

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, June 21, 2010, beginning at 6:05 p.m. with Commissioner Chairman Edward Goss, Jr. presiding and Commissioners Gwen Flowers-Taylor, David Phillips, Eddie L. Freeman, and Bob Gilreath present. Also present were Interim County Manager Tim Whalen, Assistant to the Interim County Manager Virginia Martin, County Attorney James R. Fortune, Jr., and Executive Secretary Glinda Robertson.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Chairman Edward Goss, Jr.

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

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG – Led by Commissioner Eddie Freeman

Motion/second by Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor to amend agenda to add a request for funding and a presentation by Kira Harris-Braggs on the Main St. Program's progress on the new Pocket Park and carried by a vote of 5-0.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

There was a presentation given by Kira Harris-Braggs and Da'ood Amin on the progress of the new Pocket Park.

Mr. Amin stated they are very appreciative of all the support they have received so far. He turned the presentation over to Ms. Kira Harris-Braggs, the Griffin Main St. Program Manager. She also thanked the Board, Jake Garner, and the public works department for all of their efforts.

Ms. Harris-Braggs gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the progress of the new pocket park. She stated they have secured a project manager; the Solomon St. planters are near completion; the retaining wall is near completion; and plan revisions have been completed. They are working with Brian Upson from the Paragon group on this project. Jeremy Buffington is serving as the on-site project manager.

There has been a slight revision in the plans. They have been redrawn to comply with the ADA. A ramp has been added to the right side of the stage area. The steps have been changed on the Solomon St. side to accommodate people with disabilities as well.

Phase 1 and 2 are partially complete. The two phases have been blended together. A list was presented of the items left to complete these two phases. Ms. Braggs stated if they are able to move forward with this project with the additional monies, they should be finished with it by mid July or early August.

She commented that with the monies that have already been given, there is \$32,458 needed to complete phase 1 and 2 so that it can be usable by community groups. Mr. Garner and his staff to date have expended about \$16,000 in labor.

Ms. Braggs further stated that once the park is in usable condition, it will be much easier to sell it to the different corporate partners. Those additional items desired are the covered pavilion, the amplification system, audio visual system, lighting, and possibly a drinking fountain. Also, they would like to add trees and shrubs.

Mr. Freeman asked about corporate contributions of which, at present, they have none. Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated she had concerns about obligating \$10,000 for irrigation for a tract of land so small. She hopes they will be able to work this out for much less. She also believes trees should be added sooner rather than later. Ms. Flowers-Taylor asked that they please make sure they get the fence up against the wall next to the karate center so no one falls and tries to hold the county responsible.

Mr. Phillips asked if the Board knows if there is a surplus from fiscal year to cover this. Mr. Whalen stated this money would have to come out of the fund balance for hotel/motel tax.

Mr. Gilreath stated he spoke with Ms. Garrison earlier today regarding this topic. He was told it would be best to put this on hold until further notice. He would like to give money to this project, however he believes the county does not have it to give. Mr. Whalen stated this year to date the county has taken in \$74,952; the county has expended \$108,785. There is a fund balance in the hotel/motel tax account of \$363,610.

Mr. Gilreath asked Mr. Whalen and Ms. Martin for their advice on this issue. Mr. Whalen believes the project has gone far enough that it should be completed. He believes to leave the project as it is currently which is unfinished, would be wrong.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor reminded the Main St. Program that in the future, the Board wishes to see all invoices so that the county finance person knows what we are paying out for. Mr. Gilreath stated he wanted all money spent here in Spalding County.

Motion/second by Commissioners Gilreath/Flowers-Taylor to approve giving Main St. Program \$32,500 from FY 2011 hotel/motel tax for Phase 1 and 2 completion of the pocket park and carried by a vote of 5-0.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of the financial statements for the eleven months ending May 31, 2010.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Freeman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

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 re-address 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.

Dave Lamb – 1702 Quail Dr. – Griffin

Mr. Lamb spoke in support of funding \$17,500 for UGA Griffin Campus Continuing Education Program. He stated the county has provided this funding for 11 consecutive years. This would be the 12th year it has been requested. This continuing education program has grown over the years. Mr. Lamb stated that for ten years the annual report has been filed with the Department of Community Affairs and they have accepted the inclusion of continuing education in the annual report. This report is audited every year.

