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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 Special Called Joint Meeting on Monday, September 23, 2002 beginning at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in the Courthouse Annex in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia.

Those present from the County were Chairman Johnie McDaniel, Vice Chairman Dick Morrow, Commissioners Merrill Massengale, Martha McDaniel and Michael Kendall. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, Assistant County Manager Michael Sabine, Finance Director Jinna Garrison, County Attorney Jim Fortune and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

Those present from the City were Mayor Joanne Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Dick Slade, Commissioners Bill Landrum, Walker Cook, Cynthia Ward, Rodney McCord and Anthony Dickson. Also present were City Manager Ron Rabun and City Attorney Drew Whalen.

The meeting was called to order by County Chairman Johnie McDaniel and City Mayor Joanne Todd and each Chairman made opening statements.

The purpose of the Joint Meeting was to discuss the distribution of the Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.) for the City of Griffin and Spalding County.

The City Manager and County Manager stated that both staffs had been directed to attempt to negotiate the sales tax but were at opposite ends of the spectrum. The County feels the distribution should be 79.9% for the County and 20.1% for the City and the City feels that the distribution should be 60% for the City and 40% for the County.

Comments were made by members of both of the Boards and all agreed that this distribution should be worked out amongst themselves and not have to go to mediation. The County now receives \$5 Million a year from this tax and the City receives \$3 Million. If this sales tax distribution issue is not resolved by December 31, 2002, the tax will expire and both the City and the County will lose.

After a lengthy debate between both Boards and several suggestions made by Commissioners on both Boards, a proposal was made by City Commissioner Rodney McCord to have a graduating formula, which is as follows:

County	City
62%	38% for years 2003 and 2004
60%	40% for years 2005 and 2006
58%	42% for years 2007 and 2008
56%	44% for years 2009 thru 2012

The proposal was discussed at length by both Boards and a motion made by City Commissioner McCord to ask the County to accept the proposal for the L.O.S.T. distribution for the next ten years. City Commissioner Dick Slade seconded the motion and motion was unanimously approved by the Board of City Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners asked staff to compile figures on the impact this would have on the budget. Chairman McDaniel stated the Board of Commissioners would hold a meeting on Wednesday night, September 25th and the proposal would be discussed and they would have an answer of acceptance or rejection by Thursday morning.

Motion made by City Commissioner Bill Landrum to take the proposal off the table tonight if the County Commissioners could not give an immediate answer. City Commissioner Anthony Dickson seconded the motion and motion failed by a vote of 3 for and 4 against (Commissioners Landrum, Dickson and Todd for and Commissioners Ward, Slade, McCord and Cook against).

The County Commissioners were given until Thursday morning to give the City an answer on their proposal.

With no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM by both Boards respectively.

County Clerk

Chairman

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