

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, August 16, 2021
6:00 PM
Room 108, Annex Building**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex on Monday, August 16, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners James Dutton, Rita Johnson, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Ryan Bowlden were present for the meeting. Also present were County Attorney, Stephanie Windham and Interim County Manager, Michelle Irizarry to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) by Chairman Clay Davis.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor, District #1, will deliver the invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Commissioner James R. Dutton, District #2 will deliver the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to amend the agenda to include a number 9 under New Business to add a discussion requested by Public Works on a pipe charge stocking fee due to the increase in material. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. The Board of Commissioners would like introduce to the citizens of Spalding County welcome Steve Ledbetter as Spalding County's new County Manager and Kim Slaughter as the new Spalding County Elections Supervisor.

Chairman Davis then asked County Manager Steve Ledbetter and Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter to stand up and introduce themselves.

Chairman Davis then asked Ms. Slaughter if she would like to say anything.

Ms. Slaughter thanked the Board for the opportunity to introduce herself to the citizens of Spalding County. Ms. Slaughter then stated that she has been a resident of Spalding County for the last 34 years, for 8 of those years she worked for Spalding County as the Voter Registrar and Voter Registration Coordinator. She stated that she looks forward to serving all Spalding County Citizens with her goal being to lead with integrity and to provide an election and voter registration process that is ethical and transparent to everyone. She advised that her door will always be open should you have any questions or concerns.

2. Consider request from David Johnson and Kirby Sisk to update the Board of Commissioners on their TSPLOST efforts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGI9zPtDIVw>

Mr. Sisk introduced himself and Mr. Johnson to the Board and thanked them for providing time during the meeting for the presentation. They then presented a video of some of the road conditions in Spalding County that will be incorporated into the TSPLOST campaign.

Mr. Sisk advised that the TSPLOST Committee has a Facebook page that is about to go live and a web site as well. The Board will be advised as updates become available.

Chairman Davis then added that the TSPLOST is the only item that will be on the November ballot for unincorporated Spalding County.

3. Consider request from Parks & Leisure Services to recognize Robbie Milner on his Completion of 25 years of Service with Spalding County.

Kelly Carmichael, Supervisor of Leisure Services, stated that Mr. Milner came to work for Spalding County in 1996 as the Supervisor of Fairmont Community Center. His staff describe him as an inspiration, he has always been approachable, transparent, he is empowering this is not only recognized by his staff, but by the community as well. Mr. Milner is fashionable, dedicated, reliable, unassuming, multi-faceted, well respected, a good communicator, fair, cares about his staff, he is patient, god-fearing, approachable, understanding, a team player, a collaborator, resourceful and a true servant leader. She then asked everyone to join her in congratulating Robbie Milner on 25 years of service to Spalding County.

Mr. Milner stated it has been an honor to be able to work and touch the lives of people in the community and try to instill in them the right direction. When he joined Spalding County in 1996 he had a vision to help young people like he was helped going through park programs when he was young. He thanked the County for giving him that opportunity and he simply wants to continue to do what he has been doing to make a difference in this community.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the one month ended July 31, 2021. Additional the board has asked Ms. Garrison to address the funding the upcoming CIP. Provide an update on External Funding: ARP, State Grant, Hospital Authority submissions, etc. Overall Funding update at a high level: Commissioners Contingency Fund Expenditures and Concerns for any levels, etc.

Jinna Garrison asked if there were any questions regarding the July financial statements?

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve the financial statements for the one month ended July 31, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Ms. Garrison then stated that she would address some of the items the Board had requested an update on this evening:

Capital Improvement Plan – We are currently on a pay as you go for any type of Capital Improvement. She has begun with the larger departments collecting

information and preparing a rough draft of a five- year Capital Replacement Plan. Public Works is one of the departments she has worked with and T.J. Imberger has done a good job addressing this. Chief Polk has also done this with the Fire Department. This is the early stages of putting into place a county wide Capital Improvement Plan, she is going to need help from all of the departments within the County, so she used Public Works as a “genny pig” and they did a very good job. This is where we stand on that.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that it seems like there was an amount set aside in the budget for Capital Improvements.

Ms. Garrison stated that we have a General Capital Projects Fund and every year we put \$20,000 in the fund for an unexpected large Capital Project and we let it grow currently there is approximately \$250,00 in that fund the last expenditure from that fund was to replace the windows at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor expressed her concern regarding carpet and furniture upgrades to county offices and asked where that money comes from and advised that when she walks into a department and sees these types of improvements, she questions when the Board approved the upgrades.

