

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, May 17, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Chairman Eddie Freeman presiding and Commissioners David Phillips and Bob Gilreath present. Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Eddie Goss were not present. Also present were Interim County Manager Tim Whalen, Assistant to the Interim County Manager Virginia Martin, Stephanie Windham, and Executive Secretary Glinda Robertson.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Eddie Freeman

II. INVOCATION – Led by Rev. Clay Padgett, Pastor of Crown Center Church

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Interim County Manager, Tim Whalen

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Consider approval of a Proclamation declaring Monday, May 17, 2010 as “William Wilson Day” in Griffin, Spalding County, GA.

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath to approve and carried by a vote of 3-0. Proclamation was read by Commissioner Freeman.

2. Tom Queen from GDOT to give an update on projects in the STIP, as well as discuss those in the ARC TIP.

Mr. Queen handed out a draft of the State Transportation Improvement Program dated 4/5/2010. He stated that each year the department comes around to all the counties and cities in our state to let them know what projects the department has on the list and to get any comments or questions they might have. There are currently about seven rural projects on the list.

Some of the projects are: intersection improvement on SR 16 @ Vaughn and Rover Rd; Turn lanes will be added at SR16 and Hollonville Rd.; and there will be intersection improvement on SR362 @ Rover-Williamson Road.

Statewide, the State Transportation Improvement Program for the whole state in rural areas is about a \$3.3 billion dollar list. There are about 20 ARC projects. Mr. Queen stated funds are stretched as thin as funds are in any local and regional levels. He also reported the Georgia Department Of Transportation’s intention this year is to cut the right-of-way on state routes at least twice this year.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - None

VI. CITIZENS COMMENT

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 the meeting.

Jessie Maddox – 301 Bucksnot Rd.

Mr. Maddox stated he has been a citizen of Spalding County all of his life. He has been working for the county for many years. He is concerned with some of the comments he is hearing from some of the commissioners. He stated that as a county employee he treats the citizens of Spalding County with respect. He would like the same courtesy shown to him and his fellow workers by the commissioners and citizens.

He appreciates what the commissioners do for employees, however, he does not appreciate comments that filter down to them. He stated the reason he was at the meeting was because of comments on a work order stating that if something was not taken care of, the commissioner was going to “go off” on someone. He stated the employees are not employed by the commissioners, the commissioners are employed by the citizens of Spalding County. Mr. Maddox stated the employees “do not need this kind of junk” written on work orders. They need respect. They work hard every day.

David Marston – 108 Maddox Rd.

Health	From	\$	442,709	to	\$	707,709
TEOYM	From	\$	47,867	to	\$	87,092
Sheriff Warrant Division	From	\$	561,830	to	\$	583,824
Sheriff Uniform Patrol	From	\$	2,801,298	to	\$	3,045,619
General Appropriations	From	\$	2,667,145	to	\$	3,144,177
Homeland Security	From	\$	6,440	to	\$	31,566
Correctional Institution	From	\$	6,303,782	to	\$	6,305,353
Animal Control	From	\$	304,566	to	\$	310,566
Executive	From	\$	288,245	to	\$	373,010
Information Systems	From	\$	138,766	to	\$	204,766
Tax Commissioner	From	\$	734,600	to	\$	757,600
800MHz	From	\$	0	to	\$	180,240
Senior Citizens Bus	From	\$	0	to	\$	16,010

Budget Amendment Ordinance

Section X. Fire District Fund

A. Revenue

Fund Balance	From	\$	758,248	to	\$	1,055,303
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B. Expenditures

Fire Department	From	\$	5,802,335	to	\$	6,099,390
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Section VII. CSBG Fund

A. Revenue

Reimbursements	From	\$	125,000	to	\$	218,895
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B. Expenditures

After-School Program	From	\$	0	to	\$	16,860
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Food Voucher Program	From	\$	0	to	\$	83,980
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Employment Assistance	From	\$	0	to	\$	5,815
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Senior Citizens Center	From	\$	12,760	to	\$	0
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Approved on first reading this 3rd day of May, 2010.

Approved, adopted and enacted on second reading this 17th day of May, 2010.

Chairman

Timothy Whalen
County Manager

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath to approve and carried by a vote of 3-0.

- Per Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, discuss and approve policy for citizens using county property for events.

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath to move this item to the next agenda when Commissioner Flowers-Taylor returns.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Consider request from Bicycle Ride Across Georgia's (BRAG) Rest Stops, who are looking to set up a rest stop at the Cabin Fire Station on Jackson Rd. on Sunday, June 6th, 2010.

Mr. Whalen stated this request came in from Chief West. He received the request from Leslie Anderson to set up a rest stop for a water break. Chief West says this will not interfere with the operation of the fire station.

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips/Freeman to approve by a vote of 3-0.

2. Consider request from City of Griffin for monies owed from meter at new jail addition that have gone unpaid.

Mr. Whalen stated the county received a letter from the City Manager stating that a meter was installed in July of 1997 when the second phase of the jail was under construction. The meter was discovered earlier this year and the city has requested payment of \$155,717.98. This has been discussed with Brian Upson from Paragon Consulting. These figures are based on approximately one billing cycle. Mr. Upson is recommending the county wait and get a longer history to account for different populations and different seasons at the jail.