Mr. Gilreath asked how paying for a secretary for UGA falls under the category of hotel/motel taxes. Mr. Lamb stated that she/he will be scheduling and handling the continuing education events. Mr. Gilreath stated this is not tourism. Mr. Gilreath wanted to know if this is so important why UGA does not come up with the money themselves. Mr. Lamb stated that for many years the city and the county thought these were important enough programs that they wanted to fund them.

Mr. Gilreath stated he supports giving UGA the monies, however he does not believe it should come out of hotel/motel tax fund.

Mr. Phillips asked if the campus could shuffle their money so they could fund the salary and the \$17,500 could fund something else related to tourism. He stated this arrangement might make Mr. Gilreath happy.

Mr. Goss asked the Board to delay this discussion further for later in the meeting during the budget discussions.

Justin Wynn – Country Rock – Griffin

Would like to see his serving hours extended for Saturday night. He estimates the business is losing money by not being able to serve alcohol for longer hours on Saturday night. He is asking the county to put this on the agenda for approval. Mr. Phillips added he would like to see the ability for Sunday sales by the drink on the November ballot. He stated that economically the county has shot themselves in the foot by not allowing this.

Mr. Fortune stated there would have to be a public referendum to authorize Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages. The commissioners asked Mr. Fortune to come up with a Resolution for adding both of these items to the ballot.

Bobby Peurifoy – 917 S. McDonough Rd. - Griffin

Mr. Peurifoy brought up road surfacing in the second district. He asked what roads have been selected for paving since the SPLOST was passed. Wanted to know how much has been raised for this, and are these SPLOST monies.

Mr. Gilreath stated that some of the roads Mr. Peurifoy asked about were paved by the DOT. Mr. Gilreath also stated the DOT had provided the Board with a list of roads to be paved. Mr. Freeman stated collections have been slow as far as SPLOST monies go.

Mr. Peurifoy has concern about three wooden one lane bridges that school buses travel over. He stated these bridges should have been replaced years ago. Mr. Goss stated there has been no money collected through SPLOST for any transportation projects and it will probably be a year or two before the county starts seeing any money raised for transportation. Ms. Flowers-Taylor recommended Mr. Peurifoy go to the school system about the danger of routing school buses over these bridges.

Mr. Peurifoy also asked about delinquent property taxes that are owed to Spalding County. Mr. Whalen stated if Mr. Peurifoy would come to see him the next day he will supply him with a copy of those figures.

VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the following: Regular Monthly Meeting of June 7, 2010 and the Special Called Meeting of June 8, 2010.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Freeman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of second reading of an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2010 Budget for Spalding County.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County have duly adopted an annual budget ordinance for the 2009 Fiscal Year pursuant to the requirements of Title 36, Chapter 81 of the Official Code of Georgia, and Section 2-5003 of the Code of Spalding County; and

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Georgia, specifically Title 36, Chapter 81-3, provides that said Board might amend its annual budget ordinance so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners that the annual budget ordinance as approved, adopted and enacted on second reading on June 25, 2009, be amended as follows:

Section I. General Fund

A. Revenues

Contributions & Donations	From	\$	19,333	to	\$	34,067
Insurance Refunds	From	\$	3,958	to	\$	19,301

B. Expenditures

Recreation	From	\$	558,646	to	\$	560,046
Parks	From	\$	1,692,981	to	\$	1,706,315
Special Operations	From	\$	912,343	to	\$	927,686

Approved on first reading this 7th day of June, 2010.

Approved, adopted and enacted on second reading this 21st day of June, 2010.

Chairman

Interim County Manager

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Phillips and carried by a vote of 5-0.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of contract with Johnson Controls to run from 7/1/10 to 6/30/11. This is a gap coverage contract while RFP's are being considered. Contract can be cancelled at any time.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor asked how much notice Johnson Controls needed to cancel the contract. Mr. Fortune stated the county can give them notice at any time.

Mr. Gilreath questioned when the RFP's would be ready. Mr. Fortune stated within 30 days if he can get technical assistance. The RFP's will be put out through the newspaper and the Internet. The object is to encourage multiple local bids.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Freeman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approving agreement between Spalding County and the Georgia Forestry Commission to increase the forestland assessment from four cents to ten cents per acre of privately held forest lands.

