

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, November 17, 2008 beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m. with Commission Chairman Edward Goss, Jr. presiding and Commissioners Johnie McDaniel, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Eddie L. Freeman and David Phillips present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., County Attorney James R. Fortune, Jr. and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

- I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Edward Goss, Jr.**
- II. INVOCATION – Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor**
- III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Johnie McDaniel**
- IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Chairman Goss advised the Board needed a motion to amend tonight's agenda to include consideration of a Proclamation declaring the week of November 21-27, 2008 Farm-City Week.

Motion/second to so amend, by Commissioners McDaniel and Phillips, carried 5-0.

Farm-City Week Proclamation

American farmers and ranchers literally help feed the world by producing a bounty of agricultural products. To do this, they rely on essential partnerships with urban and suburban communities to supply, sell and deliver finished products across the country and around the world. Rural and urban communities working together have made the most of our nation's rich agricultural resources as they contribute to the health and well being of our state, our country and to the strength of our economy.

During National Farm-City Week, we recognize the importance of this cooperative network. Agriculture employs more than 24 million workers including farmers and ranchers, shippers, processors, marketers, retailers, truck drivers, inspectors and others who annually contribute more than \$1.3 trillion to our gross domestic product. In Georgia, agriculture contributes more than \$57 billion annually to the state's \$350 billion economic output. One in seven Georgians work in agriculture, forestry or agriculture-related field.

The agricultural industry provides us with food, clothing and shelter as well as fuel for our energy needs. As we welcome new opportunities for trade, the hard work and successful cooperation between farmers and city workers will continue to play a vital role in our state and nation's future.

Farm-City collaborations help maintain and improve our food and fiber supply and contribute to a better quality of life for countless citizens. We commend the many Americans whose hard work and ingenuity reflect the true spirit of America and help to ensure a prosperous future for all.

This week, as we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, it is fitting that we count among our blessings the vital farm-city partnerships that have done so much to improve the quality of our lives.

Therefore, we do here proclaim November 21-27, 2008 as Farm-City Week. We call upon citizens in rural and urban areas to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce and supply our community and nation with an abundance of agricultural products.

Motion and second to approve a Proclamation declaring the week of November 21-27, 2008 Farm-City Week, by Commissioners McDaniel and Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider Financial Statements for the Four Months Ended October 30, 2008.

Motion and second to approve Financial Statements for the Four Months Ended October 30, 2008, by Commissioners McDaniel and Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 5-0.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS – No Requests.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers must state their names and addresses and direct all comments to the Board only. Speakers will be allotted 5 minutes to speak on topics pertinent to the Board's jurisdiction. No speaker will be allowed to readdress the Board without express consent from a Board member. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times during meeting.

Essie Stringer, 13 Shamrock Circle, Griffin, Georgia
Shamrock Circle and Camden Road are, in essence, the same street. 13 Shamrock Circle, 13 Camden Road and 13A Camden Road are all the same physical location which, to say the least, is problematic. Such confusion is at the least disconcerting as with package deliveries, and at the most dangerous with mistaken addresses referenced by emergency first responder personnel. She presented a summary for commissioners of the problem with signatures on the petition. 75.6% of the residents in the neighborhood were in favor of the change to make all addresses be on Camden Road. This will be an item for consideration on tonight's agenda.

VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approving the following Minutes: November 3, 2008 Regular Monthly Meeting and a November 7, 2008 Special Called Meeting.

Motion and second to approve the following Minutes: November 3, 2008 Regular Monthly Meeting and a November 7, 2008 Special Called Meeting, by Commissioners Phillips and McDaniel, carried by a vote of 5-0.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dan Slade requests that the Board initiate an amendment to the R-3 Zoning District to provide for allowing single family dwellings to be constructed on a lot of record.

Mr. Wilson said approximately 78 acres in Spalding County have lots of record that are zoned R-3. Mr. Slade's particular lots on Grantland Road cannot be developed as R-3 properties, so he is requesting a text amendment to take care of the problem for dwellings with a 1500 square foot minimum heated area. This request is in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood, but Mr. Taylor reminded the Board that a text amendment would apply county-wide and not just for these particular lots. Other R-3 areas are located on the North Expressway, Bourbon Street/Northside Drive, Kennedy/Jackson Roads and Old Macon Road.

Mr. Taylor responded that Staff recommends approval and does not feel this change will be problematic. This action would be preferable to rezoning with these smaller lots, but some of the larger lots could be candidates for rezoning applications. Resolution of this matter would be through a text amendment, and Mr. Taylor answered questions for commissioners.

Motion and second to direct Staff to initiate an amendment to the R-3 Zoning District to provide for allowing single family dwellings to be constructed on a lot of record as a text amendment, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

2. Consider request of Shamrock Circle/Camden Road residents to change the street name to Camden Road in its entirety and renumber the subdivision addresses appropriately.

Motion and second to approve request of Shamrock Circle/Camden Road residents to change the street name to Camden Road in its entirety and have Tax Assessors Office to renumber the subdivision addresses appropriately, by Commissioners Phillips and McDaniel, carried by a vote of 5-0.

3. Consider approval of 2009 renewal Alcohol Beverage License – Wholesale Distributor for: J & L Ventures, d/b/a Jackson Beverages, LLC, 915 South Pine Hill Road – Beer Only.

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Wholesale Distributor for: J & L Ventures, d/b/a Jackson Beverages, LLC, 915 South Pine Hill Road – Beer Only, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

4. Consider approval of 2009 renewal Alcohol Beverage License – Retail Package Stores as follows:

-Prakash I. Patel, d/b/a 19/41 Package Store, 2004 N. Expressway – Beer, Wine and Liquor
Motion and second to table until December 1, 2008 renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer, Wine and Liquor - Prakash I. Patel d/b/a 19/41 Package Store, by Commissioners Phillips and Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 5-0.

