

**After  
Agenda**

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Extraordinary Session  
Monday, September 21, 2020  
6:00 PM  
Room 108, Annex Building**

**The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex on Monday, September 21, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Gwen Flowers-Taylor presiding. Commissioners James Dutton and Rita Johnson were present for the meeting. Commissioners Bart Miller and Donald Hawbaker was absent from the meeting. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant County Manager, Michelle Irizarry, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham, Citizen Engagement Specialist, Rachel Conort and Kathy Gibson, Executive Secretary to record the minutes.**

**I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** by Chairperson Gwen Flowers-Taylor.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

**II. INVOCATION**

The Invocation was delivered by Senior Pastor Thomas Hill of Crestview Baptist Church.

**III. PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Commissioner Rita Johnson, District #3, led the pledge to the flag.

**IV. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Consider reappointment of John Hamilton and Rico McCrary to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Mr. Wilson stated their terms have expired and they are our representatives to this Council. Mr. Hamilton has been on the Council for years, but he will now be in the appointment as the Chief of the City of Griffin Fire Department.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to reappoint John Hamilton and Rico McCrary to the Region IV Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**V. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Consider approval nunc pro tunc of Proclamation declaring Monday, August 14, 2020 as Camille Proctor Berry Appreciation Day in the Spalding County, Georgia.

Mr. Wilson advised there is no one here this evening to receive the

Proclamation. Ms. Berry's church requested the Proclamation upon her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday and it was presented to her, on her birthday and she was very grateful. He then added that the Board may remember Ms. Berry and her husband from their work as volunteers at the hospital. Ms. Berry was a pink lady at the hospital for many, many decades.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the proclamation nunc pro tunc of Proclamation declaring Monday, August 14, 2020 as Camille Proctor Berry Appreciation Day in the Spalding County, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Recognition of volunteers and sponsors of the August 30 Census event held at Fairmont Park.

Rachel Conort, Citizen Engagement Specialist, stated this year has been the big Census push and Spalding County had not been as responsive as we had hoped to be back in March so it was extended until September 30<sup>th</sup>. We realized, as a county, this was something that we couldn't do by ourselves and we have been very fortunate that Masonic Lodge 317 PHA assisted in the event at the Fairmont Community Center on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The Masons did all of the barbeque cooking for the day, they began at 8:30 a.m. and they were out there until well after 5:00 p.m. cleaning up and we could not have done this without them. We have a few of the members here this evening and we have a plaque we would like to represent to the Masons in appreciation of their rad work with the Census.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then read the plaque: "Spalding County presents this Certificate of Appreciation to Griffin Lodge 317 PHA on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020 for their dedication and commitment during the Census event at Fairmont Community Center in making Spalding County the place to live, work and play."

Ms. Conort also stated that Tony Slaton, a member of the Fairmont Community, took time to accompany Ms. Conort through the Fairmont Community prior to the event. Even though Mr. Slaton could not be here this evening she wanted to express her thanks for his help during this initiative.

Mr. Johnson with the Griffin Lodge 317 PHA stated that they had a really good time working with Rachel. He stated that she worked them hard, but he wanted the Board to know that anytime the County needs them, their hands are open and they will do anything that the County needs them to do.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor stated that she would also like to thank Tony Slaton props because he recognized that Rachel should probably not be walking alone in the Fairmont Community, so he teamed up with her and accompanied her to any place she needed to go to make sure she was safe and Chairperson Flowers-Taylor stated that she really appreciated that. She also wanted to extend a special thanks to the City Church of Griffin for their participation in bringing the free ice cream truck which was much appreciated because it was so hot that day.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then extended a personal "thank-you" to the

Griffin Lodge because they have always been willing to step up and do what needed to be done and she looks forward to working with them more in the future.

3. The Spalding County Fire Department would like to recognize 4 employees for 30+ years of service with Spalding County.

Brian Klaassen - 35 years of service

Tim Henderson - 30 years of service

Barry Wilson - 30 years of service

Dexter Jester - 30 years of service

Chief Polk and Chief Byrd then presented the four employees with their service awards.

