

PUBLIC HEARING

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, on Friday, July 11, 2008 beginning at 6:15 o'clock p.m. with Chairman Edward Goss, Jr. presiding and Commissioners Eddie Freeman, Johnie McDaniel and David Phillips present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., County Attorney James R. Fortune, Jr., Assistant to the County Manager Paul Van Haute and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Conduct Public Hearing to receive comment regarding possible revocation of the blanket outside amplification permit granted to Los Garanones Rodeo at 139 Rover-Zetella Road on September 24, 2007.

Motion to open Public Hearing by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-0.

Joel O'Quinn, 253 Rover-Zetella Road, Griffin, Georgia

He stated his family has lived on this property for over one hundred years with never such a problem with noise in all that time. The noise level is entirely unacceptable, unbearable even inside the house. He urged commissioners to stop this excessive noise and disruption.

Kay Vickery, 155 Rover-Zetella Road, Griffin, Georgia

She agreed that you cannot sit outside, or even in the house, during the actual rodeos. She stated it disrupts everyone's lifestyle. She drives a school bus and is used to noise, but nothing to this extreme. The rodeo property is only feet from her house, and this had resulted in a nervous condition for her. It is unfair that she has to leave her home during rodeos.

Hector Garcia, 139 Rover-Zetella Road, Griffin, Georgia

He feels the noise is not too loud. When law enforcement has visited they have surveyed that neighbors still go about their business and officers felt the noise level was not unreasonable.

Nina Winters, 261 Rover-Zetella Road, Griffin, Georgia

Ms. Winters objected to Mr. Garcia's contention that he lives at the site, or that there is even a valid physical address of 139 Rover-Zetella Road.

Bobbie S. Collins, 406 Newnan Road, Griffin, Georgia

She stated she has also spoken with deputies who acknowledged to her and others that the noise levels were excessive.

Joel O'Quinn readdressed the Board that where the rodeo is actually held has a physical address of 83 Rover-Zetella Road, according to Tax Assessor records. It was explained that the address of 139 Rover-Zetella Road was the address used for the rodeo's business license.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-0.

Chairman

County Clerk

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, on Friday, July 11, 2008 beginning at 6:45 o'clock p.m. with Chairman Edward Goss, Jr. presiding and Commissioners Eddie Freeman, Johnie McDaniel and David Phillips present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., County Attorney James R. Fortune, Jr., Assistant to the County Manager Paul Van Haute and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

III. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consider revocation of the blanket outside amplification permit granted to Los Garanones Rodeo at 139 Rover-Zetella Road on September 24, 2007.

Commissioner Freeman moved to revoke the blanket outside amplification permit granted to Los Garanones Rodeo on September 24, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

Commissioner Phillips said since Spalding County was coming more and more into the realm of the metro area, perhaps we need to adjust our noise and nuisance ordinances to accommodate these type disturbances. He noted that even without outside amplification, this rodeo which is an acceptable use by right in that zoning classification, could be loud.

Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 6:48 p.m. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-0.

Chairman

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