-Raymond J. Beaugrand, d/b/a Fatzo's Bottle Shop, 3933 N. Expressway – Beer, Wine and Liquor

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer, Wine and Liquor – Raymond J. Beaugrand d/b/a Fatzo's Bottle Shop, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

-Sotetra Kong, d/b/a The Liquor Gate, 1740 Zebulon Road – Beer, Wine and Liquor

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer, Wine and Liquor – Sotetra Kong d/b/a The Liquor Gate, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

-Ashaya H. Patel, d/b/a Carver Package Store, 1557 D Williamson Road – Beer, Wine and Liquor

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer, Wine and Liquor – Ashaya H. Patel d/b/a Carver Package Store, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

-Diand Suk Choi, d/b/a Sam's Package Store, 1301 N. Hill Street – Beer, Wine and Liquor

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer, Wine and Liquor – Diand Suk Choi d/b/a Sam's Package Store, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

5. Consider approval of 2009 renewal Alcohol Beverage License – Consumption on Premises for:

-Jimmy R. Allen, d/b/a Big Jim's Wing Shack, 1557 Williamson Road – Beer and Wine

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer, Wine – Jimmy R. Allen d/b/a Big Jim's Wing Shack, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

-Timothy R. Butler, d/b/a Griffin Moose Lodge #1503, 1435 Zebulon Rd – Beer, Wine and Liquor

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer, Wine and Liquor – Timothy R. Butler d/b/a Griffin Moose Lodge #1503, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

-Joe Lee Mathis, d/b/a JJ's Restaurant & Lounge, 2043 Hwy. 16 West – Beer and Liquor

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer and Liquor- Joe Lee Mathis d/b/a JJ's Restaurant & Lounge, by Commissioners Phillips and Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

-Lynette Daniel, d/b/a Pearl's Palace, 3931 N. Expressway – Beer, Wine and Liquor

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer, Wine and Liquor – Lynette Daniel d/b/a Pearl's Palace, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

-Joseph L. Guerre, d/b/a Sun City Peachtree Golf Club, 250 Dell Webb Ave – Beer, Wine, Liquor

Motion and second to approve renewal of the 2009 Alcohol Beverage License – Beer, Wine and Liquor – Joseph L. Guerre d/b/a Sun City Peachtree Golf Club, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner McDaniel opposing.

6. Conduct Public Hearing for Street Lighting District for Landing Way Subdivision off Ellis Road.

Motion and second by Commissioners McDaniel and Freeman to open Public Hearing carried by a vote of 5-0. No public comment was forthcoming.

Motion and second to close Public Hearing by Commissioners McDaniel and Flowers-Taylor carried by a vote of 5-0.

7. Consider establishing Street Lighting District for Landing Way Subdivision off Ellis Road.

Motion and second to approve establishment of a Street Lighting District for Landing Way Subdivision off Ellis Road, by Commissioners McDaniel and Freeman, carried 5-0.

8. Consider setting a date for a Public Hearing for Street Lighting District for Lakeview Avenue in East Griffin.

Consensus was to set a date of December 1, 2008 for a Public Hearing for a Street Lighting District for Lakeview Avenue in East Griffin.

9. Consider request of Southeast Paranormal Investigators for access to the old Spalding County Jail (currently the site of Cooperative Extension Service) for research and documentation into paranormal activity.

Mr. Wilson said the County has been approached by this company and personnel at the old Spalding County Jail, currently the site of Cooperative Extension, are willing to work with Southeast Paranormal Investigators on a timetable for access to the building.

J. P. Brousseau, 137 North Hill Street, Griffin, Georgia

Mr. Brousseau said this site was added to their list of potential locales for paranormal activity in order to establish tours, much like has been done in McDonough, Savannah and other cities. Commissioner Phillips noted this type venture is extremely popular and has proven to be a great revenue-producing activity; these type “ghost tours” are also gaining credibility. Mr. Brousseau detailed the procedures and methodology used in the investigative process.

Motion and second to approve request of Southeast Paranormal Investigators for access to the old Spalding County Jail (currently the site of Cooperative Extension Service) for research and documentation into paranormal activity, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

10. Consider a resolution consenting to the inclusion of certain Spalding County Ad Valorem Taxes in the computation of the Tax Allocation Increment for the City of Griffin Tax Allocation District Number One – Downtown Griffin and North Hill Street Corridor and for Other Purposes.

Mr. Wilson advised the area shown on the identified map has been provided for the Board and the County can participate in the TAD within this specified area. The City may, from time to time, return to ask for additional TADs. The maximum amount of time for dispensation of TADs is 30 years or until the bonds are retired. Tax assessments will be frozen at the 2008 level, and revenues from any improvements in this area will go to pay for the cost of those improvements in the City, such as utility upgrades/signal upgrades/infrastructure. The TAD District Number One will encompass only parcels in the City and will be approved at the next City Board of Commissioners meeting. Mr. Chuck Taylor answered questions, particularly about the frozen property values. If adopted, there will be no revenue loss for the County.

Mr. Wilson said since the issue failed in the November 4 general election in the County, the matter can be brought up again at a future date after a lengthy education process.