Ms. Garrison advised that those improvements are included in the Building Maintenance Budget every year.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that it is the Board’s responsibility to justify to citizens why we are making those expenses and when she asks about these types of changes during the budget, she would like to be told that the carpet at DFCS is in the budget to be changed during the year.

Ms. Garrison then stated that these updates are detailed out in the Building Maintenance Budget every year.

American Recovery Act – The County has received 50% of our allotment in May amounting to \$6.4 million we should receive the remaining \$6.4 million in another year. Per the last interim rule that has been released there are only three areas to expend these funds, that is Water & Sewer Infrastructure, Broadband and Revenue Replacement.

The State was also allotted some ARP money that they are making available to local governments but there is an application process and Ms. Irizarry has sent out an email to all departments asking for projects. That grant application is due August 31st, so we are going to need that information very soon in order to make sure we write the application according to their specifications, because we have to have “skin in the game” in order for them to grade us high enough to qualify for the grant.

Commissioner Johnson ask Ms. Garrison to expand on the Revenue Replacement fund availability and what would qualify.

Ms. Garrison advised that there is a formula available on the ARP website where you can use your revenue figures as of December 2020 and you compare it to a previous year and you have substantial decrease from prior years then you can apply your funding in that way.

Hospital Authority Grant – Leisure Services has made a grant proposal to the Hospital Authority in the amount of \$1 million to assist in construction of the Aquatic Center that was submitted last Friday.

Commissioners’ Contingency Fund – We budgeted \$100,000 this year and the Board has decided to pay for the MUSCO lighting and of the \$110,000 total cost for this project, \$65,000 in lights will be Spalding County’s responsibility and

the Board has approved \$3,300 for running the fiber which will leave a balance of \$31,700 in Commissioners' Contingency.

Paving and Resurfacing - \$1.2 million was budgeted. We have a separate line item in the Public Works Budget for this and the Board has decided that the County's portion of the study for SR155 (\$32,500) and the County's portion of the LMIG which we are estimating at \$999,500 and then a portion of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (\$32,500) will all be paid from this line item which would leave \$135,500; however, a portion of the LMIG is reimbursed to us by DRT.

Fund Balance – We had appropriated \$4.1 million in the FY2022 Budget in the General Fund and \$98,000 in the Fire Fund.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked how many days of operation would the \$4.1 million cover should we have the need?

Ms. Garrison advised she would have to check on this and let the Board know.

VI. 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.

Bernice Fleming, 801 Parham Road, expressed her concerns regarding the lack of safety on Jackson. Speed limits are not being adhered to, there are people travelling on that road at 50-60 MPH. Ask that a consideration of stop signs be considered to slow down the traffic on this road.

Sharon King, 143 Cumberland Road, spoke regarding County Manager Steve Ledbetter, his former employment in law enforcement and his current position as Mayor of Woodbury.

Jack Hoffman, 234 Sweet Gum Drive, spoke regarding the resurfacing of Baptist Camp Road which was supposed to have been done in August and this has not happened yet. The other matter was regarding the Senior Center Bus – Big Blue which has a number of issues and asks that the County look at procuring a new Bus should the TSPLOST pass.

John Browning, 820 Parham Road, is a member of Ringold Baptist Church on Jenkinsburg Road and many of their members are senior adults. This church is located at the intersection of Johnson, Tomachichi and Jenkinsburg Roads and the members

have a difficult time leaving the church parking lot there have been a number of potential accidents just trying to get through the intersection. They currently play for a Spalding County Deputy to direct traffic to protect the members of their church; however, he is here this evening asking for a 4-way stop at the intersection.

Robert Lattimore, 2847 Teamon Road, recently there was utility construction on Teamon Road which caused many of the residents to be without a phone when a phone line was cut. His telephone was out for more than two weeks and no one received any kind of notification as to what was going on.

Margaret Varnom, 111 McKinley Drive, stated she is here this evening representing the Making Tracks Travel Club from the Spalding County Senior Center. She thanked the County for providing Big Blue for the Seniors to make short trips and travel around Spalding County and the State of Georgia. It has served us well for many years, but now it is 20 years old and continues to have mechanical problems we need a more reliable bus. If this bus breaks down, there is no back-up bus to come and get those riding the bus. They are requesting a new bus so they can continue to provide transportation for this group.