Mr. Whalen stated that HB1055 was signed by the Governor and is a bill that increased a number of fees across the state. This bill included the Georgia Forestry Commission and approved a measure to increase the forest land assessment. This is the first time since 1967 this rate has been adjusted. Over the past several years Spalding County has been paying \$3,461.00 at four cents per acre. It is now being raised to ten cents. The new rate comes to \$8,652.50. This goes to fund the forestry station located at County Line and Etheridge Mill Roads.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Freeman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

2. Consider approval of Resolution to amend ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Program Adoption Agreement. This agreement shows the Employer's desire to eliminate the Employer Matching Contributions to the Plan effective July 1, 2010.

Mr. Whalen stated this is an item that was discussed in the budget preparations to temporarily do away with the four percent match to the employees. This would allow the county to balance the budget. Spalding County is not the only county that has taken this route this year.

Ms. Flowers Taylor made a motion to approve with the change of putting an expiration date on the Resolution so that it has to be reconsidered in the next budget year.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND
ACCG 401 (a) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM
ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Spalding County (the "Employer") previously established a Defined Contribution Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to section 401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") that has been available to certain County employees since October 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to eliminate the Employer Matching Contributions to the Plan effective July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.01 of the Plan allows the Employer, by and through its governing body to amend the Adoption Agreement to the Plan at any time by an instrument in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED, that the Employer, at a meeting held on the ____ **day of** _____, **2010**, hereby authorizes amending the Adoption Agreement to eliminate Employer Matching Contributions to the Plan.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Commission Chairman** is hereby authorized by the Employer to execute any documents necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolutions.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that a true copy of this resolution be recorded in the County's records as of this date.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

Attest:

CLERK

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Phillips with an expiration date of June 30, 2011 and carried by a vote of 5-0.

3. Consider letter of support to Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the RASS Program (Georgia's Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service). This program educates alcohol beverage retailers and servers about both on and off-premise consumption of alcohol and the civil, administrative, and/or criminal penalties that can be associated with such consumption, particularly by underage youth.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated this is an awesome program. There is going to be an event to let parents and young people know what the expectations are and the criminal costs to this. She believes with the county's history of having retailers hire people and then say those employees made a mistake, the business owner did not, more education is needed in this area. She stated this is a good thing.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Flowers-Taylor and carried by a vote of 5-0.

4. Consider on first reading approval of Resolution and Ordinance Fiscal Year 2011 Budget.

Mr. Whalen stated this Resolution and Ordinance includes the last figures discussed by the Board. There are a few changes still to be made to the Ordinance.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor discussed how advantageous the 12 hour shifts will be to the Sheriff's Department. She believes this will be a win-win for everyone. It will put at least two more deputies on the road per shift and possibly up to five more at a maximum. Mr. Phillips stated this will be very good for morale.

Mr. Freeman made a motion that the Board put the \$17,500 from hotel/motel tax in the budget. Ms. Flowers-Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Phillips asked Ms. Martin if this was legal to do and she stated that it is. Mr. Gilreath stated he does not believe it is legal. Again, Mr. Gilreath stated he supports the monies being granted to UGA Griffin, however he does not believe they should come out of hotel/motel tax monies.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor began a discussion of Parks and Recreation's request of using hotel/motel tax funds for the Festival of Lights. She would like this item placed in the budget. There was a discussion of maintenance items also being placed in the budget. Mr. Fortune stated they need to be sure that what they are paying for out of hotel/motel tax and these dollars are for expenses you would not incur under normal daily operations. He further stated it is very important that we keep records in case the county is ever challenged on this issue.

Mr. Whalen commented that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommended the monies for the Festival of Lights come out of the Hotel/Motel Tax fund so they could lower

their overall budget. Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated that last year over 1500 people attended this event so she believes this constitutes tourism.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor asked who pays for the 4th of July parade. Louis Greene stated it comes out of the general budget. Mr. Freeman has concerns about all the hotel/motel tax fund monies being allocated out.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor made a motion to add the \$26,474 for the Festival of Lights event to be paid out of Hotel/Motel taxes. The board voted to allocate the funding.

