



# Spalding County online

## Board of Commissioners

### SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, January 10, 2003 beginning at 1:00 o'clock p.m. in the Courthouse Annex in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia. Those present were Commissioners Dick Morrow, Michael Kendall, Johnnie McDaniel, Cecil Davis, Eddie Goss, County Manager William Wilson, Assistant County Manager Michael Sabine, County Attorney Jim Fortune and County Clerk Phyllis Doane. Special guest was Rachel Spears, King and Spalding.

Chairman Morrow called the Special Called Meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was as follows:

1. Consider adoption of Resolution authorizing reimbursement for future SPLOST proceeds for Park and Recreation projects. *Upon motion by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Davis the following Resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioner Kendall was not present for the vote).*

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF  
SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA TO REIMBURSE  
ITSELF FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES  
WITH A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF A  
PROPOSED ISSUE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SALES  
TAX BONDS, SERIES 2003**

WHEREAS, Spalding County, Georgia (the "County"), a public body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia, wishes to finance the acquisition of real property adjacent to Fairmont Park (the "Acquisition");

WHEREAS, the cost of the Acquisition will not exceed \$375,000 and will be reimbursed through a portion of the not to exceed \$36,000,000 Spalding County, Georgia General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2003 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the use of the Bonds to finance the cost of the Acquisition is consistent with the County's budgetary and financial circumstances in that no other funds are available or expected to be available on a long-term basis to finance the Acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the County anticipates that it may be required to pay certain capital expenditures with respect to the Acquisition prior to the date that the Bonds are issued, and the County would like to use the proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse itself for the payment of such capital expenditures and for the payment of legal fees and related planning costs attributable to the Acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

(1) The County reasonably expects to pay certain capital expenditures and other costs with respect to the Acquisition prior to the issuance of the Bonds.

(2) The County reasonably expects to reimburse such capital expenditures from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds.

(3) This Resolution is intended to be a declaration of "official intent" within the meaning of Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2.

(4) The maximum amount of the Bonds proposed to be issued is currently estimated to be \$36,000,000.

(5) This Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the main administrative office of the County at 119 East Solomon Street, Griffin, Georgia, from the date it is adopted until the date that the Bonds are issued.

Adopted this 10th day of January, 2003.

2. Finalize projects to be included in a March 18, 2003 SPLOST referendum.

Chairman Morrow read the latest proposed SPLOST projects, which are as follows:

**Bonded projects and costs:**

Economic development	\$29,402,525
Parkland acquisition	375,000
Interest	3,418,845
Bond Issuance fees	<u>252,475</u>
<i>Sub-total for bonded projects</i>	\$33,448,845

**Pay-as-you-go collections projects and costs:**

Parkland acquisition	\$ 875,000
New animal shelter	951,155
Senior Center CDBG match	375,000
Spalding County transportation projects	800,000
City of Griffin transportation projects	800,000
Sunny Side projects	250,000
Orchard Hill projects	250,000

Cabin Creek Basin sewer improvements 250,000  
(unincorporated area of County)

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*Sub-total for pay-as-you-go projects* \$4,551,155

**Total projects for proposed 2003 SPLOST \$38,000,000**

Commissioner McDaniel made the audience aware of the fact that the pay-as-you-go projects are just a list and not in any priority, which will be determined at a later date.

Chairman Morrow stated that the pay-as-you-go projects reflect \$125,000 less for Senior Center expansion and also \$125,000 less for Parkland acquisition to allow for the sewer improvements in the North Side of Griffin, which has been a long running concern.

Chairman Morrow opened the meeting up for comments from the citizens present.

Mr. Horace Fuller, Jr., Pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, came forward and gave his personal address as 1307 Greenbriar Drive. He addressed the Board concerning sewer for his street. He was asking the Board to give them some relief with sewer problems.