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN SPALDING COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE TAX ALLOCATION INCREMENT FOR THE CITY OF GRIFFIN TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT NUMBER ONE- DOWNTOWN GRIFFIN AND NORTH HILL STREET CORRIDOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Griffin Board of Commissioners (the “City”), by Resolution adopted on December 9th, 2008, (the City Resolution”), adopted the City of Griffin Redevelopment Plan (the Redevelopment Plan”) and established Tax Allocation District Number One – Downtown Griffin and North Hill Street Corridor within the incorporated portion of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia (the County”) in the area of the City (the Redevelopment Area”) as shown in the City Resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the City Resolution provides that the Downtown Griffin and North Hill Street Corridor TAD was created pursuant to the City’s redevelopment powers as authorized by the Redevelopment Powers Law, O.C.G.A. 26-44-1, et seq., and become effective on December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, copies of the City Resolution and the Redevelopment Plan for the TAD have been furnished to the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, the City made certain finding in the Redevelopment Plan with respect to the Redevelopment Area, including the following:

- a. the Redevelopment Area has not been subject to growth and development through private enterprise and would not reasonably be anticipated to be developed without the approval of the Redevelopment Plan;
- b. the improvement of the Redevelopment Area is likely to enhance the value of a substantial portion of the real property in the district; and

WHEREAS, the City Resolution provides that the City intends to authorize the issuance of tax allocation bonds and other obligations as may be necessary to implement provisions of the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Powers Law provides that county ad valorem property taxes derived from a municipal tax allocation district may be included in the

computation of tax allocation increments of the tax allocation district if the governing body of the county consents to such inclusion by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioner of Spalding County, as permitted by the Redevelopment Powers Law, does hereby consent to inclusion of Spalding County ad valorem taxes on real property within the City of Griffin Tax Allocation District Number One – Downtown Griffin and North Hill Street Corridor, in the computation of the tax allocation increment for the TAD effective as of December 31, 2008.

Section 2. The consent set forth in Section One is given subject to the City and County entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Section 3. All acts and doings of officers, members, officials, agents and employees of the County in conformance with the purpose and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of the execution, delivery and performance of the Intergovernmental Agreement are hereby approved and confirmed.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption. All resolution and parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded to the extent of such conflict.

Read and adopted this 17th day of November, 2008.

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Motion and second to approve a resolution consenting to the inclusion of certain Spalding County Ad Valorem Taxes in the computation of the Tax Allocation Increment for the City of Griffin Tax Allocation District Number One – Downtown Griffin and North Hill Street Corridor and for Other Purposes, by Commissioners Phillips and Flowers-Taylor.

After further discussion, motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Chairman Goss opposing.

11. Consider approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Establish the Griffin-Spalding County Land Bank Authority.

This is the culmination of a lengthy process and the agreement is ready for consideration by the Board, noted Mr. Wilson.

STATE OF GEORGIA,
SPALDING COUNTY.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH
THE GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 17th day of November, 2008, by and between the CITY OF GRIFFIN (hereinafter "CITY"), a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, and SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA (hereinafter "COUNTY"), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (collectively "the Parties").

WHEREAS, there are numerous properties in the CITY and COUNTY which are tax delinquent properties, nonrevenue-generating and nontax-producing;

WHEREAS, such properties contribute to blight and deterioration in the community and constitute an economic burden thereto;

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly enacted O.C.G.A. § 48-4-60, *et. seq.* (hereinafter "the Act"), to permit the CITY and COUNTY to enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement for the purpose of establishing a LAND BANK AUTHORITY to acquire the tax delinquent properties located within the CITY or COUNTY in order to foster the public purpose of returning land which is in a nonrevenue-generating, nontax-producing status to an effective utilization status in order to provide affordable housing, new trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities for the citizens of the CITY and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that establishment of a LAND BANK AUTHORITY would be beneficial to the citizens of the CITY and COUNTY;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) in hand paid and mutual promises contained therein, the CITY and COUNTY, as Parties hereto, do hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I.
ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE

There is hereby established the GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY (hereinafter "the AUTHORITY") pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-60 et. seq., the purpose of which is to acquire the tax delinquent properties situated in the CITY and COUNTY and any property deeded to the AUTHORITY pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-13-49(u)(2.1)(D) in order to foster the public purpose of returning land which is in a nonrevenue-generating, nontax-producing status to an effective utilization status or of returning real property forfeited pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-13-49 to such status in order to provide affordable housing, new trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities for the citizens of the CITY and COUNTY. In carrying out this purpose the AUTHORITY shall, in accordance with applicable laws and codes, acquire title to certain tax delinquent properties, and any other properties deeded to it, which it will inventory, organize and classify on the basis of suitability for use, manage, maintain, protect, rent, lease, repair, insure, alter, sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of under such terms and conditions as determined in the sole discretion of the AUTHORITY. In further carrying out this purpose, the AUTHORITY may extinguish past due tax liens filed by the Parties in their tax collection capacities, in accordance with the guidelines contained herein.

ARTICLE II.

DEFINITIONS

The following terms used or referred to in this Agreement shall have the respective meanings:

"ABATEMENT LIENS" shall mean liens filed by a public officer of the City or County against real property arising from enforcement actions brought against substandard houses and structures under ordinances adopted pursuant to O.C.G.A. §41-2-9(a)(7).

"ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION" shall refer to decisions made by the Board that are not related to properties, including but not restricted to staffing, budgeting, and consultant retention

"APPRAISAL" shall mean a valuation or an estimation of value of property by two disinterested persons certified as real estate appraisers, under the requirements of Georgia law.

"ASSETS" shall mean everything which can be made available for the payment of the AUTHORITY's debts; for the purpose of this Agreement, assets shall include any monetary contributions made by each party, all personal and real property owned by the AUTHORITY, and all property sales proceeds that have been distributed to the account of the AUTHORITY;

"BOARD" shall mean the Board of Directors of the AUTHORITY appointed as set forth in accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-4-62.

"CITY PROPERTY" shall refer to any real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City, including any improvements thereon.

"CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED" shall refer to the start of construction as evidenced by the issuance of a land disturbance permit.

"COST" shall mean any authorized expenditure more specifically described in Section VII, Paragraph D of this Agreement.

"COUNTY PROPERTY" shall refer to any real property, including any improvements thereon, located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the County but outside the City or any other incorporated area within the County.

"EXCESS PROCEEDS" shall mean the difference between the amount received by the AUTHORITY through the sale of a property and pro rata disbursement to the Parties to the extent of their respective tax bills and costs.

"EXPENDITURE" shall mean any authorized expenditure more specifically described in Section VII, Paragraph D of this Agreement.