At this point, the commissioners began a discussion of airport funding. Mr. Fortune stated that he and Ms. Martin had researched the county's obligations to the airport. Their research shows the city is the lead on applications for contracts and grants with the FAA. There is an intergovernmental agreement under which the county is responsible for one half of the local match for state and federal grants; however, the contract required the county approve of the application for the funds before the county is obligated to pay it. He stated the county has some degree of control in this area. The end result of their search is that everyone assumes that from 1993 forward, the county had agreed to fund one half of the shortfall. Mr. Fortune stated there is nothing in the records they can lay their hands on that says this. There is a reference to the county funding \$155,000 on a one-time basis.

The city has passed an ordinance that stated the county agreed to do all of this and that they will provide budgets and audits to the county every year. Mr. Fortune stated again that the county has been paying half since 1993; however there is no documentation that states the county is obligated to do this. They have looked at every document reference. This documentation cannot be found.

Mr. Freeman asked about a document dated August 28. Ms. Martin stated that is the intergovernmental agreement stating the county would pay half of any matching funds for any federal grants subject to our approval in advance.

Ms. Martin stated there are three components to the city's request for funding for the airport: 1) the site selection study that LGA is doing for the new airport study. The county is contractually obligated to fund our portion of that because the county signed that contract; 2) their request for \$1500 for a match for federal grants they are seeking. We signed a contract last year saying the county would pay that portion as long as we could approve the application in advance; and 3) the annual operating losses which has been assumed for several years the county would pay half and the city would pay half, however the county appears to have never voted to do this. There is no agreement or contract that stated this would be done.

Mr. Fortune and Ms. Martin have looked back at the minute book at the dates there should have been something in the records, and all they can find is designation of \$155,000 which the county agreed to pay at that time for that particular shortfall.

Mr. Freeman stated the county owns half of the airport. Mr. Fortune reiterated the county is obligated to pay the study money and the grant match money subject to approval; however, the county is not obligated to fund the loss revenue monies.

Mr. Goss asked how many employees are at the airport and Ms. Martin stated there are three employees. He asked if the airport had ever looked at having a fixed operator like Thomaston and some of the other larger airports. He stated that most airports in cities the size of Griffin, are privately run.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated she does not wish to rip the rug straight from under them. She agrees that we need to cut a portion of their funding, however she does not want to leave them to fend for themselves. Mr. Freeman stated if the county does not pay any money into the airport, we are going to be in dire straights. He stated the county will have to be on board with the city in order for the airport to get funding. He stated the county needs to follow through with what they need to do. He further stated the county is protecting its interest at the airport, the way he sees it.

The airport has not completed the airport study at this time. The next phase of the study is environmental. The airport's current operating loss is \$134,000. Mr. Goss asked why they have such a shortfall. Ms. Flowers-Taylor says the airport has said it's because they can't get jets out at the airport so they can't make money.

Mr. Gilreath made a motion to amend the budget to withdraw the funding of the shortfall in the amount of \$133,915. Ms. Flowers-Taylor seconded the motion for the purpose of

discussion. She prefers they be funded at least \$35,000 and put them on notice that the funding next year will be completely ending. Mr. Freeman would like to give them at least half of the shortfall. Ms. Flowers-Taylor withdrew her second.

Mr. Phillips was concerned with what will happen to the airport. What could it cost the county potentially if it goes under? He could live with the cut Ms. Flowers-Taylor suggested. Mr. Fortune stated at this point there is not a motion because Mr. Gilreath did not get a second. Motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor made a motion to fund the loss portion of the airport at \$35,000 only for this year and giving them notice that they will not be funded in the future by this Board. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion.

Bobby Peurifoy was in attendance and stated the county should shut the airport down. He stated it's been a black hole for years and the taxpayers have been footing the bill. He suggested turning the airport into a drag strip.

There will be another reading of this Ordinance on Thursday, June 24th at 5:45 p.m.

Motion/second to approve with FY 2011 Budget with changes by Commissioners Flowers/Taylor/Freeman and carried by a vote of 4-1 with Gilreath opposing. The changes were 1) Going to 12 hours shifts for the Sheriff's Department. This includes adding a sergeant and a corporal; 2) putting \$17,500 from hotel/motel tax in the budget for UGA Griffin campus. This item was a 4-1 vote as Mr. Gilreath opposed this coming out of the hotel/motel dollars; 3) removing funding to the Griffin Airport by approximately \$98,000. This vote was opposed by Freeman and Gilreath; and 4) moving \$26,474 for Festival of Lights from Hotel/Motel tax to Parks & Recreation budget.