Annie Stansell, 267 N. Walkers Mill Road, wanted to add to what Mr. Sisk and Mr. Johnson had to say about repairing of roads. She has lived on N. Walkers Mill Road for 52 years and the road has never been paved, it is still a gravel road. She would like for her road to be added to the list for repaving in the TSPLOST.

Brandy Byard, 135 Bethany Road, stated that the Board had ask for projects for the ARP money at a previous meeting and with the pandemic and nothing going on in schools this is causing emotional stress on both kids and seniors. She would like to see an activity center like a YMCA in the community.

Kirby Sisk, 1217 Maple Drive, stated that there is approximately \$400,000 line item in the TSPLOST to replace that bus. We have heard you and it is on the TSPLOST Budget.

VII. OLD BUSINESS -

1. Lift from the table and consider a contract with Flo Analytics for a redistricting project for the County Commissioner and School Board Districts.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to lift from the table and consider a contract with Flo Analytics for a redistricting project for the County Commissioner and School Board Districts. Motion carried 4-1 (Bowlden).

Ms. Windham stated there were some small revisions regarding indemnification and they have made those revisions so you have the current agreement for consideration.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked if the \$24,730 would be the County's portion of the contract, or is it to be split with any other entity?

Ms. Windham advised that she believes it is Flo Analytics price for the project for everyone as it was addressed to both Mr. Fortune and Mr. Simmons at the Board of Education.

Commissioner Davis then advised that the census creates an opportunity to redistrict. Each of the districts can be moved a little to the left or to the right to

align the districts with the most recent census numbers. There are very few companies who provide this service as they only get to do it every 10 years.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor advised that in previous years this service has been provided by the Regional Commission at no cost. Is the Regional Commission equipped to do this for us?

Dr. Ledbetter advised that it isn't the Regional Commission that provides this service it is the State Legislative Redistricting Commission Office and they have assured Dr. Ledbetter that they are set up and equipped to move forward if the Board decides to go in that direction. Yes, they offering this service for free to include offering the legislative support which will come back to you with all of the ordinances that need to be enacted in order to carry the redistricting forward.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that he had reviewed the processes utilized by Flo Analytics and by the State of Georgia and he is comfortable with which ever avenue the Board chooses to take. He advised that whichever avenue the Board chooses to take that he believes we will end up with the same lines being drawn either way, it is simply a matter of do you want to pay for the analysis or get it for free.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would prefer to go with an independent entity due to her past experience with the State run projects.

Dr. Ledbetter then advised that the Board could go with a hybrid approach where the School Board can go with Flo Analytics and the Board can vote to go with the State and then we can compare the findings from each entity and see how it turns out.

Commissioner Dutton then asked: "who decides where the lines are drawn ultimately?"

Dr. Ledbetter advised that the Justice Department will make the final determination on how the lines are drawn. He added that if we take the Hybrid approach that we can see how the two entities draw the lines and compare.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to reject the contract with Flo Analytics and to have staff pursue redistricting through the State of Georgia Legislative Redistricting Commission. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Lift from the table and consider updated quote from TK Elevators on modernizing the Spalding County Courthouse Elevators.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to lift from the table and consider updated quote from TK Elevators on modernizing the Spalding County Courthouse Elevators. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Ms. Windham stated that the revised modernization proposal that TKE brought to the last meeting was for a lesser amount than the prior proposal it is \$467,866.44 and they have given us every indication that the issue with the elevators at the courthouse is a dire one and she has confirmed with Terry Tardy, Spalding County Supervisor of Building and Maintenance, that is true, it is not an exaggeration. The proposal as written provides several opportunities for increases one being an increase in materials costs, there are other items in the contract that she has questions about and she has email the representative and has not yet received a response.

Ms. Windham advised that both she and Ms. Irizarry feel that this repair should be bid out if all things are equal; however, after her conversation with Mr. Tardy she

is not sure that all things are equal.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to reject the modernization proposal by TK Elevator for the Spalding County Courthouse elevators.

Commissioner Johnson then stated this is with the understanding that it will be put out to bid and staff will consult other counties on who does their elevator work.

Ms. Windham advised that she would recommend that the bid process begin immediately.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider request for review of the Work Sessions to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month prior to the Zoning Public Hearing.