Mr. Henderson stated that Spalding County has been a great place to work, he has seen a lot of change. He stated he never really wanted to be a fireman, he started as a fireman as the result of a mini-recession in 1988, 89 and 90. He had gone to school to be an engineer but this gave him the opportunity for insurance and benefits he didn't have and he has come a long way. He appreciates the opportunity he has had at Spalding County, it has been a fulfilling career. He never anticipated that he would enjoy it this much and that is why he has stayed around so long. It has been a true honor to serve the people of Spalding County.

4. Jordon Jewkes, with the Jewkes Law Firm, would like to update the Board on their progress in providing Indigent Defense Services for Spalding County.

Jordan Jewkes, 126 Hill Street, Griffin, Georgia, stated that when they were awarded this contract in June of this year, one of the commitments they made was to report back to the Commission on how they are doing and get feedback from the Commission on how they can improve. He feels this is an important part of this process. He stated this has been a unique experience.

Mr. Jewkes then advised that he wanted to introduce his team to the Board, so they would know who was in the courtrooms, on the phones, on the conference rooms meeting with the folks in Spalding County. He then introduced his State Court Team: Terence Malloy and Ian Bucy, both of these gentlemen are fantastic employees who are working very hard. Terence has 20-years of experience and is heading the ship and Ian has been practicing for a couple of years, he graduated from Notre Dame Law School. They are both doing a phenomenal job.

Mr. Jewkes then stated that their caseload right now is very high. He thought they would be entering into this with 3-400 cases; however, they inherited 962 cases and they currently have over 1,000 cases. They haven't tried a single case to date because of the COVID pandemic; however, they are ready once the courts start hearing cases again.

Mr. Jewkes provided the board with the feedback requested. He stated that they were open to any other questions the Board would like to have added to the survey. Right now, there are only 3 questions on the survey, but they were

very pleasantly surprised with the feedback to date. This survey is electronic and it is sent to every client that closes a case. He advised that they have closed approximately 45 cases and only 15 have responded. He advised they have long way to go, but they are getting there. He stated that Terence and Ian are working with the State Court, Judge Thacker and Patrick Shephard and they have been very helpful.

Terence Malloy added that one member of the team was unable to be here this evening, our Court Administrator for both State Court and Juvenile Court, Ms. Chastity Porter. We inherited 900+ cases and we have opened approximately 145 new cases since August 1st. Mr. Malloy stated that the survey that was given to the Board does not include all of the cases we have closed for numerous reasons. We will be more diligent in trying to get the feedback and the numbers will change significantly, probably six months from now they can give us some better data.

Commissioner Johnson then asked if a question could be added to the survey: "Would you hire this group, or would you recommend this group to a friend or relative?"

Mr. Jewkes advised that they could add anything to the survey that the Board would like to have added.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then wished the firm the best and stated she looked forward to their next update.

Mr. Jewkes then introduced the attorney heading up the Juvenile Court representation, Matlie Sundeen. She has done a phenomenal job on the Juvenile Court, her father is a Superior Court Judge in Butts County. They do not have survey data from this area as yet because of the small number of cases.

Mr. Jewkes state the rest of the team here this evening is Ava Standard and Venessa Davis who is from Griffin. Ms. Davis mans the phone and does a lot of the scheduling.

Commissioner Dutton then stated that as someone who works in the courtroom that the level of proactivity that he has seen from this firm is impressive and is a breath of fresh air and he really appreciates it.

## **VI. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – None.**

## **VII. CITIZEN COMMENT**

Speakers must sign up prior to the meeting and provide their names, addresses and the topic they wish to discuss. Speakers must direct your remarks to the Board and not to individual Commissioners or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Commissioners or County employees are not a matter of public concern and personal attacks will not be tolerated. The Chairman has the right to limit your comments in the interest of disposing of the County's business in an efficient and respectable manner.

Speakers will be allotted three minutes to speak on their chosen topics as they relate

to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of the Commissioners. No questions will be asked by any of the commissioners during citizen comments. Outbursts from the audience will not be tolerated. Common courtesy and civility are expected at all times during the meeting. No speaker will be permitted to speak more than three minutes or more than once, unless the Board votes to suspend this rule.

