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Board of Commissioners

JOINT SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Griffin held a joint meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2004 in the Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia, beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Those present from the County were Chairman Michael Kendall, Commissioners Eddie Goss, Johnie McDaniel and Dick Morrow. Commissioner Cecil Davis was absent. Also present were County Manager William Wilson County Attorney James Fortune and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

Those present from the City were Mayor Cynthia Reid Ward, Commissioners Walker Cook, Cora Flowers, Doug Hollberg, Jr., Bill Landrum, Rodney McCord and Joanne Todd. Also present was City Manager Kenny L. Smith and Assistant City Manager Lisa Hutcheson.

Those present from the Griffin-Spalding County Airport were Bob Stapleton, Airport Manager and airport program specialist Allen Hood.

Chairman Kendall and Mayor Ward called their respective Boards to order for the meeting.

The purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss the acquisition of property in the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) at the Griffin-Spalding Airport. Chairman Kendall commented that as joint owners there needs to be a consensus of the Boards on the direction of the Airport in a joint effort to buy those individuals out that have voiced a desire to relocate that reside on the northern end of the airport. The citizens and businesses on the southern end have shown no interest in being bought out and relocated.

At this time Airport Manager Bob Stapleton gave a brief power point presentation on the Griffin Spalding Airport's Runway Protection Zones, including definitions, maps, property listings and the FAA land acquisition/relocation program.

City Commissioner Rodney McCord voiced his concerns for relief for those residents living in the northern portion of the RPZ. He said that the City has no intentions of allowing any runway extension and the safety of citizens should come first and foremost.

City Commissioner Doug Hollberg stated that his option would be for the Boards to agree not to put any more money into this existing airport and to do a study to find a suitable location to relocate the airport to. He stated for an initial \$400,000 the FAA would do the study and he recommended that this \$400,000 could be a proposed project for the 2004 SPLOST.

City Commissioner Joanne Todd stated that even though it is assumed that the Regional Airport to be built in Butts County would not come to fruition, she feels that it will be built and she would like to see the Griffin-Spalding Airport moved to this location.

Chairman Kendall stated that we have been presented tonight three options to consider and it does not seem as if the Boards will come to any decision tonight. Some of the Commissioners on both Boards are interested in obtaining the cost of buying out the eleven homes in the RPZ on the north end. Mr. Stapleton stated that he could submit a grant to FAA for a land acquisition and relocation study to determine the total cost; however, the County and City would be obligated to pay their 5% for the cost of the study. Commissioner Bill Landrum felt that if we were going to buy out the property on the northern end that we should buy out the property on the southern end also because he felt this was a liability issue.

Chairman Kendall requested that the respective Boards take all the options presented tonight into consideration and discuss them and then come to a consensus of what they feel the direction of the airport should be and advise each other of their decisions.

Motion made by Chairman Kendall to adjourn the Board of County Commissioners. Motion seconded by Commissioner Goss and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Motion made by City Commissioner Landrum to adjourn the Board of City Commissioners. Motion seconded by Commissioner Todd and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

County Clerk

Chairman

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