“GOOD TITLE” shall refer to a title that shows the absolute right of possession of property in fee simple and that is marketable and insurable by a recognized title insurance company.

“INVENTORY” shall mean a detailed listing of properties owned by the AUTHORITY that shall include, but not be limited to, the address of the property, its appraised value, and the requisite information to determine suitability of use.

“LOW INCOME” shall refer to the City and County definitions approved by the Board during its first meeting each year.

“MODERATE INCOME” shall refer to the City and County definitions approved by the Board during its first meeting of each year.

“PERSON” shall mean an individual, partnership, corporation, joint venture, association, authority or other legal entity recognized by the laws of the State of Georgia.

“PERSONAL PROPERTY” shall mean everything that is the subject of ownership by the Authority, not coming under the denomination of real property.

“PROPERTY” shall mean real property, including any improvements thereon.

“PUBLIC PURPOSE” or “Public Use” shall mean a public purpose or public use that has for its objective the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare; broad deference shall be granted the legislative determination of whether a public purpose or use exists or will be bestowed, the essential requisite being that a public purpose or use shall affect the County and/or the City as a whole and not merely provide primary benefit for private persons.

“REHABILITATION COMMENCED” shall refer to the start of rehabilitation as evidenced by the issuance of the appropriate building permit or permits.

“RESIDENT” shall mean a person who lives, dwells, or lodges within the jurisdictional boundaries of the County.

“SPECIAL ASSESSMENT” shall mean fees assigned against and levied upon property by the City or County for sanitary purposes; the clearance of weeds or vegetative overgrowth; the removal and disposal of solid wastes; curb, street, road and sidewalk construction and maintenance, and construction, installation and maintenance of sanitary sewer and storm water sewers and facilities.

“SUITABILITY FOR USE” shall refer to the determination made by the AUTHORITY of the appropriate use for each property that it administers; said determination shall be based upon factors such as existing zoning, lot topography and configuration as it relates to the development regulations of the appropriate jurisdiction, access to transportation, public utilities, and water and sewer facilities, surrounding land uses and the intensity of those uses, and other accepted planning and development principals.

“TAX DEED” shall refer to the deed made by the Tax Commissioner or Tax Collector pursuant to a tax foreclosure sale conducted in accordance with Georgia Law.

“TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY” shall mean any property on which the taxes levied and assessed by any party remain in whole or in part unpaid on the date due and payable. For the purposes of this Agreement, a property shall be considered tax delinquent if taxes remain unpaid as of January 1st of the year following the last outstanding tax bill.

“TAX SALE CYCLE” shall mean the process prescribed by the laws of the State of Georgia to bring tax delinquent properties to foreclosure sale by the Spalding County Tax Commissioner.

ARTICLE III.

BOARD TO GOVERN AUTHORITY; MEMBERS; MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION; STAFF

A. Governing Board:

The AUTHORITY shall be governed by the Griffin-Spalding County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors(hereinafter “the Board”). The Board shall be composed of four (4) members; two (2) members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the City and two (2) members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the County. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the respective appointing authority for a term of four (4) years and shall serve without compensation. The members shall be residents of the COUNTY and may be employees of the Parties. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Furthermore, the CITY and COUNTY agree that, on an alternating basis, one of their appointments shall be filled by appointing a member of the Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education or an administrative employee of the Griffin-Spalding County School District. For the initial appointment of Board members, the CITY shall make the appointment; after a Board of Education member or administrative employee has served the initial four-year term, the COUNTY shall make the appointment; thereafter appointments shall alternate between the CITY and COUNTY. In the event of a vacancy in the appointment of a Board of Education member or administrative employee, the same party that made the appointment shall fill the unexpired term.

B. Board Meetings:

The Board shall meet from time to time as required, and the presence of three (3) members shall constitute a quorum. Unless meeting pursuant to an adopted regular meeting schedule, all meetings shall be called and noticed in accordance with the Georgia Open Meetings Law. Approval by a majority of the Board members then in office shall be necessary for any action to be taken by the AUTHORITY. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by Chapter 14 of Title 50, and a written record shall be maintained of all meetings. A chairperson shall be elected from among the members, and he or she shall execute all deeds, leases, and contracts of the AUTHORITY when authorized by the Board.

C. Board Personnel:

The AUTHORITY may employ its own staff or may utilize employees of the Parties, as determined and agreed upon by the Parties and as set forth hereinafter. The Board shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep and record all Minutes and official records of Board actions and activities.

ARTICLE IV.

POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY

The AUTHORITY shall be a public body corporate and politic with the power to sue and be sued, to accept and issue deeds to real property in its name, to institute quia timet actions, and shall have any other powers necessary and incidental to carry out the powers granted by O.C.G.A. 48-4-60, et seq., the Georgia Land Bank Authorities Act.

ARTICLE V.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

The AUTHORITY shall have the power to acquire property in any manner and by any method believed to foster the public purpose of the Act, including, but not limited to

1. Acceptance of donations of property from the Parties or from third parties; such procedures may include the imposition of "processing fees" to cover the costs of title examinations or other related expenses;
2. Purchase from the Parties or from third parties upon such terms as the AUTHORITY deems to be in the best interest of the AUTHORITY and to be in furtherance of the purposes of this Agreement and the Act;
3. Acceptance of forfeited property pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-13-49(u)(2.1)(D);
4. The AUTHORITY may negotiate acquisition of property directly from the Parties or from third parties upon such terms as the AUTHORITY deems to be in the best interest of the AUTHORITY and to be in furtherance of the purposes of this Agreement;
5. As to property which is tax delinquent but not yet foreclosed upon, the AUTHORITY may request the Spalding County Tax Commissioner to initiate judicial in rem tax foreclosure procedures and may enter into commitments to acquire property at such proceedings in accordance with state law. The parties, together with the AUTHORITY, shall assist in the foreclosure of the tax liens against these properties;
6. If either the CITY or the COUNTY obtains a judgment against a tax delinquent property within the County for taxes and, to satisfy the judgment, the property is ordered sold at a tax sale, the AUTHORITY may tender one bid at such sale, and such bid shall comprise the AUTHORITY'S commitment to pay not more than all costs of the sale and its assumption of liability for all taxes, accrued interest thereon, and penalties, and, if there is no other bid, the Tax Commissioner shall accept the AUTHORITY'S bid and make a deed of the property to the AUTHORITY. In assuming liability for all taxes, accrued interest and penalties thereon, payment thereof shall be deferred until such time as the AUTHORITY determines disposition of the property in accordance with Article VII.