**Deandre White, 226 Ellis Circle, Griffin** – Spoke regarding renaming Camp Stephens.

#### VIII. MINUTES –

1. Consider approval of minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on August 17, 2020, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on August 17, 2020 and the Spalding County Zoning Public Hearing on August 27, 2020.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve the minutes of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on August 17, 2020, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on August 17, 2020 and the Spalding County Zoning Public Hearing on August 27, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

#### IX. CONSENTAGENDA -

1. Consider approval on second reading an ordinance amending the FY 2021 Budget Ordinance to provide carryover funding for the Spalding County Department of Family & Children's Services.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve on second reading an ordinance amending the FY 2021 Budget Ordinance to provide carryover funding for the Spalding County Department of Family & Children's Services. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

#### X. OLD BUSINESS – None.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider approval of a new 2020 Alcohol License for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for:

Shirley Ellis for Circle K Store #272331, located at 3420 Jackson Road.

Mr. Wilson advised that they have met all of the qualifications for a new license and staff recommends approval there were no adverse conditions found.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve a new 2020 Alcohol License for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for: Shirley Ellis for Circle K Store #272331, located at 3420 Jackson Road. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider approval of an addendum to the Smart Communications Agreement

that would provide Video Visitation with the Inmates at the Correctional Institution.

Mr. Wilson stated that this is an addendum to our existing contract, we currently have a contract with this company that provides emails and mail to our inmates and video visitation is a new feature they are offering and we would like to try it out. There are precautions that are built into the Ipads and will only show the face of the inmate and the person doing the visitation and if you move it in any other direction other than the face, it will automatically turn off. Mr. Wilson then added that it is a great thing for the CI especially with COVID 19 and these are available to the inmates while they are in the CI.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve an addendum to the Smart Communications Agreement that would provide Video Visitation with the Inmates at the Correctional Institution. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider request from Griffin Ballet Theatre, Inc. to lease the Annex parking area located at 124 E. Broad Street, Griffin on October 30th and 31st for their October performances.

Mr. Wilson advised that Mitch Flanders with Griffin Ballet Theater, Inc. is here to address the Board regarding this request.

Mitch Flanders, 1126 Placid Road, Griffin, Georgia stated he is here this evening to request the use of the Annex Parking Area for their performance of "Ghost." As you know all of the theaters have been closed and they have had to close their business for performances, so they decided to do an outdoor event. They have talked to the City and they have given their approval to utilize their parking area for a portable stage. They have outlined all the spaces they can use for social distancing for the performances and they expect around 400 people. They want to do it on Halloween Weekend and they need the Boards permission to use the space.

Mr. Wilson stated that the parking lot has been leased in the past to movie production companies and if the Board approves your lease, we will move the county vehicles so that you will have full use of the parking area. The only thing we cannot do, we are not in the business of renting the portable restrooms and additionally, there is no water or electrical hook-up for them out back like there is over at the Park @ 6<sup>th</sup> and the Park @ 6<sup>th</sup> events are generally with our partners.

Mr. Flanders stated they have looked into Port-A-Potties and will set that up and that won't be an issue.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the request from Griffin Ballet Theatre, Inc. to lease the Annex parking area located at 124 E. Broad Street, Griffin on October 30th and 31st for their October performances. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Consider approval of an amplification permit request from Mr. Humberto Colon to hold a wedding on his property located at 1650 N. Walkers Mill Road.

Mr. Wilson stated that both Community Development and the Sheriff's Office have reviewed this request and there is no problem with the request. You may recall, there was a problem with an earlier request; however, Mr. Colon has been able to get his property inspected by an engineer and the engineer confirmed that his property does meet the minimal residential requirements, but it does not meet the commercial requirements should he want to use this as a commercial venue.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then expressed her concern regarding the balcony and the small bathroom with a potential crowd that will be attending a wedding.

Mr. Humberto Colon stated that the balcony nor the small bathroom would be utilized by anyone attending the wedding. Those two locations are for personal use by he, his wife and his son only, they will not be available to those attending the wedding.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the amplification permit request from Mr. Humberto Colon to hold a wedding on his property located at 1650 N. Walkers Mill Road on October 10, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

5. Consider approval of an amplification permit request from Outreach Ministries, Inc. to hold outdoor Church Services at their property located at 2025 North Hill Street during the month of October 2020.