Motion/Second by Davis/Johnson to table the request for review of the Work Sessions to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month prior to the Zoning Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider an appointment to the Land Bank Authority to replace Brett Hanes who submitted his resignation July 8, 2021.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to table the appointment to the Land Bank Authority to replace Brett Hanes who submitted his resignation July 8, 2021.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that it has been discussed in prior meetings the necessity of having a City and County representative that knows what direction these two entities are going in to sit on this Authority. Part of their enacting legislation states that individual has to be a resident of Spalding County and in both the City and County the Community Development Directors are not Spalding County Residents; however, she feels that we do need some type of representation from the two governments on this Board.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of a legal ad for Notice of a TSPLOST Election to be placed in the Griffin Daily News on September 27, October 4, 11, 18 and 25th.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve a legal ad for Notice of a TSPLOST Election to be placed in the Griffin Daily News on September 27, October 4, 11, 18 and 25th.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then questioned if the Griffin Daily News can still be considered the Legal Organ for the County as they do not have the minimum readership required to be a Legal Organ.

Ms. Windham advised that she agrees; however, there is no replacement newspaper for the Griffin Daily News and until such time as there is another newspaper that services this area, we have to use the Griffin Daily News.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider request from Paragon, for McLeRoy Construction, Change Order #1 to revise the Parking Lot and Utility Lines to accommodate the Gymnasium project.

Jeremy Buffington, Paragon Consulting, advised that he and Mr. Upson discussed the capturing some efficiency of doing some of the civil work that would be associated with gym while in the renovation/ construction phase for the Rosenwald School. He had worked with an architect and the plumbing sub consultants and McLeRoy Construction and he has slowed McLeRoy Construction down so they would not install utilities ahead of Mr. Buffington getting this change order in place. McLeRoy has been working on grading the site and installing the storm and detention pond, but at this time they have not installed sewer or water.

Mr. Buffington then explained that in working with the plumbing consultants, he was trying to ascertain the proper size for the water usage needed to supply water to both the Rosenwald School and the gymnasium sites. He has coordinated that effort and expedited the civil construction documents so that McLeRoy would have the proper design to give us a number on grading, asphalt modifications, curb and gutter, striping. With this Change Order proposal you are getting the whole parking lot for the gym, you are getting water service for the buildings and you are getting sewer service for the buildings. What we are trying to do is build all of the civil aspects for the gymnasium while we are building the Rosenwald School. So that we will not have to bring in a new contractor, we won't have to disturb nothing once McLeRoy leaves and the Rosenwald School is complete.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the request from Paragon, for McLeRoy Construction, Change Order #1, to revise the Parking Lot and Utility Lines to accommodate the Gymnasium project. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. The Board of Commissioners have requested an update on where we are in the process on the 2021 LMIG.

Ms. Irizarry stated that T.J. Imberger, Director of Parks, Public Grounds and Public works will address this issue as he has discussed this matter with Paragon today.

Mr. Imberger advised that currently the 2021 LMIG is out to bid for 6.1 miles. We will be received bids we will continue receiving the bids and they will be opened this Thursday with GDOT's money and our match of just shy of \$1 million.

Chairman Davis then asked when we would start to see the roads being repaved?

Mr. Imberger stated that they would open the bids on Thursday, and they will have to be analyzed because we have no idea if they will be under budget or not. Once they are analyzed a recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval of a contractor.

Ms. Irizarry then advised that once the bids are in and evaluated, we should be able to present them to the Board at the meeting on September 20th.

Chairman Davis then stated that when the numbers for the LMIG are ready, for staff to advise the Board and they will try to hold a Special Called Meeting to make a to vote on this one thing to try and get started within the road paving season before the temperature gets too cold to pave.

6. Consider request from the Sheriff's Office and citizens of Sun City Peachtree to install stop signs on Del Web Boulevard at Bent Grass and Crape Myrtle. Citizens of Sun City Peachtree have expressed their concern regarding traffic going through this area and ignoring the speed limit on these roads.

Based on requests from the citizens in the area Jackson Road, Jenkinsburg Road and Tomachichi, the Sheriff's Office is recommending a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Jackson Road, Jenkinsburg Road and Tomachichi Road.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor advised that she would like for this to be tabled because when we start talking about using stop signs for traffic calming she feels that we need to look at it holistically. Is this something that can be fixed with a roundabout, is this a traffic light issue, she feels there needs to be a more in-depth study of that area and the complaints in the area before we make a decision.