In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, the AUTHORITY shall have the right to foreclose the right to redeem property at any time after the twelve (12) month redemption period has expired pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-65. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection, the right of redemption shall automatically terminate and expire upon failure to redeem in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 where the tax sale was conducted pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-4-75 et seq. governing judicial in rem tax foreclosures.

ARTICLE VI.

Administration of Properties

A. Title:

The AUTHORITY shall hold in its own name, for the benefit of the CITY and COUNTY, all properties conveyed to it by the Parties, all tax delinquent properties acquired by it pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-60 et. seq., all properties conveyed to it pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-13-49(u)(2.1)(D), and all properties otherwise acquired.

B. Administration of Property:

The AUTHORITY shall administer the properties acquired by it as follows:

1. All property acquired by the AUTHORITY shall be inventoried and appraised, and the inventory shall be maintained as a public record;
2. The AUTHORITY shall organize and classify the property on the basis of suitability for use;
3. The AUTHORITY shall maintain all property held by it in accordance with applicable laws and codes;
4. The AUTHORITY shall have the power to manage, maintain, protect, rent, lease, repair, insure, alter, sell, trade, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any property on terms and conditions determined in the sole discretion of the AUTHORITY, including, without limitation, the sales price. In agreeing to sell a property, the AUTHORITY may favor a neighborhood non-profit corporation obtaining the land for low-income housing and, secondarily, other entities intending to provide low-income or moderate-income housing.
5. The AUTHORITY may assemble tracts or parcels of property for public parks, preservation of greenspace or open space, protection of the environment, or other public purposes and to that end may exchange parcels and otherwise effectuate the purposes set forth herein.
6. The acquisition or disposal of property by the AUTHORITY shall not be governed or controlled by any ordinance or regulation of the Parties, except applicable zoning, development regulations, and utility policies, unless specifically provided herein or in a subsequent modification of this agreement, and transfers of property by the Parties shall be treated as transfers to a body politic as contemplated by subparagraph (a)(2)(A) of O.C.G.A. § 36-9-3.

C. Review of Standards, Priorities and Procedures:

1. During its first meeting each year, the Board shall set priorities for the processing of properties based on factors such as staff availability, the number of outstanding properties being monitored by the AUTHORITY, and potential need or demand for AUTHORITY properties.
2. During its first meeting each year, the Board shall set the definitions of “low income” and “moderate income” that are to be used in the execution of Article VII of this Agreement. The County and the City shall submit definitions for their respective jurisdictions at the first meeting of each year for approval by the Board. The vote required for approval of the definitions shall conform to the quorum and voting requirements set forth in Article III. The definitions of each Party shall include the following data:
 - a. median income according to the most recent decennial Census for the geographical area that is determined to be appropriate for the specific jurisdiction. Geographic area may be defined in terms of, but not restricted to, census tracts, jurisdictional boundaries designated sub-areas, or Metropolitan Statistical Area;
 - b. the calculation of 50% of said median for the definition of “low income” and the calculation of 80% of said median for the definition of “moderate income”, and

- c. a description of the methodology used to adjust said median income for the current year: preference shall be given to updates based on the Census biennial update of per capita income.

ARTICLE VII.

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

A. Authority to Convey:

Property held by the AUTHORITY may be sold, traded, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of by the AUTHORITY so long as the disposition is approved by the majority of the AUTHORITY membership as required in Article III hereinabove, and approved as follows:

1. If the property is located within the CITY, approved by both AUTHORITY members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the City, and one of the AUTHORITY members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the COUNTY;
2. If the property is located within the COUNTY, but outside the CITY, approved by both AUTHORITY members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the COUNTY and one of the AUTHORITY members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the City .

B. Criteria for Conveyance.

Requests for property shall be awarded according to criteria determined in the discretion of the AUTHORITY subject to the following priority considerations:

1. First, the neighborhood non-profit entities or governmental agencies which would effectively use the property for the development or rehabilitation of housing for persons with low income;
2. Second, to other entities submitting proposals to produce or rehabilitate housing for persons with low or moderate incomes; and
3. Third, to persons, neighborhood non-profit entities, or governmental agencies which would effectively use the property in a manner to promote trade, commerce, and industry, especially those that would create new employment opportunities.

These priority considerations shall not preclude the AUTHORITY from assembling tracts or parcels of property for community redevelopment or other public purposes. Proposed projects that meet income eligibility guidelines will be further evaluated on the basis of experience and qualifications, including financial strength and proven ability to construct/rehabilitate quality units at moderate costs.

C. Establishing Sales Price:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-64(e), the AUTHORITY shall have full discretion in determining the sales price of AUTHORITY property.

D. Disbursement of Sales Proceeds:

The proceeds, if any, from any sale or disposition of AUTHORITY property, shall be allocated as determined by the AUTHORITY among the following priorities:

1. To the Parties and the Griffin-Spalding County School District in proportion to and to the extent of their respective tax bills and costs, including any abatement liens and special assessments;
2. To the AUTHORITY to recover its expenses;
3. To the AUTHORITY to further its operations; and
4. To the COUNTY and CITY in such proportions as the parties may agree based on the percentage of contributions by each party.