Mr. Wilson stated the request is for October 4-28, on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Historically, amplification permits are not for an entire month. There is no structure on this location and to our knowledge, there is no electricity.

Robert Tanner, 520 Lakewood Drive, Griffin advised they are planning to have temporary power placed at the location. There will be a tent set up for the meetings and they will have outside His and Her Port-A-Potties brought in for this function.

Mr. Wilson asked if their group had spoken to Community Development about temporary power?

Mr. Tanner advised that they have talked with Community Development and were told that they could obtain temporary power.

Commissioner Dutton asked why the event? Is there a revival or a special reason for this event?

Mr. Tanner stated that due to COVID-19 a lot of their members haven't been to church and they are trying to do an event where all the members can come and attend church service.

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor then asked if in the event they are unable to get temporary power they will have some other means of being able to generate electricity that would be available to them?

Mr. Tanner advised that they do have generators.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve an amplification permit request from Outreach Ministries, Inc. to hold outdoor Church Services at their property located at 2025 North Hill Street during the month of October 2020 on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

6. Consider approval of an amplification permit request from Kimsey Willis to hold a Wedding and Reception on his family's Pecan Orchard located on North 2nd Street Extension near Kennedy Road on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson stated that Community Development and the Sheriff's Department have no problem with this request. Staff recommends approval and Mr. Willis is here to answer any questions the Board may have.

***Motion/Second Johnson/Dutton to approve an amplification permit request from Kimsey Willis to hold a Wedding and Reception on his family's Pecan Orchard located on North 2nd Street Extension near Kennedy Road on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

7. Set a date for a Public Hearing to establish a street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 7.

Mr. Wilson stated that staff is recommending October 5, 2020.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to set a Public Hearing to establish a street lighting district for Sun City Peachtree - Pod 7 on October 5, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

8. Consider rescheduling Zoning Public Hearings to November 16th and December 7th as the original dates conflict with County Holidays.

Mr. Wilson stated that we have to advertise these dates in advance that is why we have to go ahead and push them up. November 16<sup>th</sup> will be our second meeting in November and December 7 could be our only meeting in December and usually is with the consideration of Item #9 on this agenda.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to reschedule Zoning Public Hearings to November 16th and December 7th as the original dates conflict with County Holidays. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

9. Consider cancellation of the December 21, 2020 Commissioners meeting.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to cancel the December 21, Commissioners meeting. Motion carried unanimously by all.***



## **XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- ✓ Building Permits for the month of August is 31, which brings the total for the year to 167. What is interesting is the average size of the homes during August was 3,169 square feet and the average size for the eight (8) months is 3,102 square feet. Staff feels we will end the year around the 270-280 mark on our homes.
- ✓ July 2020 SPLOST numbers for the month of July is \$916,485.51 which is 7.4% greater than the same period last year and is the third month in a row we have been over \$900,000 bringing our average to \$779, 167.43 which is 11.31% above our estimate.
- ✓ Blood Drive – There were 48 total donations, 2 gave platelets, 2 gave plasma and 5 gave double reds. This time we used Life South. We are going to rotate between Red Cross and Life South. The hospital here uses Life South and when he found that out he decided we would do one blood drive for each organization every year. Life South was very organized, very nice and he wanted to thank the City because they helped us get up to those numbers.
- ✓ Disc Golf Report – We had 178 players here for the Southern National Disc Golf Tournament representing 7 states for the three days they played disc golf over the Labor Day weekend. They all loved the facilities and the four courses that we have are Tyus Park, Dundee Lake Park and the Lakes at Green Valley has two courses.
- ✓ Noresco improvements at the courthouse and other county buildings are underway. We signed a contract with Noresco for energy saving improvements to county building and through the energy savings we will be able to put a new roof and new HVAC units at the Law Enforcement Complex. They were at the Annex Building for about a week, they have been down at the Senior Center, Public Works, Correctional Institution and the Jail and they are doing a great job. No tax dollars involved and the savings from energy improvements will help us pay for the roof and HVAC units.
- ✓ He reminded everyone of the Griffin-Spalding Strategic Plan. They reported back that all of the Spalding County Commissioners, including Commissioner elect Bowlden have spoken with UGA and we are looking forward to getting this kicked off after the first of the year. This is a Strategic Plan for Griffin and Spalding County.
- ✓ Today we had a meeting in this room. We had the Spalding County Water Authority, the Development Authority, representatives from the City of Griffin and Spalding County Commissioners and everyone agreed that we need to work together for Economic Development over the next 5 years. Make jobs and new industry happen in this community and not worry about who takes credit.
- ✓ We had a bridge inspection this morning and we will be closing Moore Road over the Flint River Tributary located between County Line Church Road and Birdie Road. It will be closed all week for bridge repair, there will be a detour and a press release went out around 4:30 this afternoon.
- ✓ Tax Commissioner has finally been able to get the software to talk to each other

