

# After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Extraordinary Session  
Monday, October 18, 2021  
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, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners James R. Dutton, Rita Johnson, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Ryan Bowlden were present for the meeting. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham and County Clerk, Kathy Gibson 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, delivered the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Commissioner Ryan Bowlden, District #4, led the Pledge to the Flag.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None.**

**V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2021.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, stated that she would be glad to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the financial statements.

Chairman Davis asked how much money the County has expended out of the ARPA Funds.

Ms. Garrison advised that Spalding County has not spent any money out of the ARPA Funds.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked if the audit has been completed.

Ms. Garrison stated that the auditors have finished what they were doing in-house and her staff is working on financial statements and she is working on supporting schedules for the annual financial report. She is hopeful they will have this out by the end of November or early December.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## 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.

**Regina Abbott, 327 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 101, Griffin, GA** who spoke about the Spalding Collaborative Authority and the work that has been done over the last few years in the Fairmont Community. She then stated that last year the County shared some of the Community Services Block Grant funds that Three Rivers Regional Commission administers for the County. Over \$200,000 to provide financial assistance to this community to help those citizens struggling due to COVID. Part of that money was set aside for Opportunity Community Implementation, but from that point forward we have had no funding to support the initiative. The Opportunity Community Initiative or the Achieving Prosperity Initiative which is under the umbrella of the communitywide strategic plan. She is asking the Board if there are any CSBG FY2022 funds or any left over funds from the FY2021 CSBG Funds or left over funds from the FY 2021 CSBG CARES funds she would appreciate some of them being sent toward these to projects.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS -

1. Lift from the table and 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 lift from the table and consider an appointment to the Land Bank Authority to Replace Brett Hanes who submitted his resignation on July 8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Dr. Ledbetter advised that there is one individual in the book this evening for consideration and that individual is Pansy Copeland.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to appoint Pansy Copeland to the Griffin-Spalding Land Bank Authority to complete the term of Brett Hanes.***

Commissioner Dutton then asked who Ms. Copeland is.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor advised that Ms. Copeland has lived in Spalding County all of her life. She lives also in the area that is being hit most by the Land Bank properties that are being condemned and she is very concerned about the quality of housing going into the area. She has been attending the Land Bank

meetings and feels that she has something to contribute.

***Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Manager, has requested time to update the Board on the Spalding County Redistricting Process currently underway.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that we have shared the map for redistricting presented to us by the office of Legislative Reapportionment with the Board of Commissioners and each of you have had the opportunity to review those maps. We have also shared the demographic information that was provided from the Census data in respect to each one of your districts and you have had a chance to review all of this material. He had a conversation with County Attorney, Stephanie Windham, regarding how we present moving forward for the redistricting and the recommendation from staff is that we post the material on-line along with running the redistricting map and back up information provided in the newspaper seven days prior to the Board voting on the material. A special called meeting will be scheduled in early November for this vote.

Chairman Davis stated that we have talked about this this evening, we will have a special called meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> prior to the Planning and Zoning. We will have a meeting workshop at 4:00 p.m. Which will give us enough time to publish in the Griffin Daily News and it will give the public enough time to see the information.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she talked with the County Manager regarding the map. The County Manager stated that we are following the tax map, but it is clear that we are not following the roadways and those are the concerns she has as they have gone out of the configuration which streams, roads, structures already present and if we are going to do this then we need to try to make it as close as possible to what the State says. She stated that she hopes that when this is put in the paper that it be a version that is easily understood by the common person so that everybody can understand it.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS -**

1. Consider request from WavCom Company to enter into a Public-Private Partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding to build a Fiber to the Premise network within the County.

Dr. Ledbetter introduced Mr. Dylan Watson and his boss, with WavCom to present to the Board.

Butch Block, ITC Broadband and Holding, 1791 OG Skinner Drive, West Point, Georgia. Advised that in the south end of Spalding County, there are approximately 500 households that are now underserved with Broadband service. The opportunity comes to us because the Governor's Office is going to release money for rural broadband development from the ARPA funds that the State received and it will be a competitive process. They are coming to Spalding County because they have put together a coalition for a regional project with Upson and Pike Counties both involved. They have already talked with those commissions and they are going to participate in this initiative. Mr. Block then advised that he had talked with Dr. Ledbetter and they have identified approximately 495+/- households that we would like to build fiber to that they could not afford to do without participation or some type of subsidy.

