Courthouse Annex; and

WHEREAS, no objections to such abandonment have been received;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS, HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County that Dendee Street lying and being in the Experiment Militia District, running north northeasterly from its intersection with Lynn Street approximately 585 feet, to a point intersecting with Magnolia Drive that is more particularly described as being a point approximately 420 feet west of the intersection of Old Atlanta Road and Magnolia Drive as more particularly shown and designated on the plat or sketch attached hereto, has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it, accordingly, said road is hereby considered,

ordered and declared abandoned, and it is further ordered that said Dendee Street shall hereafter cease to be a part of the county road system; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the within resolution shall be transmitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation and to the Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors, so as to record the deletion of Dendee Street as a part of the Spalding County road system; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the within resolution shall become effective immediately and that all acts or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

3. Consider establishment of qualifying fees for 2002 general election cycle. *Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow the following qualifying fees were unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

Office	Salary	Qualifying Fee
County Commissioner	\$12,000	\$ 360.00
Solicitor, State Court	\$32,500	\$ 975.00
Member, Board of Education	\$ 6,932	\$ 207.96

4. Consider at first reading an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Ordinance to provide for donation from Griffin-Spalding Youth Softball Association. *Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, the amendment to Budget Ordinance was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. **The Ordinance will be incorporated into the minutes on second and final reading.***

5. Consider recommendation from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission relative to material composition for fence signs at Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park. Mr. Louis Greene, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that these signs would be painted on the mesh fabric and would be placed on the outfield fence only with letters on the baseball side so signs would only be viewed from bleachers. Commissioner Martha McDaniel opposed placing signs in the baseball complex as she said this is too beautiful a facility to mess up with signs. It was so noted that the signs would generate revenue for the Baseball Association.

Motion made by Commissioner Martha McDaniel to deny the request for signs at baseball complex fields. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion for purpose of discussion. After discussion the question was called and Commissioner Martha McDaniel's motion to deny failed by a vote of 1-4 with Commissioners Morrow, Johnie McDaniel, Kendall and Massengale voting against the motion.

A new motion was made by Commissioner Massengale to approve the request for placing signs composed of mesh at all the baseball fields. Commissioner Kendall seconded the motion and motion passed by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Martha McDaniel voting against the motion.

6. Consider awarding bid for Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park Shop Expansion. Louis Greene, Director, requested the bid be awarded to low bidder Stanfield Erection Company in the amount of \$15,213 and for these funds to be taken out of SPLOST.

Motion made by Commissioner Martha McDaniel to accept the low bid of Stanfield Erection Company in the amount of \$15,213 and funds to be taken out of SPLOST. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion and motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. Reference Contract #02-01-22(A).

7. Consider recommendation from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission relative to reopening Parks and Recreation Master Plan to consider installation of playground equipment in center area of Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park walking track. County Manager Wilson stated that the reopening of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan would be done in house with staff only in order for the County to apply for a grant. The cost of the installation of the playground would cost approximately \$50,000.

Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Martha McDaniel recommendation to reopen the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for consideration of the installation of playground equipment was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

8. Consider request from HDR/WL Jordan regarding modifications relative to Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park Phase III – Baseball Sports Lighting Contract with Georgia Power. *Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Georgia Power in the amount of \$12,318 was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

9. Consider election of voting delegate for NACO Legislative Conference. *Upon motion by Commissioner Massengale, seconded by Commissioner Morrow, Commissioner Martha McDaniel was unanimously elected as voting delegate.*

10. Commissioner Martha McDaniel requests consideration of travel request to attend NACO Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. March 1-5, 2002. *Upon motion by Commissioner Massengale, seconded by Commissioner Morrow request for travel was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

11. Consider request to proceed with proposed Classification and Compensation Study by Maximus.

The amount of the study is approximately \$20,000 and salaries would be studied internally and externally. A study has not been performed since 1993. County Manager Wilson asked for approval for study to be done in order to implement the salary changes in the Fiscal Year 2003 budget. He said that Maximus would be looking at all job classifications of Spalding County.

Motion to approve request was made by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, and seconded by Commissioner Massengale for discussion.

There was a discussion by Commissioners regarding a tax increase in the Fiscal Year 2003 budget and how it was going to affect the taxpayers of Spalding County. They felt like this was going to be a very difficult year to try to raise employees' salaries. They felt like they were not going to be able to afford to compete with other counties this year on salaries.

Chairman McDaniel called the question for approval of the request. The vote was taken and the motion was denied by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Massengale being the only member of the Board in favor of the request.

12. Consider authorizing issuance of RFP for development of new Spalding County Comprehensive Plan. Assistant County Manager Sabine stated that Spalding County's QLG (Qualified Local Government) status will expire on February 28, 2004 and we will need to revamp our Comprehensive Plan before this time in order to keep our status. This new plan is required by the State. The cost of the Comprehensive Plan would be \$200,000 over two (2) Fiscal Years, which would mean \$100,000 designated each year.

Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow authorizing issuance of RFP was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

13. Lanier Boatwright of the McIntosh Trail Regional Development Center is present to discuss a proposed Section 319 impaired waterways grant. Mr. Adam Hazell of McIntosh Trail was present along with staff from Integrated Science & Engineer (ISE) to present this item. The Potato Creek has flunked its test and is currently listed as violating the Georgia State Water Quality Standard (WQS) for fecal coliform and is on the list of impaired waters and initiating the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) process for achieving water quality compliance. Potato Creek stretches 30+ miles from Griffin to the Flint River in Upson County and supplies the City of Thomaston with public water. This is one of the most polluted bodies according to the State register and is eligible for funding toward cleaning it up including implementation measures. The total cost of study is \$300,000 with grant eligibility of \$180,000 and they were asking six entities to participate at a cost of \$20,000 which would be a total of \$120,000 making the \$300,000 cost. The other counties asked to participate are Pike, Lamar and Upson as well as City of Griffin and City of Thomaston. The study would be performed over FY 2003 and FY 2004 to find where the causes are and what can be done to resolve those problems, not to implement the resolution of the problem.

Spalding County was asked to commit \$10,000 over the next two (2) years to do this study. *Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Massengale the commitment of \$10,000 over the next two (2) years was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

Motion made by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow to amend the Agenda to go into a Closed Meeting at this time to allow Chairman McDaniel to attend the Closed Meeting as he has another appointment at 8:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Martha McDaniel the Board voted unanimously to go into a Closed Meeting to discuss potential and pending litigation.

XIV. CLOSED MEETING

Those present were Commissioners Michael Kendall, Dick Morrow, Martha McDaniel, Johnie McDaniel, Merrill Massengale, County Manager William Wilson, Assistant County Manager Michael Sabine, County Attorney Jim Fortune and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

[A copy of the affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting]

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF SPALDING

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN

Members of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on January 22, 2002.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

Yes 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);

No Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and

(insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential)_____;

No Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);

No 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);

No Other *(describe the exemption to the open meetings law):*

_____ as provided in

(insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic)_____.

This the 22nd day of January 2002.

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 22nd day of
January 2002.
Phyllis P. Doane
Notary Public
My commission expires: March 18, 2002

Spalding County Board of Commissioners

(L.S.) H. Merrill Massengale
(L.S.) Martha W. McDaniel
(L.S.) Johnie A. McDaniel
(L.S.) M. Michael Kendall
(L.S.) Dick Morrow

Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow the Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Meeting and go back into Open Session.

Chairman Johnie McDaniel had to leave the meeting and turned the gavel over to Vice-Chairman Morrow to conduct the rest of the business.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Wilson stated that staff would be implementing a zero-based budgeting concept for FY 2003 which will allow for the creation of a budget that anticipates specific line-item costs for each department and he will be asking the Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution endorsing this recommendation when they adopt the FY 2003 budget preparation calendar at the February 4, 2002 Board meeting.

County Manager Wilson stated that the 2002 Griffin/Spalding Leadership Class would be attending the February 4, 2002 meeting. He said that the members of the class would be present at 5:30 for any of the commissioners to give a brief introduction as to county government operation.

County Manager Wilson stated that an exit interview policy would be implemented immediately for Personnel to find out why people are leaving employment with the county. All county issued equipment would be turned in at this time. He said that this information would be passed on to the Commissioners as to why employees are leaving.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kendall stated that at the next Hospital Authority meeting they are going to take up the issue about what direction the Hospital Authority is going in and which of our funding projects are considered worthy funding for their budget requests.

Commissioner Massengale asked County Manager Wilson for an update at the traffic signal at Birdie Road/Highway 19/41. Mr. Wilson commented that additional right of way would be required on those four (4) corners and W.L. Jordan would be contacting the property owners to see if they can obtain the right of way. He said hopefully he would have a report to the Board at the second meeting in February of all projects to be finished up this year (SPLOST projects). The estimated cost of the Birdie traffic signal is \$300,000 and the target date for the start of installation might be at the start of school next year.

Commissioner Martha McDaniel had no comments.

Commissioner Morrow commented that Poplar Street culvert project has been completed and the road is now open. He said that the contractor did a marvelous job.

Commissioner Morrow commented on the Airport Master Plan Study Committee. He said that the Inventory Committee of this committee met last week and had a very nice meeting. He said that the Airport Master Plan Study Committee meeting would be held February 7, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at Alexander Aeroplane building.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Massengale, seconded by Commissioner Morrow the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

County Clerk

Chairman

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