

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2021
4:00 PM
Room 108, Annex Building**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners participated in a Joint Meeting with the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side Board of Commissioners on Thursday, May 13, 2021, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at 119 E. Solomon Street, Meeting Room 108, Griffin, Georgia.

In attendance for Spalding County were: Chairman Clay Davis, Commissioners Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Rita Johnson and Ryan Bowlden. Commissioner Dutton was absent from the meeting. Also present for Spalding County were: County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant County Manager, Michelle Irizarry, County Attorney Stephanie Windham and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

In attendance for the City of Griffin were: Mayor Doug Hollberg, Commissioners David Brock, Rodney McCord, Cora Flowers and Cynthia Reid-Ward-Ward. Commissioner Holly Murray joined the meeting at 4:14 p.m. Also in attendance for the City of Griffin were City Manager, Jessica O'Connor, Director of Watershed Management, Dr. Brant Keller, Public Works Director, Chris Walker, Administrative Services Director, Markus Schwab, Fire Chief, John Hamilton and Executive Secretary, Susan Bartholomew to record the minutes.

Mayor Slaughter was in attendance for the City of Sunny Side.

Bryan Hayes was in attendance for the City of Orchard Hill.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

Chairman Clay Davis called the meeting to order for Spalding County.

Mayor Doug Hollberg called the meeting to order for the City of Griffin.

Councilman Bryan Hayes called the meeting to order for the City of Orchard Hill.

Mayor Bill Slaughter called the meeting to order for the City of Sunny Side.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Doug Hollberg, City of Griffin delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Commissioner Rita Johnson, Spalding County led the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss with the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunny Side projects for inclusion in a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and/or a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) referendum to be held November 2, 2021.

Spalding County Manager, William Wilson advised when we met last week the consensus of the three Boards that were here is that we should look for a TSPLOST in November. A TSPLOST is 60 months, the County Commissioners estimate \$750,000 per month which is a total of \$45 million. When we left last week was a lot of discussion regarding the split of the funding and you asked staff to take a look at the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and see if there were any projects on the Plan that we could fund jointly. Right now, the only joint plan in the CTP is possible trails that would interlink the City and the County, but not really anything substantial that has progressed to the point to where we have good cost estimates.

Mr. Wilson then stated that since that meeting there have been a number of discussions regarding a 65-35 split and the joint project. The County Commissioners are very interested in road paving, staff had recommended \$2.5 million for equipment at Public Works, \$20 million broken down into \$4 million a year for 5 years of resurfacing, \$4 million for local ARC/GDOT matches and \$3.425 million for project management costs utilizing the 66 1/2- 33 1/2 that was approved for the last TSPLOST. If we do a 65-35 split the County's amount will go down approximately \$675,000 and staff would recommend reducing the project management line item by that amount to give us a grand total of \$29,250,000.

Mr. Wilson then advised that one thing that has happened since the last meeting is we have a representative here from the City of Orchard Hill. When we talked with Sunny Side they stated they didn't really have any transportation related projects to propose. We do have a representative from Orchard Hill today and he may want to shed light on projects that Orchard Hill maybe thinking about.

Councilman Hayes from Orchard Hill stated that they need their roads resurfaced, we are starting to have issues with pot holes in the are and road erosion on the sides of the roads. That is the only project that we would the TSPLOST for at this time. He then advised it is 2.5-3 miles of road.

Mr. Wilson stated that we estimate approximately \$200,000 per mile so that would be about \$600,000. He advised that what he would recommend to the County Board is if we choose to do this that we just bid Orchard Hill Roads out with our road mileage, because they do not have curbed streets or milling that the City of Griffin has to deal with. We can bid those miles out with our resurfacing and simply bill the City of Griffin for 50% of whatever the cost is for those three miles.

Chairman Davis stated that we are looking at a 65% County/35% City of Griffin split and he would like to get a vote from the County Board if no one has any objection.

Mayor Hollberg stated that he believes City staff has drafted an Intergovernmental Agreement and is ready to sign.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to approve a 65% County/35% City of Griffin split of any potential 2021 TSPLOST proceeds. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve a 50/50 split of the cost to resurface 2.5-3 miles of right-of-way for the City of Orchard Hill. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers/Brock to approve a 65% County/35% City split of any potential 2021 TSPLOST proceeds and to split the cost 50/50 with the County for the resurfacing of 2.5-3 miles of right-of-way in the City of Orchard Hill. Motion carried unanimously by all.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to close the meeting for Spalding County

Motion/Second by McCord/Flowers to close the meeting for the City of Griffin.

Motion by Bryan Hayes to close the meeting for the City of Orchard Hill.

Motion by Mayor Slaughter to close the meeting for the City of Sunny Side.

Motion carried unanimously by all at 4:28 p.m.