

# After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 10, 2022  
6:00 PM  
Room 108, Annex Building

**The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, James Dutton, Ryan Bowlden and Gwen Flowers-Taylor were present for the meeting. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter (via ZOOM), County Attorney, Stephanie Windham, Citizen Engagement Specialist, DeAndre Smith 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 James R. Dutton, District #2, delivered the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE TO FLAG**

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

**I. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

At this point the Chairman turned the meeting over to the County Attorney to elect a new Chairman.

Stephanie Windham, County Attorney, stated that the rules are very simple any Board member can nominate any member of the Board for this position. The first to be nominated and receive 3 votes will be the Chairman.

1. Election of Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2022.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to nominate Clay Davis as Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2022.***

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

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

County Attorney, Stephanie Windham, then turned the meeting back over to Chairman Davis.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2022.

***Motion/Second by Davis/Flowers-Taylor to appoint James Dutton as***

***Vice-Chairman of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners for Calendar Year 2022.***

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

**II. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Appointment of Dr. Steve Ledbetter as County Manager for Calendar Year 2022.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to appoint Dr. Steve Ledbetter as County Manager for Calendar Year 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Appointment of Kathy Gibson as County Clerk for Calendar Year 2022.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to appoint Kathy Gibson as County Clerk for Calendar Year 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Appointment of Dr. Steve Ledbetter as Deputy County Clerk for Calendar Year 2022.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to appoint Dr. Steve Ledbetter as Deputy County Clerk for Calendar Year 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Appointment of Stephanie Windham of Beck, Owen and Murray as County Attorney for Calendar Year 2022.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to appoint Stephanie Windham of Beck, Owen and Murray as County Attorney for Calendar Year 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

5. Consider appointment of Newton Galloway of Galloway and Lyndall as County Zoning Attorney for Calendar Year 2022.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to appoint Newton Galloway of Galloway and Lyndal LLP as the County Zoning Attorney for Calendar Year 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

6. Consider appointment of John Lowery of Mozley, Finlayson, Loggins, LLP, as County Human Resources Attorney for Calendar Year 2022.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to appoint John Lowery of Mozley, Finlayson and Loggins, LLP, as the County Human Resources Attorney for Calendar Year 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

**III. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Chairman will make a special presentation.

No presentation was made as there was no outgoing Chairman.

2. Presentation of a plaque to Commissioner James Dutton from UGA, the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the ACCG for completion of all the classes to

become a Certified County Commissioner.

Chairman Davis then presented Commissioner Dutton with his Certificate of Completion of the Certified County Commissioner Program.

Commissioner Dutton stated that he had actually completed the program a year ago, but had not received his certificate due to COVID.

3. Consider presentation of Service Award for recognition of 25 Years of Service to Lieutenant Tim Hendricks of the Spalding County Fire Department.

Fire Chief Mike Byrd then presented the 25 Years of Service Award to Lt. Tim Hendricks and announced that it is both a sad and sweet occasion as not only are we recognizing 25 years of service, we are also announcing Lt. Hendricks is officially retired from the Fire Department. He stated that Lt. Hendricks has been one of the most positive influences he has experienced in all of his years with the fire service. He started service in December 1996 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2007. Lt. Hendricks has been an asset to the Department during the 25 years he has been with the Department and that he will definitely be missed.

#### **IV. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the five months ended November 30, 2021.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, advised that she would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the Financial Statements. She further stated that the reason the November 2021 statement was being presented this evening is because there was no second meeting for it to be presented at in December.

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

#### **V. 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.

Ms. Windham advised that the only person who had signed up to speak is Mr. Allen Mobley and he is here for Item #4 under Old Business and will speak if there is a need at that time.

## VI. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of Minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and Executive Session on December 6, 2021.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve the Minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Executive Session on December 6, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## VII. OLD BUSINESS -

1. Approve TSPLOST next steps:

- (a) Issuance of Bonds for TSPLOST.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that Todd Barnes with Raymond James is here this evening to discuss bonding of projects with the Board.