5. Consider approval of request from Andy Strauss to use Spalding County fire apparatus to participate in a movie. Filming date is July 2, 2010 and will be located off Experiment St. in the old mill section of the county.

Mr. Whalen stated Mr. Strauss is filming a movie in Griffin called "Terminal." It is a sequel to the movie "Quarantine." They are requesting two pumpers and two hazmat/rescue vehicles to be used July 2nd at 349 Railroad Ave. in Griffin. Mr. Strauss would like for Spalding County to assist with the film. They are paying per truck a rate of \$145.00 per hour. They expect to use the truck four to five hours. They would like to have real firefighters for extras and they will be paid for their services. The Spalding County fire department would be added as a loss payee on the insurance policy and only county firefighters will be driving county vehicles.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor asked how much it cost to crank the trucks up. Ms. Martin stated it's less than \$145.00 per hour. She further stated the film company has already added the county to a \$2 million dollar general aggregate policy.

Mr. Fortune stated the film company should be responsible for any fuel that is expended and secondly, they have to understand if there is an emergency call and the county needs the equipment, they will have to delay their filming while the firefighters take care of business.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Phillips/Freeman provided Mr. Strauss provides the fuel and the set personnel understand this is not for exclusive use only. If there is an emergency call, the equipment will have to leave the set. Motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

6. Consider approval of request to "earmark" the monies that are available for the senior center.

Mr. Goss stated that Ms. Martin has advised him these monies cannot be moved out of general fund into the SPLOST fund. The Board needs to say they are going to earmark that money. Mr. Gilreath asked how much was going to be earmarked. Mr. Goss stated it will be the amount of money from the sale of the old Parks & Recreation building.

Mr. Gilreath asked where the money went. Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated from her understanding \$275,000 from the sale of the Health Department building was put in the general fund. There was also \$120,000 spent on a study for the senior center.

Per Ms. Flowers-Taylor understanding from the collection of the 2005 SPLOST, money was allocated to UGA Center and the 800 MHZ System. She stated that any project that was on that SPLOST can use the excess funds. She further stated that according to Ms. Garrison

there is \$2.8 million in excess collections with the potential for it to be up around \$3 million dollars. Ms. Flowers-Taylor would like to have these funds earmarked for the building of a new senior center or whatever the plan is for the senior center.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor commented that she felt like it was an understanding that the money from the sale of the building would be designated toward the senior center. Mr. Gilreath stated his records show that last year the Board did vote to have the monies taken out for the study on Carver Road. Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated they did not vote to have the monies taken out of the SPLOST. Mr. Gilreath asked who authorized taking the money out of SPLOST. Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated it was the former county manager, William Wilson.

Motion/second to approve any remaining proceeds in 2005 SPLOST fund be earmarked for the proposed senior center minus any unpaid balances by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Phillips and carried by a vote of 5-0. This is approximately \$2.9 million.

There was a two minute recess called at this point.

7. Bob Gilreath is requesting a discussion to set-up a joint meeting with County and City Commissioners.

Mr. Gilreath stated this request is long overdue in his opinion. He further stated there are many things that need to be discussed between the two entities. He believes this would behoove the taxpayers of Spalding County for them to all meet. There is good that can come out of this if they all leave their agendas outside of the meeting room.

Mr. Goss asked the commissioners to let Mr. Whalen know which dates they are available. It was suggested they pick an evening. Ms. Flowers-Taylor asked if the Board would like to include the School Board as well. Mr. Gilreath prefers to meet with the city alone to begin with and then they can expand. Mr. Goss stated years ago, they use to meet with the city and the school board however it became too large of a meeting.

It was agreed that Mr. Whalen would get with the City Manager to arrange a date for this meeting.

8. Consider appointment to the Hospital Authority to replace Ms. Jean Clark.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated as she understands it this will just be until the end of what would have been Ms. Clark's term which would have been December 31, 2010. She withdrew two names that she had submitted. She will resubmit their names at the end of the year. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Gilreath submitted the name of Eddie Grogan for appointment to this Board.

