



# Spalding County online

## Board of Commissioners

### BUDGET HEARING

A budget hearing was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in their office in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, June 7, 2004 beginning at 5:00 o'clock p.m. with Commissioners Michael Kendall, Cecil Davis, Eddie Goss, and Johnie McDaniel present. Commissioner Morrow was absent. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, Administrative Services Director Jinna Garrison and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

The purpose of the public hearing was discussion and comments relative to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budget.

Chairman Kendall called the Budget Hearing into order and welcome everyone that was present.

The only individual who wished to speak was Jewel Walker-Harps. She came forward and gave her address as 103 McEthel Drive. She referred to line item 6500 in the proposed budget, which is the Flint River Regional Library. She commented that groups meet at the Library in the Meeting Room monthly and have been allowed to serve refreshments at those meetings; however, now they are being told that there can be no refreshments served in the Meeting Room. She said she is concerned as much as it is the taxpayers who contribute, whether it is on the local level or State level. She said that this occurred through a change in the rules and regulations that she was not aware of. She wanted to know who made these changes and why they were made. Ms. Walker-Harps stated that they only have coffee and donuts at their meeting and they feel deprived of service. She asked for a solution to the problem and if it is because of care, maybe replacing the carpet with tile or whatever.

County Manager Wilson stated that he thought the Meeting Room was re-carpeted and re-painted a year ago because of the stains on the carpet and the room itself and that may be why the policy was changed. This room is also used for a voting precinct for elections. Mr. Wilson stated he would contact Walter Murphy, Executive Director, and find out how the new policy was instated and let Ms. Harps know. Ms. Harps commented if there is a problem, there ought to be a solution to the problem other than denying us the full use of the room. Mr. Wilson commented there maybe a deposit required for clean-up that can be worked out.

County Manager Wilson stated that the changes were made that were discussed during the budget review sessions in the Executive, General Appropriations and Code Enforcement. He said that we are still predicting a millage rate decrease somewhere between .07 and 1.0 mills. He said that the final digest figures should be available by the end of the month. The first reading of the budget is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> and the second and final reading the 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. before the zoning public hearing with the budget going into effect July 1, 2004.

With no further comments, Chairman Kendall declared the meeting adjourned.

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County Clerk

Chairman

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