E. Extinguishing Taxes:

The AUTHORITY shall have the power at the time it sells or otherwise disposes of property to extinguish all CITY and COUNTY taxes; provided, however, the AUTHORITY shall not extinguish any delinquent school district taxes, then owed, without first obtaining the consent, by resolution, of the Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education. School district taxes owed shall be paid from proceeds of the sale or disposition. In determining whether or not to extinguish City and County taxes, the AUTHORITY shall consider the public benefit to be gained by tax forgiveness with primary consideration given to purchasers who intend to build or rehabilitate low-income

housing. The decision by the AUTHORITY to extinguish taxes is subject to the vote requirements for dispositions of property as stated in subparagraph (A) above.

ARTICLE VIII.

DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTIES CONVEYED BY THE AUTHORITY

A. Creation of Development Regulations:

The AUTHORITY shall create and revise regulations for development of property conveyed by the AUTHORITY, based on the property's current condition, zoning status, location, and dimensions, consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and ordinances of the jurisdiction in which the property is located. The AUTHORITY shall also create and impose covenants and/or deed restrictions which will govern the future use of such property.

B. Time Limits for Development:

To protect against long-term speculation by grantees of AUTHORITY property, any conveyance of property by the AUTHORITY shall contain a condition for reversion of title to the AUTHORITY. All titles of property conveyed from the AUTHORITY to any individual or entity shall contain language to the effect that title will revert to the AUTHORITY in the event that construction or rehabilitation of the property has not commenced within one (1) year of conveyance of the property from the AUTHORITY. In the event construction or rehabilitation of the property has not commenced within one (1) year of conveyance of the property from the AUTHORITY, and no extension of time or exception to this right of reversion has been granted, the AUTHORITY shall take any necessary action to establish the reversion of the property so conveyed.

C. Extensions of Time Limits for Development:

The AUTHORITY, in its discretion, may upon a majority vote of the Board, grant in writing, extensions or exceptions to this right of reversion. The criteria for the granting of any extension of one (1) year or exceptions to the right of reversion shall be delineated by the Board and applied on a case-by-case basis by the Authority and may be exercised at any time prior to or following the expiration of the one (1) year period. In the event the grantee elects to sell the property within the one (1) year period or during any period of extension due to their inability to develop the proposed project, the AUTHORITY shall retain a right of first refusal requiring any grantee of property from the AUTHORITY to return the property to the AUTHORITY for the price paid to the AUTHORITY.

Upon ten (10) days written notice by a grantee, the AUTHORITY shall issue confirmation of the grantee's compliance with these development criteria in recordable form so as to confirm extinguishment of this reversion in cases of compliance.

ARTICLE IX.

WAIVER OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Upon the request of the AUTHORITY and for the purposes of fostering the goals and objectives of the AUTHORITY, the CITY, or the COUNTY, at its option and from time to time, by resolution, may exempt the AUTHORITY and its successors in interest from the payment of Special Assessments and Abatement Liens levied by the CITY or the COUNTY, respectively, against properties owned by the AUTHORITY. Terms for waiver and release of abatement liens may require the owner entering into a contract with the CITY or COUNTY agreeing to rehabilitate the property, including any improvements thereon, a timetable for completion of the rehabilitation, and demonstration of financial means to accomplish such rehabilitation.

ARTICLE X.

PROVISIONS FOR STAFFING AND

RETENTION OF OUTSIDE SERVICES

A. Employment and Compensation of Staff. With the joint approval of the COUNTY and the CITY, the AUTHORITY may employ, through contract or otherwise, any staff deemed necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the AUTHORITY. Such staff position shall be approved and funded in the annual budgets of the CITY and COUNTY. All staff members shall be elected by the Board and the Board shall have the authority to set the terms and conditions, including benefits, and compensation of any person so employed.

B. Contribution of Support Personnel:

1. CITY and COUNTY personnel may provide additional staff resources to the AUTHORITY consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and for the purpose of assisting the Board in the execution of its duties and responsibilities.
2. In addition, the CITY and COUNTY shall cooperate fully with the AUTHORITY regarding access to records, the identification of properties for purchase at tax sale, joint foreclosure of redemption rights, maintenance of properties, preparation for AUTHORITY sales, closing on AUTHORITY properties, and post-sale follow-up and monitoring.
3. Upon written request of the AUTHORITY, the County Tax Commissioner shall process tax delinquent properties located in either the County or the City and, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-4-75 et. seq., bring these properties to tax sale as soon as practical.

C. Retention of Outside Consultants:

The Board, in its discretion and within the line item approval set forth in the annual budgets approved by the CITY and COUNTY, shall be authorized to expend funds to obtain consulting, legal, accounting, engineering and other services as needed to carry out its duties and responsibilities and to implement its plans, programs and activities.

ARTICLE XI.

FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES

A. Establishment of Budget.

1. The Board shall establish the AUTHORITY'S budget annually and submit this budget to the CITY and COUNTY as directed by the Parties. The budget documents submitted to the CITY and COUNTY shall list and describe total requests made to the CITY and COUNTY and shall state the portion requested from each Party, which shall be equitably apportioned based on reasonable principles of tax equity to avoid double taxation
2. Any funds held by the AUTHORITY shall be applied to the fulfillment of the monetary obligations as identified as part of the Board's annual budget and shall be identified as such in any budget documents submitted to the CITY and COUNTY.

B. Management of Funds.

The chief administrative officer of the AUTHORITY, or other person designated by the AUTHORITY, shall be designated the Treasurer of the AUTHORITY's account established for the management of sales proceeds, monetary contributions made by the Parties, donations, and other AUTHORITY funds. Standard governmental accounting procedures shall be used in the management of the accounts required to accomplish this responsibility. The AUTHORITY shall maintain a set of books and records as recommended by the CITY and COUNTY auditors. The AUTHORITY shall provide quarterly financial reports to the parties that detail accounting activities during the period. In addition, the books and records of the AUTHORITY shall be audited annually. The audit shall be conducted on a rotating basis, with the first audit to be done by the CITY auditor, the second by the COUNTY auditor, and rotating thereafter on an annual basis.