Chairman Davis then stated that we had ask the University of Georgia to have their engineering students come up with a recommendation or that intersection and they have presented a design for how to fix that road.

Sheriff Darrell Dix advised that it is his understanding that it is against State Law to use stop signs to regulate speed on the roadway and this is something else that we need to look at when we are talking about installing stop signs in neighborhoods. There was a neighboring jurisdiction that did that several years ago and they had to dismiss a number of citations and remove stop signs which cause a tremendous amount of confusion.

Motion/Second to table the request from citizens of Sun City Peachtree and the citizens in the Jackson Road area to install stop signs to control speed on Del Web Boulevard at Bent Grass and Crape Myrtle and on Jackson Road, Jenkinsburg Road and Tomachich Road be tabled until such time as a holistic approach to these locations can be discussed and recommended. Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. The Board would like an update from staff on the APP event.

Ms. Irizarry stated that T.J. Imberger and Kelly Carmichael are here this evening to update the Board on this event.

Ms. Carmichael advised that Leisure Services will be working on some of the hospitality features. They will be providing security for the event during the day and the Chamber of Commerce will provide security at night as there will be a number of tents and a lot of equipment out there and we want to make sure that everything is safe and secure through the night. They are also lending out 2 of their 10 X 20' tents to house a hospitality area. We will be providing some Southern Hospitality during "Tea Time." There are local donors who are doing sweet tea donations and refreshments. We will also be doing the "Pickleball Kitchen Event." APP will be providing that tent and they will be providing the prize money which is \$200.00 per day for this event and will be providing a trophy. The Hospitality Tent will also have a docking station where people can come in and charge their devices and Caremaster is partnering with us in providing the charging stations. The City of Griffin is donating the use of the Historic City Hall Banquet Room for the welcome banquet.

Mr. Imberger advised that they are working with Signature Court who will be resurfacing nine courts at the location. They are working on a new sign design for the front entrance and new signs throughout Tyus Park on the Pickleball side, everything from the main road south will be brand new. We will be constructing a medal's stage where they will be presenting the medals and that will be permanent. There are a lot of tournaments at this location, so we will be able to utilize this stage

in the future. They have secured the temporary fencing for this event and will be installing that as the date gets closer. They have completed repairs on the main entrance road to the facility. They have secured the small portable restrooms from the courthouse for that week along with the big restroom. They are in the process of ordering the conduit for the fiber, we hope to have that in place tomorrow. We are scheduled to handle all of the restroom cleaning and trash for the tournament. We will be supplying the golf carts, we are moving in extra bleachers and we will be providing operational signs for the event, once they supply a list of what is needed. We will be handling the scaffolding for the ESPN Cameras. We are constructing the support systems for the championship court banners, the championship courts will have 10' tall banners which will be the backdrop for the tv's and is basically a temporary wall. They will be picking up all of the temporary lighting that will be used when building the platforms. Unfortunately, the court lights that were approved will not be done in time for this event.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then reiterated that she is going to be very interested in hearing what the County is actually spending on this event. Not that she feels this is not a good event for the County, but if another event of this caliber comes up, we need to be able to say how much the County spent in order to support this event.

Mr. Imberger then stated that he met with all of his supervisors this morning and they will be submitting the work orders to keep track of all of the expenses. Some of the items will be able to be used for other events at other facilities.

Commissioner Johnson then asked if there was a way to determine the economic impact of this event once it takes place.

Ms. Carmichael advised there is an Economic Impact Calculator available and as long as we receive accurate numbers as to the number of people who attend outside of Spalding County residents, how many are coming through and how many will be staying locally we can get a good idea of the impact. At the time that people check in for this event, the question needs to be asked "Did you stay locally last night?" Once she receives the details of how much was spent on the event, how much was spent on the event, then she can plug those numbers in and be fairly close at predicting what was made.

8. The Board has requested a monthly update from Charles Abbott Associates on Code Enforcement new cases, closed cases, and pending cases.