Motion/second to approve Mr. Eddie Grogan to replace Ms. Clark by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Freeman and carried by a vote of 5-0. Term is to expire 12/31/10.

9. Consider re-appointment of Jud Keith to Three Rivers Regional Commission Board of Directors for a one year term; appointment alternates with City.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Freeman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

10. Consider re-appointment of Portia Lacy to Department of Family & Children Services Board for a five year term.

Ms. Flowers-Taylor asked why this is being done in the middle of the year. Ms. Martin stated there are three or four appointments that actually renew either on June 30th or July 1st and these appointments we are looking at tonight fall into that time frame.

There was a letter submitted by Phyllis Easton-Barkley from DHR stating Ms. Lacy's willingness to serve again. Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated it would have been more appropriate for Ms. Lacy to send a letter to the Board that is appointing her instead of sending it to the head of DFACS. Mr. Goss stated she was probably not aware of the proper channels.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Freeman/Phillips and carried by a vote of 5-0.

11. Consider re-appointment of Syntel Brown to McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for a three year term.

Motion/second to approve by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Freeman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

12. Consider approval of agreement with Carl Vinson Institute for staffing study.

Ms. Martin stated this is a study to look and see if the county is understaffed or overstaffed in various areas. This would be a county wide staffing study for a set price of \$20,000. If the county decides not to look at all the departments this will lower the price some. This will include constitutional offices. Ms. Flowers-Taylor stated that in a bad economy the county needs to look at the man power situation and make sure we are getting the biggest bang for our buck. She believes this will be money well spent.

Mr. Gilreath asked how soon this would take place. Mr. Whalen stated the contract reads effective July 1 and terminates October 31st. Mr. Freeman stated this in no way is intended to do away with any jobs. Mr. Whalen stated this came up in budget meetings because some departments were asking for additional personnel. This will give them an idea of who is overstaffed and who is understaffed. Mr. Phillips stated it would be good to have an objective opinion.

Mr. Gilreath stated the county really needs to look at employing more people in the tax assessor's office.

Motion/second to approve including participation by all constitutional officers by Commissioners Flowers-Taylor/Phillips and carried by a vote of 5-0.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

June 11th was the first Movie in the Park event. The next two will be July 9th and August 13th.

Mr. Whalen reminded everyone of the Passenger Rail meeting June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Welcome Center. This will be presented by the Brookings Institute.

On June 24th at 2:00 p.m., Three Rivers will have Todd Long with GDOT speak on HB 277, the Transportation Investment Act.

One June 15th there was vandalism in the new pocket park. About half of one of the new walls were pushed over. Chief Strickland has stepped up patrols at night in the area.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Eddie Freeman

Mr. Freeman attended a policy meeting by ACCG on June 21st. The topics were "Revenue and Finance" and "County Government." About 75 people statewide attended. This was held at the UGA-Griffin campus. This is an example of what goes on at the UGA Griffin Campus. There were people that came in for the meeting and spent the night in area hotels.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor

On Wednesday night there is a meeting at the Health Department regarding the alcohol usage in the community and the education program to the retailers.

She thanked sponsors for the movies this year. Also thanked city for allowing use of parking deck for Movies in the Park event.

Bob Gilreath

Stated there is an ordinance requiring house numbers on all homes. People are not complying and he does not understand why code enforcement is not enforcing this. Emergency personnel need to see these house numbers.

He supports giving the money to UGA Griffin, however he does not support money coming out of hotel/motel taxes. He does not believe this use fits the legal definition of tourism.

Read a letter concerning vacant property tax or listing tax. There is a problem with vacant properties in this county. This was in regards to charging registration fees for unoccupied homes (unoccupied for 30 days). The initial registration fee would be \$250.00. The longer the home sits, the higher the fee goes up every year. The revenue collected from these fees would help with the tax deficit. He wants the Board to look at instituting this.

Eddie Goss

Mr. Goss sent his condolences out to Jessie Maddox in the death of his father.

He also congratulated Mr. Fortune on the birth of a new grandchild.

Mr. Goss has a meeting on June 22nd with Dan McClain, Chairman of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to discuss the new senior center.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION - None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. by Commissioners Freeman/Gilreath and carried by all.

Chairman

Interim County Clerk