Ms. Cynthia Reid Ward came forward and gave her address as 119 Palace Street. She wanted to know what the \$250,000 has been allocated for. The money was placed in this project to be flexible and details would be worked out later. Ms. Ward said if the grant is not awarded that would put the North area back at ground zero with their sewer problems. She said she was still requesting the \$2 Million to upgrade the sewer system for North Griffin in North Spalding County. She asked that the \$250,000 not specifically be earmarked for the grant only. She said that the reason there have been few registered complaints from the area is because the people pretty much accepted there is nothing going to be done and that is why they do not complain. She said that she feels that the City Commission would look at a proposal if one is presented to them that truly commits to upgrading the sewer system in North Griffin.

Chairman Morrow assured Ms. Ward that the money is not being placed to help only to make the CDBG grant competitive. The money is placed there to help with this sewer problem any way it can be used.

Ms. Geraldine Jackson came forward and gave her address as 421 Lakewood Drive. She said she was attending the meeting on behalf of Ms. Jewell Walker-Harps to convey concerns regarding the sewer system in North Griffin. She said that this is an effort that has been on going for a number of years and we feel there should be a solution to this problem. She said that they have had legal counsel to work with them on this effort. She said they feel that Commissioners have a responsibility for all their citizens and not just the one that represents them in their political division. She thanked the Board for considering the grant.

Ms. Manor Lawrence came forward and gave her address as 218 Ella Circle. She addressed problems with her septic tank. It was costly to have it repaired and the odor from the tanks is very bad.

Ms. Fannie Delaney came forward and gave her address as 208 Pinetree Circle. She thanked the Board for considering helping with the sewer problems in her subdivision; however, \$250,000 would not begin to take care of their problems, and she hoped other monies could be found within the county budget. She said the smell from the septic tanks was fast becoming a health hazard. She asked for relief for this area of the county.

Ms. Gwen Flowers came forward and gave her address as 134 Spalding Street. She made comments regarding the few complaints that have been made in this area regarding sewer problems. She said just because there is not a lot of complaints registered doesn't mean there is not a problem. She commented about the transportation projects in the SPLOST proposal and the confusion that transpired during the last SPLOST with transportation projects. She asked the Board to consider additional money for the sewer improvements. She said her outlook for North Griffin is to expand and grow to be in competition with the rest of the county.

Mr. Johnny Goodrum came forward and gave his address as 222 Pinetree Circle. He addressed the sewer concerns for Pinetree Circle and the area. He said he has lived at this address since November 1967 and has to pay taxes on his property since that time. He asked for assistance with the sewer problem, which is going to become a very serious health problem. He said that the people who spoke tonight are not down here just to complain but there is a great need for sewer in this area.

County Manager Wilson stated that any sewer projects that are to be added to any SPLOST referendum require an Intergovernmental Agreement or Contract between the City and County and he asked the City to please place a Contract on their next agenda for the City Commission. Mr. Wilson said he would then place this on the County's January 15<sup>th</sup> agenda for adoption immediately before calling a referendum for the SPLOST collections.

Chairman Morrow stated that we have immense needs in the County and we are trying to put some money to each of the needed areas and work toward a solution. He said that we were trying to balance a lot of needs for a lot of our good folks and this proposal presented tonight is an excellent start.

Commissioner Davis stated that he has been on the Water Authority for twelve years and this is the first sewage money he has ever seen. He said that he feels that this is a fair proposal for all citizens of Spalding County and fully supported this proposal.

There was a question as whether all this money had to be used for the specific projects it was allocated to. Ms. Spears addressed this question. She said there might be some additional monies in the last quarter that could be used for any of the pay-as-you-go projects and also you are not bound to spend all the monies allocated for each project in

this category for those specific projects. The projects will be listed on the ballot but not the specified amounts.

*Chairman Morrow entertained a motion to approve the SPLOST proposal as presented today. Motion made by Commissioner Davis that these projects outlined above be our SPLOST proposal. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion and motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.*

Dr. Brant Keller came forward at this time and gave his address as 370 Yarborough Road and address the sewer issue brought up today. He said that the Sewer Task Force needs to start meeting more often and begin moving forward on the fourteen list outlined in the Wastewater Management Plan if sewer is to become a reality in Spalding County.

*With no other business before the Board, Chairman Morrow asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Morrow the meeting was unanimously adjourned.*

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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