C. Authorized Expenditures:

The AUTHORITY shall, in its sole discretion and within the budgetary guidelines set forth in this Agreement, expend such funds as necessary in payment of legal fees, advertising fees, notification of lienholders, title searches, appraisals, and other services and/or equipment that are required to fulfill the intent of the Act and the purposes of this Agreement.

D. Budget Contribution:

1. Budget requests to the CITY and COUNTY shall include only costs that are not covered by other funds of the AUTHORITY.
2. The total COUNTY contribution is subject to the annual approval by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners. Approval shall include a schedule of payments and shall be received in writing by the AUTHORITY no later than the first day of January of each year.
3. The total CITY contribution is subject to the annual approval of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Griffin. Approval shall include a schedule of payments and shall be received in writing by the AUTHORITY no later than the first day of January of each year.

ARTICLE XII.

DURATION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

A. Duration:

The effective date of this Agreement is January 1, 2006. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year thereafter. At the anniversary date and each anniversary date thereafter, this Agreement shall be renewed automatically unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or by operation of law.

B. Unilateral Termination:

Any Party may withdraw at the expiration of any one-year term by giving 90 days written notice to the other Party. Upon the effective withdrawal of any Party, the Authority shall be dissolved.

C. Dissolution and Distribution of Assets:

In the event this Agreement is terminated by agreement of the Parties or dissolved pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-61(d), the AUTHORITY shall dissolve and conclude its affairs. All assets of the AUTHORITY shall be used to satisfy the then-existing legal obligations of the AUTHORITY. After satisfaction of all legal obligations, any property remaining shall be distributed pro rata according to its appraised value to the Parties; provided, however, to the extent feasible, all real property held by the AUTHORITY at the time of termination which was acquired by the AUTHORITY through donation from a Party shall be distributed to the donating Party.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT

Any amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be signed by the COUNTY and CITY and shall be styled as an Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement.

ARTICLE XIV.

GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed in all aspects, as to validity, construction, capacity, performance or otherwise, by the laws of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE XV.

RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

For the purposes of administration and enforcement of this Agreement, unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, the following rules of construction shall apply:

A. The paragraph headings used in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and shall not effect, or be used in connection with, the interpretation of this Agreement.

B. The word "shall" in this Agreement is always mandatory; the word "may" is always permissive.

C. Words used in the present tense shall include the future and words used in the singular number shall include the plural and the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.

ARTICLE XVI.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all agreements, whether written or oral, that may exist between the Parties regarding the same. No amendment or modification to this Agreement or any waiver of any provisions hereof shall be effective unless in writing and signed by both Parties and complies with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVII.

SEVERABILITY

In the event that any portion of this Agreement shall be declared null and void, the remaining portions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

WITNESS the signature of the Parties first above written.

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Motion and second to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Establish the Griffin-Spalding County Land Bank Authority, by Commissioners Phillips and Freeman.

After additional discussion, it was noted that HERA funds may be available to help with establishing staff for the Land Bank Authority, and solidarity will be beneficial in securing monies for the program. The County will be responsible for funding at such time as appointments are made to the Authority and can be transferred initially out of the Commissioners contingency fund should the HERA grant not materialize.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

12. Consider approval of new Commissary Agreement for the Correctional Institution and RE Services, LLC, d/b/a Canteen of Central Georgia.

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 1st day of October 2008, by and between Spalding County Correctional Institute (SCCI) Griffin, GA and RE Services, LLC \dba\ Canteen of Central GA (CANTEEN) Macon, GA

WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the mutual promises of each to the other, Spalding County Correctional Institute hereby grants permission to CANTEEN, exclusively, with no party or parties being allowed to sell products at your facilities that would compete with our overall Service as hereinafter set forth, upon the following terms and conditions:

Service conditions:

CANTEEN will install, maintain and service all vending machines in the spaces allotted to it;

CANTEEN will furnish all the materials, management and labor necessary for the purpose of efficient operation of said vending machines.

CANTEEN will operate and maintain said vending machines in a clean and healthy condition in accordance with all laws, ordinances, regulations and rules of federal, state and local authorities;

SCCI agrees to provide all necessary utilities to a point with five feet (5') of each piece of vending equipment.

CANTEEN shall provide trained personnel to properly service the vending equipment and comply with all rules and regulations of SCCI and not interfere with the ordinary operations thereof. It is understood and agreed that CANTEEN is an independent contractor and not an employee of SCCI, and that the employees of CANTEEN are not employees of SCCI.

CANTEEN agrees to pay all taxes and contributions required by law for social security, unemployment, or any other law or act relating to its employees.

1. FINANCIAL TERMS:

Selling prices and the selection of equipment are based on anticipated sales volume and market conditions, including applicable state and local sales, use and excise taxes, in existence on the effective date of the contract. In the event of a change in market conditions or anticipated sales volume, the financial terms shall be renegotiated. In addition, in the event of an increase in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"), CANTEEN shall have the right, on an annual basis, with proper notice, to increase selling prices to reflect such increases in the CPI. CANTEEN agrees to pay SCCI a quarterly commission of 12% of gross sales less sales tax.

2. INSURANCE

(A) CANTEEN shall indemnify and hold SCCI harmless against any and all loss, damage and expense for any injury to person or property arising out of or in connection with the operating of said vending machines and the sale of products there from; and for any loss or penalty resulting from the vendor's violation of any law or ordinance;

(B) CANTEEN shall maintain at its cost and expense, workmen's compensation, (or employer's liability) insurance and commercial general liability insurance, including property damage, products and completed operations liability with companies acceptable to SCCI and with the following limits:

General Aggregate Limit	\$ 600,000.00
Products & Completed Operations	600,000.00
Personal Injury	300,000.00
Each Occurrence Limit	300,000.00
Umbrella Coverage	5,000,000.00

CANTEEN shall furnish SCCI with certificate of insurance as evidence of such coverage:

3. TERMS:

The initial term of this agreement shall terminate on December 31st, of each year, and if neither serves notice, renewal will be automatic for another year. After the initial term either party may terminate this agreement at any time by notifying the other party at least 30 days in advance of their intent.

4. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:

In the event either party fails to perform as set forth in this agreement, the non-breaching party shall provide the breaching party with written notice, specifying the nature and extent of the deficiencies and remedy of the problem. If such deficiency is not remedied within 30 days following the date of such notice, then the non-breaching party may terminate this agreement upon 30 days written notice by certified mail.

5. LICENSES, PERMITS AND TAXES:

CANTEEN will obtain and pay for all federal, state and local licenses and permits required for the vending service, as well as collect and pay all federal, state and local sales, use and excise taxes attributable to the vending service.

6. NOTICE:

Notices required to be provided under this agreement shall be in writing and must be mailed first class to: Dale Cordrey, Canteen of Central GA 8100 Industrial Hwy, Macon, GA 31216, with a copy to RE Services, LLC, 1853 West North Main Street, Lafayette, GA 30728

Motion and second to approve the new Commissary Agreement for the Correctional Institution and RE Services, LLC, d/b/a Canteen of Central Georgia, by Commissioners McDaniel and Freeman, carried by a vote of 5-0.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- He provided a reminder of the Flood Insurance meeting on November 20, 2008 in the Meeting Room at 6 p.m. with Staff meeting prior at 4 p.m.
- A reception will be held for Raymond Ray, Jr. on December 2, 2008 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the green room of Griffin Auditorium.
- Paul Van Haute attended the Griffin Tech internship program meeting and is working toward getting someone to work with Ms. Garrison in accounting, hopefully by the first of the year.
- Minerva Properties is looking at the Highway 155 Village Node, and in order to have alcoholic beverages, they will require some amendments to alcohol sale text in the near future.
- He asked if the Board was available for an airport meeting with the City and the Development Authority on December 8, 2008 at 10 a.m. LPA Group will make a presentation on the two narrowed site selections and move forward with recommendations. The meeting will be here at the Courthouse Annex Meeting Room.
- General Griffin unveiling will be held this Sunday, 11-23-08, at 2:30 p.m. at the statue site. The County provided a contribution from the hotel/motel tax fund as part of the fundraising.
- Santa will arrive by helicopter on December 4 at Airport Road Festival of Lights. Festivities being at 6 and Santa arrives at 7 p.m.
- Martha Cheeves was denied her application for a personal care home on Davidson Circle recently. Some discussion was held in a prior meeting about waiving additional fees if she were to move her application location to North 9th Street. The Board concurred they desired to waive any additional fees for Ms. Cheeves.
- On the issue of rebanding for the 800 MHz radios, Mr. Wilson has been speaking with the consultant, Staff, and Sprint/Nextel. Rather than issuing the radios now and having to quickly recall them to reprogram for the new frequencies, the logical course would be to delay for about two months, all felt. The Board, on recommendation from Commissioner Phillips, concurred.

- The County's entry into the Scarecrows in the Garden competition at the UGA Griffin Campus Research and Education Gardens won Best Overall, and Mr. Wilson congratulated Ms. Betty Browning and Ms. Teresa Watson for their efforts.
- Boxes have been set up in the meeting room to collect what hopefully will turn out to be one ton of food donations. All employees and others are encouraged to bring donated, nonperishable food items.
- Mr. Wilson has been approached for filming a documentary later this week at the old Spalding County Jail with normal fees and waivers/insurance provided. The Board concurred.
- Commissioner Freeman has spoken Parks and Recreation personnel regarding donating Sugar Maple trees for use at WTOP, Dundee and other parks. There is no problem with getting these trees from Commissioner Freeman's donation, per the Board. There will be about 800 to 1000 trees from 4' to 6' and most are in plots that will make retrieval fairly easy.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Freeman

Commissioner Freeman asked to get a list of the event dates mentioned by the County Manager as reminders.

Flowers-Taylor

She will not be at the December 1 meeting. At an ACCG training legislative update she signed up for partnering on internships a couple of years ago. She knew ACCG was putting them together for administrative areas across the board for counties and that Spalding County is working on something for the finance office. However, when suggested a couple of years ago, she felt they meant to partner in a way that would allow the County to cultivate a labor pool and attract young talent to remain in Spalding County. Perhaps they could use the ACCG formula to develop job descriptions, as well.

Phillips

His father suggested as a retired truck driver magnetic bar under trucks, such as with Public Works perhaps, to attract metal which would pick up the destructive nails, etc. that often puncture tires.

McDaniel

Spalding County Parks and Recreation is the envy of many systems in region, and the big parks garner the most attention, like Dundee and WTOP. Thomaston Mill Village Park, though, is a very nice pocket park on North 9th Street with two new playground facilities. He has been asked by residents to suggest the possibility of a trail, maybe 800' with about 300' of connections to the playground and picnic areas. The estimate to do that with gravel and asphalt would be about \$18,000. There is currently no paved or hard surface walking trail on north side of town. They are putting lights there now to help, as well. Residents are supportive. Commissioner Phillips noted that Partners in Education may be able to assist with some costs. Mr. Wilson said tonight the Board had appropriated \$50,000 for the Land Bank and other expenses out of commissioners' contingency, and he will have to analyze the account but felt there was not much left. Commissioner McDaniel asked if it were possible to use impact fees for this. He would really like to see this project come to fruition.

Goss

From the former Central Lake Church on High Falls Road all the way to Copeland Store had cars parked the other day on both sides of this no parking zone. A Sheriff's deputy rode through but did nothing, and he wanted to know what was going on at this location.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., by Commissioners McDaniel and Phillips, carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chairman

County Clerk

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