Community Development Director, Debbie Bell, handed out statistical information to the Board. Ms. Bell then stated that we do have through Charles Abbott and Associates two code enforcement officers and Angie Tkacsik is the building official for Charles Abbott and Associates as well as the Code Enforcement Supervisor. When Charles Abbott and Associates started, we had a list of approximately 200 open cases, but they started addressing incoming cases and started addressing the older cases as well. There are currently 158 open cases and we have closed 177 cases. We currently have approximately 36 cases from that old list that are pending cases and we do receive a few new complaints every day. Unless a problem is an immediate health or safety hazard, the code enforcement officers will work with the property owners to clear up the problem. If someone is making reasonable progress, we do not issue a citation and we will continue to work with them. Some of the problems making the process difficult is absentee or deceased owners of property. We gave to be able to see a problem from the road, or the person

complaining needs to allow us on their property. If we can't see a problem then we cannot address the problem. We can't do anything based on someone's allegations.

Ms. Bell then advised there approximately 13 properties scheduled to be demolished. Four or five of which are almost ready to be demolished. Most of these are pending completion of the right of redemption that the Land Bank is handling.

9. Consider request from the Public Works department to discuss an increase in the pipe charge stocking fee due to the increase in material costs.

Mr. Imberger stated that Public Works sells driveway pipe to contractors and individuals and due to supply chain and commodity issues these prices change on each invoice. He stated that they would like to have the ability to move the County's pricing with the market by taking the cost of the pipe based on the invoice and add \$200 as a stocking fee. Three styles of pipe we are currently selling are above what the pipe is costing at this time and we anticipate with the next invoice the remaining pipe will be sold at a loss to the County as well. He is requesting to be able to move with the market with the \$200 as a stocking fee.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to know what the real number of what it is costing the County to provide this service. She is not sure the \$200 stocking fee is actually covering the cost of this service. She is not comfortable with having a floating fee. She would feel more comfortable knowing what the cost of this pipe actually may be.

Commissioner Dutton stated that it should be cost plus our costs to order the product to stock the product and to transfer the product to the person/contractor receiving the pipe.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that he would work with Mr. Imberger and come up with a formula to get a breakdown on the cost of the pipe to include warehousing for this product.

Chairman Davis asked that in order to solve the problem temporarily the Board accept Mr. Imberger's proposal of cost + \$200 until staff can come back to the Board with a formula for actual costs for this product and service.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve a pipe charge stocking fee of \$200. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- ✓ Thanked the Board for the opportunity to be here this evening, it is an absolute pleasure to be a part of this team. He has had a wonderful first day of on the job. Staff has been absolutely wonderful today.
- ✓ Just as a "heads-up" it looks like we have wind advisories coming in on top of the 5 inches of rain in the forecast for tomorrow, so please be careful.
- ✓ Spalding County is being considered for a scholarship for an Inclusive Innovation Grant and it will be specifically for the high-speed internet portion through a Georgia Tech Grant which will afford us two years worth of opportunity to bring researchers, professors and students in for the County to do a strategic plan and then do the execution of installing high speed internet to our community.

X. REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

- Public Works has received delivery of two more message boards bringing the total to

four message boards. These are being used to assist in COVID vaccinations, in any kind of emergencies such as storms, like the one scheduled to come in tomorrow.

