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Board of Commissioners

SPECI

AL CALLED JOINT MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, The Board of Commissioners of the City of Griffin, City of Sunny Side and City of Orchard Hill held a Special Called Joint Meeting on Monday, July 15, 2002 in the Courthouse Annex in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia, beginning at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Those present from the County were Chairman Johnie McDaniel, Commissioners Merrill Massengale and Michael Kendall, County Manager William Wilson, County Attorney Jim Fortune and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

Those present from the City were Mayor Joanne Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Dick Slade, Commissioner Walker Cook, City Manager Ron Rabun and City Attorney Drew Whalen.

Those present from City of Orchard Hill were Mayor Evelyn Nichols and Councilmen Robert Morgan and Julian Jones.

Those present from City of Sunny Side were Mayor Larry Gossett and Councilman James Channell.

Also present were David Luckie, Executive Director and Daa'ood Amin, Chairman of the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority.

Special guests present were Todd Barnes, A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. and Rachel Spears, representative from King and Spalding.

County Chairman Johnie McDaniel called the Special Meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

City Attorney stated for the record that there was not a quorum present for the City; therefore they could take no action unless a quorum should appear. Commissioner Bill Landrum came in during the discussions, which gave the City a quorum.

The purpose of the Special Called Meeting was to discuss projects to be included on a November 5, 2002 bond referendum for SPLOST.

Chairman McDaniel stated that everybody was interested in the Industrial Development proposal; however, we are having to wait on this report. He asked for recommendations from each of the entities present.

Ms. Joanne Todd, Mayor of City of Griffin stated that the City Board had supported twice by Resolution the expansion of the industrial park; however, in case that does not come to fruition that the City had come up with three (3) classes of projects (1) Water/Wastewater; (2) Public Works and (3) Stormwater totaling \$31.6 Million.

Councilman Julian Jones spoke on behalf of City of Orchard Hill and gave a list of projects that totaled \$1 Million. Those projects included sewer extension, paved parking lots at their City Park, and most importantly the building of a new City Hall combined with a Spalding County Fire Station. He said that the land is available. Mr. Jones stated speaking for himself only he also supported economic development. Councilman Robert Morgan stated he felt if economic development were the only project on the next SPLOST, it would not give the general public what they wanted and would not pass.

Mr. Larry Gossett, Mayor of City of Sunny Side gave a list of projects totaling \$350,000 to \$400,000. Those projects include a sidewalk between Old Atlanta Road to the Post Office at the corner of Highway 19/41, paving of Sockwell Drive, purchase of land to make a park similar to Orchard Hill Park, and current walking tract rubberized, which is .2 mile. He said that Sunny Side was appreciative for the last SPLOST money, which allowed them to build a new City Hall, which they were very proud of. Mr. Gossett said they could not give a definite answer as to support of the economic development project, as their main concern was water restrictions placed on their community as well as on other communities.

Mayor Todd commented that this was a concern for them also and said some thought would need to be given to making sure ample water and wastewater infrastructure are in place for future economic development. She said that they were on schedule with the building of the new reservoir.

County Manager Wilson stated that the previous 5-year SPLOST brought in \$38.5 Million; however, with the down turn in sales tax revenues, he estimates only \$36.5 Million for the next SPLOST with approximately \$5 Million going for debt service, leaving \$31 Million for a project or projects. He commented with the economic development project being the top priority, Mr. David Luckie will have final figures by the end of the week.

It was agreed that once the Development Authority had figures for an economic development project, the entities would need to meet again for the Development Authority to present their project and also discuss projects that possibly be done if there were any monies left. The entities agreed to meet on Tuesday, July 23rd at 5:00 P.M. at the Courthouse Annex Meeting Room.

Chairman McDaniel asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by City Commission Dick Slade, seconded by Julian Jones and unanimously approved for adjournment.

County Clerk

Chairman

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