Mr. Block then advised that WavCom that has been in Waverly Hall, Alabama for years. ITC Broadband is part of the ICT Lanier family of companies that started as an interstate telephone company in 1896. So, we have been in South Georgia for a good while and we're trying to find partners to help us serve the needs of these folks. Mr. Block then advised that in order to build this system out it will cost approximately \$3,000 per household to build. So between our funding, the Spalding County Commission and the State funds, we believe we can put it all together and get this done.

Dylan Watson, Operations Manager for WavCom, 7457 Georgia 208, Waverly Hall, Georgia. What we are asking Spalding County for is a contribution of approximately 50% of what we are able to invest to serve these 500 +/- unserved dwellings in the southern half of Spalding County. This is contiguous to the network that we are building through Upson and Pike Counties so it only makes sense to put these together for a regional approach or regional solution to a statewide issue. We are requesting \$240,817 from Spalding County's ARPA Funds. They will provide \$495,000 and they are requesting through a grant application to the State in the amount of \$725,000 to complete the build. Mr. Watson then advised that the build would include fiber to the home and up to 10 GB per second. We will be offering two speed tiers at this time: 100 megs symmetrical and one gig symmetrical which is well over the minimum standard today.

Commissioner Johnson wanted to know if the Board of Education had been included in these negotiations.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that the Board of Education will be included in the conversation, he has had a meeting scheduled with Mr. Simmons and he indicated that if the County decides to move forward then the School Board will do an equal match with us under the same agreement we had before.

Commissioner Dutton then ask what the total for the project would be?

Mr. Watson stated the total project would be \$1.472 million.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked how many people would they be serving in Upson and Pike Counties?

Upson will be initially be 2,224 and Pike County will be 3,770 and Spalding County is right at 500.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then expressed her concern over WavCom owning the equipment and the County not having some kind of Franchise Fee for this service. We receive franchise fees from Comcast and other companies who offer services to Spalding County Residents.

Commissioner Dutton the asked what the cost to the customer would be?

Mr. Watson advised there will be two tiers of service right now 100 megs symmetrical will be \$59.95 and one gig symmetrical will be \$99.95. If the community is a low income community then the customer can file for EBB and get a \$50.00 credit for the service until the Federal Government runs out of money. So, if you have the \$59.95 service and qualify for the EBB credit you would have a \$9.95 monthly bill and they are accredited by EBB.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the request from WavCom Company to enter into a Public-Private Partnership through a memorandum of Understanding to build a Fiber to the***

**Premise network within the County contingent on the decision from the Board of Education to participate in the initiative. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).**

2. Consider request from Krisha Anderson for an amplification permit for 6220 Newnan Road, Brooks Manor Farm, for a wedding on October 23, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

**Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the request from Krisha Anderson for an amplification permit for 6220 Newnan Road, Brooks Manor Farm, for a wedding on October 23, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

3. Consider approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Spalding County and the City of Griffin for the purpose of establishing funding allocations for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that this is the grant monies that come through every year for the Sheriff's Office and the Griffin Police Department, and this is to move this forward for the grant. This is an annual opportunity to gain money for our law enforcement through this grant program.

**Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Spalding County and the City of Griffin for the purpose of establishing funding allocations for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

4. Consider approval of Resolution to extend a moratorium on development on properties located within Spalding County with road frontage along U S Highway 19/41 pending enactment of a Development Overlay District.

Debbie Bell, Community Development Director, stated that they are still working with the Planning Commission and with Attorney Newton Galloway to develop this overlay and they are asking for another extension to flesh out and make sure we get the overlay right. Overlays are pretty complex.

Commissioner Dutton then asked how long of an extension they are requesting.

Ms. Bell advised they are hoping to have it ready in 3 months.

**Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve a Resolution to extend a moratorium on development on properties located within Spalding County with road frontage along U S Highway 19/41 pending enactment of a Development Overlay District. Motion carried unanimously by all.**

5. Consider request from the Spalding County Community Development group to accept the Final Plat for Roberts Run Subdivision Phase 2.

The applicant has met all requirements for final plat approval for this subdivision, and all departments and agencies have approved the plat as well as physical infrastructure related to the site. With the approval of the Fire Marshal and the recommendation for approval from the Water Authority, the applicant received a variance from the Board of Appeals to develop a lot that exceeds the maximum distance from a hydrant. This is reflected in the creation of Lot 8 in the revised final plat. There is no new infrastructure for this subdivision.