- Spalding County Leisure Services will be hosting the “Hot Atlanta Disc Golf Tournament” the last weekend in August. They will be utilizing Tyus, Dundee Lake and Green Valley along with creating a temporary course at First Assembly. 200+ players are expected on that Saturday and Sunday.
- Public Works has already received the first of two hybrid vehicles this week, it is an F150 and Road Supervisor Scott Sullivan will be driving it. The vehicle does have a built in generator that charges its own batteries, essentially it only uses gas when needed.
- T.J. Imberger and Scott Sullivan will be attending the Ford Electric Vehicle Demonstration this Thursday at Atlanta Motor Speedway and Ford will be debuting their first commercially available 100% electric F150 and transit van.
- The Aquatic Center Grant was submitted to the Hospital Authority.
- There was an email sent out to the Board on a Doodle regarding SDS and was also sent to the City of Griffin Board of Commissioners so once we get everyone’s availability, we will be able to go ahead and schedule that.
- The State Fiscal Recovery Funds webinar that was involved in a lot of conversations this evening is for the grant money available from the State. It does define who can apply for it and non-profits can go online and make their own application through the portal.
- The Spalding County Sheriff’s Office was recognized at the Sheriff’s Association Summer Conference, August 2-5, in Jekyll Island, as being one of 7 Sheriff’s Offices across the State to donate to donate \$10,000 to Georgia Sheriff’s Youth Homes. Those donations were made possible through the golf tournament and other fund raisers.
- The Sheriff’s Office has been notified by the producers of the Timothy Coggins Cold Case documentary: “In The Cold Night” has been nominated for the 2021 Emmy Awards for Screen Writing. The Emmy Awards will be held on September 19th, 2021.
- The 4th Annual Sheriff Darrell Dix Golf Tournament will be held Friday, October 1st, 2021 at Sun City Peachtree Golf Course. Last year this tournament raised \$43,000 to benefit local charities, our annual donation to the Georgia Sheriff’s Youth Homes, fund Santa Sheriff event and other community outreach programs. There are already 36 teams signed up to play and they are seeking donations for raffle prizes and hole sponsorships. Hole sponsorships are \$100. If you have any questions or need additional information you can contact Major Keith Duncan.
- The Spalding County Sheriff’s Office 4th Citizen Academy will begin its 10-week program on Tuesday, August 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the training room at the Sheriff’s Office. This 10-week program gives citizens an opportunity to look inside the Sheriff’s Office and it’s operations.
- The Citizens Introduction to Firearms Class will be held Thursday, September 16th, 2021 beginning in the classroom at the Sheriff’s Office. For more information please contact Julie Shord at 770/467-4282. In the last three years they have had 797 citizens attend that class.

- SPLOST Collections for the month of June, \$1,089,213.49 which brings the total collections for 63 months up to \$51,982,675.71. Average collections based on current collections is \$825,121.84.

XI. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita Johnson – Congratulations to Dr. Ledbetter she is glad he is here, we have high expectations for you. She feels confident that he will do his part in this community and bring us a different way of thinking to benefit the community.

She is happy that it has been mentioned that a replacement for Big Blue is included as part of the TSPLOST. Hopefully, this will help to get the TSPLOST passed for the benefit of the entire community. We need people to come out and be supportive of the good things we are trying to do for this community, roads in particular.

Our Archways Retreat and one of the things we are looking to do in Macon-Bibb County is work with the City, County and the School System on a potential partnership.

She is happy to know that the Broadband is going to be a large piece of the ARA Funds, she feels that this will be beneficial for the kids and for the county moving forward.

She is looking forward to the APP tournament and looking forward to going out in support of that as well.

Ryan Bowlden – Stated that he would also like to congratulate Dr. Ledbetter. He can see good things happening.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor – stated that she didn't have anything to say except welcome to Dr. Ledbetter.

James Dutton – He wanted to give a big excited welcome to the County Manager and the Elections Supervisor, you both have your work cut out for you and he wishes them the best of luck.

For those individuals who are concerned about getting your road paved, the formula for paving dirt roads has been established and if the qualifications are met and the funding is available, the road is placed in the que for paving.

He is excited about our Joint Strategic Plan, the draft of which we were shown tonight; however, it is missing a few things that we need to talk about.

He would like to get more information on how non-profits can apply for the state funding and how they can go about doing that? He works with a lot of non-profits and would like to be able to pass along this information.

He then asked if someone could send him an email as to when the next Making Tracks Club meeting will be held. He would really like to attend.

He also wanted to follow up regarding activities for kids in Spalding County. When he was growing up in Griffin there was "stuff to do." There wasn't a lot of stuff to do, but he feels there was more to do then than there is now. We did approach the YMCA about partnering with our Aquatic Center and in no uncertain terms though very diplomatically they told us we were way to small and they are not interested.

Regarding high-speed internet, he loves what Molina, Woodbury, Concord and Milner is doing with that and is looking forward to doing this.

Clay Davis – Thanked Dr. Ledbetter for joining us.

There is a lot of information on the news regarding vaccines. Just to give you some facts: Spalding County fully vaccinated 32%, counties around us are Henry 36%, Clayton 33%, Coweta 35%, Fayette 53%, Lamar 28% and Pike 26%. Herd immunity is 75%.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) vendors or people processed \$105,000 to those folks who need help. In the last year, the Red Cross has responded to 27 disasters including major apartments fires, 34 families have received food, shelter and clothing, 1,123 units of blood collected, 23 people trained in life saving skills, 6 support staff coming from us and 123 case services provided to military service families all in Spalding County.

XII. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.