Mr. Freeman agreed with this recommendation. He further stated that he doesn't think it's as much our responsibility as it is the City of Griffin to know if there is a meter out there.

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips/Freeman and carried by a vote of 3-0 to table until more information is obtained. It has been recommended the Board wait for a longer history before payment.

3. Consider appointment of Judy Roberson to the Spalding County Collaborative for a term of two years.

Virginia Martin stated this is a replacement for April Freeman.

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath to approve and carried by a vote of 3-0.

4. Consider Alternative Building Design for Life Tabernacle and Praise Church, Inc. located at 235 Bleachery Street.

Chuck Taylor from the Community Development Department was present to discuss this item. He stated our Unified Development Ordinance in the commercial section has specific architectural design criteria for commercial buildings. Places of worship are considered commercial entities because they are places of assembly.

This request by the church is to use a modular office building as a temporary place for an addition to their church. Pastor Watson was present to explain what they are wanting. The church is requesting to use this modular building until they can put up a permanent structure. The modular building is a 24 feet by 56 feet rectangular shaped building. It will be on wheels and skirted in. The front part will be stucco as it is required by code.

The building will be used as a fellowship building and have a couple of classrooms. Mr. Phillips asked how temporary this would be. Pastor Watson stated he really did not know, probably at least a few years. Mr. Freeman asked about the wheels. Pastor Watson stated they will leave the wheels on, however, they will be off the ground. They will not be seen because they will be skirted in.

Mr. Freeman asked Mr. Taylor if there is a time limit they can have this temporary building. Mr. Taylor stated there is no time limit given in the ordinance, however, the commissioners could set one if they so desired. The commissioners decided they did want to set a time limit.

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath to approve and carried by a vote of 3-0. This approval includes a five year limitation on the temporary building.

5. Consider payment of Dr. Stone-Miller's bill for Starks criminal trial.

Stephanie Windham was present to address this. She stated the county has two options: 1) pay out a lump sum which is a reduced amount of about \$4,000 to \$20,000 or it could be paid in four monthly installments of \$5,990 beginning this month and paid on the 15th of each of the next three months.

Ms. Windham stated we are required to pay this under the law. Ms. Martin said she spoke with Ms. Garrison about this and she recommended the lump sum payment.

Mr. Freeman asked if there were any other bills coming in on this. Ms. Windham says up to this point, this is everything the doctor has sent in. Mr. Freeman stated he hopes our judges in their wisdom decide that everyone does not need a psychologist.

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath to approve the lump sum payment and carried by a vote of 3-0.

6. Consider appointment to Three Rivers Regional Commission Board of Directors for a one year term; seat currently held by Jud Keith; appointment alternates with City.

This item was moved to the June 21st agenda.

7. Consider appointment to Department of Family & Children Services Board for five year term; seat currently held by Portia Lacy.

This item was moved to the June 21st agenda.

8. Consider appointment to McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for three year term; seat currently held by Syntel Brown.

This item was moved to the June 21st agenda.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31st in Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m.
- The July 4th Parade will be held on Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
- On Saturday, July 17th, there will be a National Guard Homecoming at Memorial Stadium at 10:00 a.m.
- The SPLOST proceeds from the month of March are down from February but still over \$700,000. Projected over the year will give us an average of \$730,000. During the last calendar year, we had an average of \$626,000, so we are up a little over \$100,000 per month.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

David Phillips

Thanked the staff and the department heads for all their hard work on the budget.

Bob Gilreath

Mr. Gilreath recognized Chipper Gardner as a candidate in the commissioner race.

He congratulated William Wilson on being the Exchange Club "Man of the Year". He stated Mr. Wilson is a remarkable individual. He has known William a long time and appreciates everything he has done for Spalding County.

Mr. Gilreath stated that Dublin, Georgia is getting a \$35 million dollar solar energy plant that will employ 350 employees. He asked why Griffin can't have something like this.

Mr. Gilreath asked Ms. Martin about moving forward with RFP's for contract work in the county. Ms. Windham stated this item should be on the next agenda. Ms. Martin stated Mr. Fortune is working on a request for proposals. She is not sure what the timeline is.

Mr. Gilreath asked about the workload on Ms. Robertson. He asked if anything had been done to take a couple things off of her. Mr. Whalen stated that no decisions have been made at this point.

Mr. Gilreath again stated he would like to see all Board members appointed by the BOC be sworn in to office.

He also stated it has been four months since the county advertised for a county manager and still no one has been interviewed. A decision on an Assistant County Manager is also needed. He believes it's time the Board makes a decision. Also, the county needs a new Fire Chief since Mr. Gardner retired. He recommends the Board sit down and discuss these items with the Chairman.

Eddie Freeman

Mr. Freeman commended the work of the staff on the budget. There were a few things he did not agree with, however, they have a few more days to discuss it and review it.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second by Commissioners Phillips/Gilreath to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. and carried by all.

Chairman

Interim County Clerk

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