Ms. Bell stated that this is a lot that was approved as a 7 lot subdivision at the July 22, 2021 meeting. The developer has since come back and requested a variance regarding the addition of a lot on Cheatham Road. That exceeds the maximum distance for fire hydrants. He is requesting a revision to the final plat to create 8 lots instead of 7. The eighth lot is the farthest lot out on Cheatham Road and exceeds the distance for the fire hydrants.

Chairman Davis then asked what the distance in question for the fire hydrant.

Ms. Bell then stated that 500' is the maximum distance from a fire hydrant for a residence. That is the State Fire Code.

Chairman Davis then asked if the Board grants the variance what the distance would be.

Ms. Bell advised it is a little over 800' to the property corner and the lot is about a 12 acre lot. She doesn't know where the house would be placed on the lot at this time, so she has no idea what the distance to the dwelling would be.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to deny the variance.

Chairman Davis then asked for the staff recommendation.

Ms. Bell advised that staff recommendation was approval based on the approval of the Board of Appeals whose approval was based on that of the Water Authority.

Chairman Davis then stated that he agrees with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, if we are going to raise the bar then we are going to have to "hold the line." It may be awkward for us sometimes, but the buck stops here and he is with Commissioner Flowers-Taylor.

**Alan Mobley, 262 Mobley Road, Griffin, GA** stated that he created this problem, this was a 78 acre tract. He wanted to go to estate size tracts, not smaller tracts. If he had started on Cheatham Road, he could have gotten 4 lots on Cheatham and he wouldn't have to be here. He could have had 4 lots on Cheatham served by a well, but he wanted large tracts. Cheatham Road does not have county water and you can't afford to run county water down the road for one lot.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor withdrew her motion and Commission Dutton withdrew his second.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to table the request from the Spalding County Community Development group to accept the Final Plat for Roberts Run Subdivision Phase 2. Motion carried 4-1 (Flowers-Taylor).***

6. Consider request from the Spalding County Community Development group to accept the Final Plat for Roberts Run Subdivision Phase 3.

Please note that the applicant has met all requirements for final plat approval for Robert's Run Subdivision, Phase 3, and all departments and agencies have approved the subdivision. There is no new infrastructure for this subdivision.

Ms. Bell advised that this is part of contiguous property owned by Mr. Mobley. This is functioning as a standalone subdivision with large acreage road frontage

lots. The request is for lots from 5.12 acres to 60.8 acres for a total of 7 lots created out of a single tract. There will be no additional infrastructure with these lots as they are all road frontage lots. The purpose of this plat approval is the requirement of 5 lots on a parcel requiring this consideration. There are no variances for consideration, this property meets all the requirements.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve request from the Spalding County Community Development group to accept the Final Plat for Roberts Run Subdivision Phase 3. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

7. Consider request from the Spalding County Community Development for conditional approval of the Final Plat for Vineyard Park Subdivision. The applicant has met all but the paving requirements for final plat approval for this subdivision, and all departments and agencies have approved the plat as well as physical improvements on site.

This is a subdivision on the south side of Vineyard Road that was started in 2007 and 2008 right at the downturn. It was approximately 80% complete and then it sat for 14 years. The current developer has come in completed the rest of the improvements and cleaned things up, rehabbed the club house. They have topped the road. They have met all of the requirements. However, we have had a lot of emails going back and forth regarding the bond and we thought that we had the bond ironed out. They provided a bond in the amount of \$433,685.00. We realized there were a few of the improvements that had not been addressed in the calculations. We have a bond in this amount, but it should be for \$447,185 so it is about \$14,000 short. Staff is asking the Board to conditionally approve this subdivision with the intent that it be correctly bonded as soon as the underwriting can be completed. The plat can be approved and staff can withhold issuing any building permits until we receive the updated bond.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that traditionally a Final Plat does not come to the Board until everything is ready and her concern is if we conditionally approve this that it will need to be monitored and she is concerned that we do not have the staff to monitor this. Her concern with the bond is that it be enough money to cover should we have to pave the road. That is why she would like to have the bonded part secured first.

Commissioner Dutton then expressed his concern that some of the lots are less than a quarter acre that they are wanting to build a house on and there is a number of those on this plat.

Ms. Bell advised that the lot size is predicated on the prior subdivision approval. She then stated that the road construction is completed and they have made other repairs and provided core reports. The original builder never recorded the plat at the time the lots were completed because they didn't want to raise their tax base.