and if her numbers hold true, the County will be adopting the rollback millage rate and we will probably do this at a Special Called Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. We are waiting on the School Board to tell us what they are going to do. They will be meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> and according to OCGA 48-5-32 they have to meet and recommend a millage rate to the County before we can adopt it. Plus everything has to run in the paper for 7 days in advance.

### **XIII. REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER**

- Since the beginning of September, Animal Control has made two trips to the Foundation which resulted in 20 animals being fixed and vaccinated.
- We had the groundbreaking for the new shelter.
- Since promoting the bricks, we have sold 7-8 bricks. So if anyone is interested in purchasing a brick, make sure that you see Rachel Cornort or Animal Control.
- We should be receiving the check for Spay and Neuter from the Department of Agriculture this week or next week.
- Fire Department had two graduates from the Georgia Fire Academy on Friday and one of them Mr. Fowl, received the top grade point average award for the class.
- Weekly site testing for COVID is still on Wednesday.
- The Fire Department also hosted a Car Seat Technician recertification class, there were 13 people in attendance which represented many of the entities around Spalding County.
- The Fire Department is also preparing for the Fair that starts on Friday.
- On October 29<sup>th</sup> they will be having the Annual Flu Shot exercise from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Department Administrative Building.
- This is the last week of National Emergency Preparedness Week.
- Saturday, we did have a retirement reception for Mr. Jeffrey Chambers in the Fire Department and it went very well. He receive one of the sketches of the courthouse and he stated that he was actually across the street from it when it burned. There were a lot of good stories for 32 years of service.

### **XIV. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.**

**Rita Johnson** – Stated she would put the sale of the bricks out on FaceBook, she has had a lot of people asking her about the bricks.

The Water Authority Meeting today was a great meeting. Initially, she was dreading it, but she learned something and she really enjoyed the meeting. She is excited about the outcome of that meeting. Chairman Flowers-Taylor asked some really good questions and she believes with the different groups working together we should see some progression economically in our area hopefully soon.

She wanted to thank Lodge 317 for coming out to participate in the Census Event at

Fairmont. She had the opportunity to visit with the group and get to know them. It was a hot Sunday, but mission accomplished there were 400+ people that were registered.

**James Dutton** – Apologized for not being able to attend the 1:00 p.m. meeting he was still in court.

He wanted to add that the Sheriff's Office just had three new Post graduates. They were on the jail side of the Office and now that they are Post certified they can go on the road.

Wanted to thank Lodge 317 for their assistance, we appreciate your willingness to serve. He stated he wished every organization in the county would get as involved with the community as this group does.

Mr. White came in to speak today regarding Camp Stephens and he is totally right, Alexander Stephens comments are totally indefensible. Alexander Stephens also had nothing to do with that camp, he was never there, he never gave a speech there. He just happened to be a Confederate leader from Georgia, so they named it after him, but the Camp really had nothing to do with him, so the idea of renaming it, he feels has merit. That being said, he's not sure he would want to be the individual it gets renamed after. It would be like having Auschwitz renamed after you. That said there are some confederate soldiers from Spalding County, there is an Admiral buried in the confederate cemetery. Or renaming it to something innocuous like Camp 1861. It is a confederate location, it is a confederate monument, something happened there, preserving that history for the good or the bad is important to note the same as a concentration, acknowledging it is a fact of history and this is what happened. All that said, because it is a civil war monument, he doesn't know who can rename it, it probably involve more than just our board voting. There may be some State folks that would have to get involved in it. He feels this is something that needs to be looked into.