***Motion/Second to deny the request from the Spalding County Community Development for conditional approval of the Final Plat for Vineyard Park Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

8. Consider the approval of the following 2022 Alcohol License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer:
  - Zubeida Zakruddin for High Falls Country Store located at 2662 High Falls Rd. Griffin, GA 30224. Beer Only. No Violations.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the 2022 License Renewal for Retail Sale of Beer for Zubeida Zakruddin for High Falls Country Store located at 2662 High Falls Road, Griffin, GA. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

9. Consider the approval of the following 2022 Alcohol License Renewals for the Retail Sale of Beer and Wine:

*Chairman Davis advised that he would read all of the applications listed under a specified topic, then call for a vote on the items. If there is one that the Board wishes to discuss, it will be considered after all of the items are read.*

- Aziz Ali for High Value Business Ventures, Inc. DBA Chevron Food Mart located at 3200 High Falls Rd. Griffin, GA 30223. Beer and wine. No violations.
- Chirag Desai for Arihant C Stores, LLC DBA Tony's One Stop located at 4275 Hwy 19/41 Hampton, GA 30228. Beer and wine. No violations.
- Ruchitkumar Patel for Jay Mahakali DBA Valero Food Mart located at 2995 N. Expressway Griffin, GA 30223. Beer and wine. No violations.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the 2022 Alcohol License Renewal for the Sale of Beer and Wine for Chevron Food Mart, Tony's One Stop and Valero Food Mart. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

10. Consider the approval of the following 2022 Alcohol License Renewals for the Consumption on Premises:

- Jimmy Allen for Big Jim's Wing Shack, INC. located at 1557 Williamson Rd., Ste. A & B, Griffin, GA 30224. Beer, Wine and Liquor. No Violations.
- Sequoia Golf Peachtree, LLC dba Sun City Peachtree Golf Club, located at 250 Del Webb Blvd., Griffin, GA 30223. Beer, Wine and Liquor. No Violations.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the 2022 Alcohol License Renewals for Consumption on Premises for Big Jim's Wing Shack, Inc and Sun City Peachtree Golf Club. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

11. Consider the approval of the following 2022 Alcohol License:

- Jackson Beverages, LLC DBA Beverage South Griffin/Lagrange located at 915 S. Pine Hill Rd. Griffin, GA 30224. Request to add wholesale sale of liquor to current 2021 alcohol license- wholesale sale of beer and wine. No violations.
- Jackson Beverages, LLC DBA Beverage South Griffin/Lagrange located at 915 S. Pine Hill Rd. Griffin, GA 30224. Request for the 2022 renewal of wholesale sale of beer, wine, and liquor. No violations.

***Motion/second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the request to add wholesale of liquor to the current 2021 alcohol license for wholesale of beer and wine and to approve the 2022 renewal for wholesale of beer, wine and liquor for Jackson Beverages, LLC D.B.A. Beverage South Griffin/Lagrange. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

12. Consider the Approval of the following 2022 Alcohol License Renewals for retail sales-package store:
- Diand Suk Choi for Sam's Package Store located at 1301 N. Hill St., Griffin, GA 30223. Beer, Wine, & Liquor. No violations.
  - Sadru Ali for Zetella Express located at 4319 Newnan Rd., Griffin, GA 30223. Beer, Wine, & Liquor. No Violations.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the 2022 Alcohol License Renewals for retail sales-package store for Sam's Package Store and Zetella Express. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

13. Consider request from the Spalding County Public Works Department to surplus equipment and to approve sale of this equipment through online auction services.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve the request from the Spalding County Public Works Department to surplus equipment and to approve sale of this equipment through online auction services. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

14. Consider request from Paragon Consulting for Change Order #2 on the Rosenwald Construction Project to cover the cost of Rock Removal at the location.