He wanted to say again what a great job the new public defender firm is doing. He is hearing nothing but good things from the community and nothing but good things from the legal side of the community.

He wanted to put on the record tonight, before the School Board comes and says something differently, we are very in favor of rolling back that millage rate and he can't wait to do that.

The Kiwanis- Spalding County Fair starts Friday. Last year, about a week before the fair, Bell City Amusement who the Kiwanis Club had been using for many, many years informed the club that they weren't going to come that they were going to send a smaller set of rides like they have in grocery store parking lots and Kiwanis was informed by the group Bell City subcontracted to when they drove up and with no prior notice. Bell City contracted with the group to do the fair and gave us no warning. This year, the club have gotten out of the contract with Bell City and have hired an even larger fair company and this group will really do a good job for them.

On Tuesday night at the Fair, there will be a Demolition Derby and he is very excited. He wishes he had know about it sooner so that he could try to get the Sheriff to use one of their old cars in the derby. The fair has some great attractions like the demolition derby and they are also going to have a beauty pageant for the little kids and adults and all of the proceeds to help in the community.

He advised there was a rumor going around that there weren't going to be corndogs, that is not true. The Kiwanians are not going to run it, but there will be corndogs at the fair this year.

He then invited everyone to come out to play bingo as well, it will be Commissioner Dutton's first year, he is working on his certification to become a GBI Certified Bingo Caller.

**Gwen Flowers-Taylor** – She had a chance to go this past Wednesday to the Health Department, they are still doing free COVID-19 testing. Very easy, it took about two minutes to sign up for it online. They told her the results would be back in 5-7 days, the next morning when she opened her email up the results was back.

Mr. Wilson also mentioned on October 29<sup>th</sup>, the flu shots, it will be the drive-thru flu shots again. Basically, you give your name, address and email address and they will give you a shot in your arm and you drive on through. There is no cost. It is going to be very important for people to get their flu shots this year, because there is very little way to distinguish between the symptoms of COVID-19 and the flu.

Mr. Wilson mentioned the Disc Golf Tournament that was held over the Labor Day Holiday, there was also a Pickleball Tournament. There were approximately 100 people who participated, it was an in-state tournament. Everyone was practicing social distancing and wearing their masks. Park and Rec was out assisting on the different courts and hopefully they had a very good day. They have brought a lot of tourism dollars to the community since they started.

She wanted to mention about Camp Stephens, at City Park about half-way around the circle there is a big tub sitting out there and there is a confederate monument sticking up, but it is leaning to the side. It doesn't have anybody's name on it, it is called Camp Northern. She gets it, it is a place marker, but it is not named after someone. The County's involvement with Camp Stephens came with whomever it was that had been maintaining it could no longer maintain it and not sure what the arrangement is, but somehow Parks and Rec partnered with the group and helped them clean it up and she feels as a park in general, she is always glad to have a park. But in this day and age we need to be brave enough to take a step that we should not have statues in the presence of people who have been oppressed by people who are represented by the statue. So from her standpoint, she will be wanting to look at that. It puts her in mind to ask about General Griffin, who's statue is in front of the City Hall. Her position is these are attestations to history. You cannot erase history, but when you go to a concentration camp, you know what it is there for, it is there because you want to remind you that you should not go there again. We have a place in this community for Confederate Monuments and should a monument be moved there, that's fine. But she thinks that us paying taxpayer dollars to support a confederate camp of a known racist/slave owner and maybe we didn't know that then, but we are in a place now where we need to recognize that and we need to act appropriately. She thanked Mr. White for coming to share the information because she feels the conversation needed to take place.

## **XV. CLOSED SESSION –**

Chairperson Flowers-Taylor requests an Executive Session for discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary actions or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6).

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to enter into an Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. for discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary actions or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6). Motion carried unanimously by all.***

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to adjourn the Executive Session for discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary actions or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6) at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***