Jeremy Buffington, Paragon Consulting, advised that the amount of time to remove the rock and dispose of it. Public Works has assisted with the rock disposal and storage in their storage yard decreasing cost of hauling this off and pay for removal. This has reduced some of the costs of the change order and Public Works is going to try to reuse some of those rocks. The harvesting of the rock, busting the rock up and moving the rock is what is reflected in this change order.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve the request from Paragon Consulting for Change Order #2 in the amount of \$79,734.00 on the Rosenwald Construction Project to cover the cost of Rock Removal at the location. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

15. Consider request from the Butts and Spalding Joint Development Authority to restate the activating resolution establishing the Authority to provide for the expansion of the area of operation, confirm the Bylaws of the Authority and ratify an Intergovernmental Agreement related to such matters.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve the request from the Butts and Spalding Joint Development Authority to restate the activating resolution establishing the Authority to provide for the expansion of the area of operation, confirm the Bylaws of the Authority and ratify an Intergovernmental Agreement related to such matters. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

16. Consider acceptance of the annual Fire Service Contract with the City of Sunny Side.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to accept the annual Fire***

***Service Contract with the City of Sunnyside. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**IX. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- ✓ The Griffin Area Resource Center is requesting to place vending machines at Public Works and with the Board's approval we will allow this.
- ✓ The Corona Virus State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds Update. As you heard, earlier, we have not expended any of our ARPA funds to date. The COVID money that we received last year has been spent. We will continue to update the Board on the ARPA funds.
- ✓ Eric Sellers has been named Deputy Warden of Care and Treatment at the Spalding County Correctional Institution. He was voted in by the Department of Corrections last week.
- ✓ He then asked that the Board consider a closed session this evening to consider real estate.
- ✓ Spalding County has been awarded a \$19,222 for FY2021 through a local Emergency Management Performance Grant. These are federal funds in support of our mitigation plan and risk mitigation for the county. Kudos to Glenn Polk and the Fire Department for making this happen.

**X. REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER**

**XI. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Rita Johnson –**

- Great day at the Feast on East.
- Shout-out to Leisure Services for the Port-A-Potties at this the Feast on East event.
- Thank you to Chief Deputy Tony Thomas who volunteered to do the Stonebriar neighborhood watch.
- She is hoping that we can find some funding for the Spalding County Collaborative.
- ABWA has decided to do a "Hometown Card" that Leisure Services presented at the last meeting and she encouraged other organizations to do the same.

**Ryan Bowlden –**

- He thanked TJ and Scott Sullivan in Public Works for addressing some problems he brought to their attention in the last week.
- He also thanked Debbie Bell for an issue he took to her and she handled quickly and professionally.

**Gwen Flowers-Taylor –**

- Stated that she was a little "put off" this evening about some of the zoning items that were presented. She is use to the recommendation coming from staff being based on the Zoning Ordinance and she got the impression that the staff recommendation was based on the Appeals Board recommendation.

- She looked at the redistricting map and she feels that somebody did a pretty decent job. There doesn't appear to be anything that is going to be super challenging.
- The dates for the potential retreat to be scheduled earlier to allow the Board the opportunity to review what direction we need to go in and she feels that needs to happen before the end of the year.

Chairman Davis advised that we are looking at the second week in January for the retreat.

- She doesn't want the Board to forget the pay scale update.

Chairman Davis stated that he would task the County Manager to update the Board on this at the Work Session on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**James Dutton –**

- He expressed his support for Opportunity Community and turning the schools into community centers after hours.
- Anything about New Town Macon, we can't get this into our community soon enough.
- The Christmas Parade there is a very active presence on FaceBook trying to get more and more participation. There is a group led by Dennis Scott who has already gone to the City. The City has an ordinance that defines where the parades will start, stop and which streets it can be on. In order to get the parade route changed, he had to get them to change the ordinance. Two readings for the ordinance change and he had to work with the police department. That being said, he now believes they have passed it. He thinks the route is going to be better. We do have a lot of groups from the County and the City already involved. Both of the high school marching bands are going to participate together and play music together.

He thinks that the various departments within Spalding County should compete in creating floats for the golf cart competitions. He would love to see. There were a number of departments that participated in the business after hours and surely we could pull something together for the parade.

**Clay Davis –**

- It was a bad day today with the loss of General Colin Powell our first African American Secretary of State and a great, great officer.
- He encouraged everyone to go out and vote. He doesn't care how you vote, just get out and exercise your right to vote.
- He would encourage those of you who can to get flu shots and he also encourages those of you who can to get vaccinated.

- He then thanked Judge Rita Cavanaugh for what she did to honor veterans, specifically the recipients of the Purple Heart.

## **XII. CLOSED SESSION**

County Manager, Dr. Ledbetter requested an Executive Session to discuss of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to go into executive session at 7:54 p.m.***

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to close the executive session at 8:11 p.m.***

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.***  
***Motion carried unanimously by all.***