Todd Barnes with Raymond James stated that the voters approved the TSPLOST referendum which included authorization to issue up to \$10 million in bonds as advanced funds for the projects. The tax will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board has approved the results of that election and the next steps will involve getting the bonds validated by the Superior Court of Spalding County and that process is underway.

Mr. Barnes stated that what he wanted to talk about tonight is the process for issuing the bonds. The timing involved and how that will work. The process to issue bonds is a 60-90 day process to get the documents prepared, go to the credit rating agency to re-establish the County's credit rating on the bonds, go to market and the proceed to a closing to deliver the funds. They plan to start this process later this month with a target to close on the bonds around the end of March 2022.

Mr. Barnes advised that in the first two years of the TSPLOST the County will have approximately \$16.5 million in project costs. So, the \$10 million in bond proceeds will allow the County to go ahead and get started on projects. There has been significant inflation in construction costs and costs of materials. This will allow the County to go ahead and bid out projects with the funds on hand to get that work started. Hopefully, this will minimize some of the inflated costs and get these projects off to a running start. Then going forward, you will have the sales tax collections each year that will pay the debt service on the bonds and pay for projects on a pay as you go basis through the remaining 5 years of the program.

Mr. Barnes stated that at this time, it is estimated that the bonds will be issued at an interest cost of less than 1.5%. So, it is a very attractive time to be in the market.

After discussion regarding projects from Commissioner Flowers-Taylor and Commissioner Dutton, Chairman Davis advised that this is the first step. All we are voting on this evening is to start the process to obtain bonding for the projects. If further discussion is needed regarding the actual projects, this can be addressed at the Retreat on Friday.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to authorize Raymond James to prepare the paperwork for possible issuance of Bonds in the amount of \$10 million for TSPLOST Projects. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Lift from the table and consider request from staff to approve a joint Resolution between the Griffin-Spalding Board of Education and Spalding County to approve and submit the Redistricting Map.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to lift from the table and consider request from staff to approve a joint Resolution between Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education and Spalding County to approve and submit the Redistricting Map. Motion carried 4-1 (Dutton).***

Dr. Ledbetter advised that he had a good conversation with Mr. Simmons at the Board of Education last week regarding the Board of Education adopting the Joint Resolution for redistricting. Ms. Windham has that signed Resolution with her this evening and staff's recommendation to the Board is that we approve the redistricting map as presented by the Office of Legislative Reapportionment in coordination with the Griffin-Spalding School Board.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to approve a joint Resolution between the Griffin-Spalding Board of Education and Spalding County to approve and submit the Redistricting Map.***

Commissioner Dutton stated that he still has the same issue with this redistricting map as he expressed the other times we have talked about it which is a few roads that are moved out of downtown as a block and he still has a problem with it. He understands he is in the minority and it is going to pass, but he wanted the Board to know why he would be voting no on this item.

***Motion carried 4-1 (Dutton).***

3. Lift from the table and consider on first reading an ordinance and call for election to establish a Marshall's Office for Spalding County.

Commissioner Dutton stated he feels we should wait on considering this item until we hear back from the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Davis then asked Sheriff Dix to set up a date to discuss this matter with the Board of Commissioners.

This item was not lifted from the table pending conversations with the Sheriff's Office. No action taken.

4. Lift from the table and consider request from the Spalding County Community Development group to accept the Revised 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.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to lift from the table and consider request from the Spalding County Community Development group to accept the Revised 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. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Bradford Vaughn, Interim Community Services Director, stated that one of the reasons this item was tabled at the last meeting was because there was some question with regard to Lots 7 and 8 on the plat and their distance to existing fire

hydrants. He then showed that both lots are within a 500' radius of an existing fire hydrant; therefore, both lots will be compliant. Staff recommendation is to approve the revised final plat.

Commissioner Dutton then stated that we didn't approve it last time because we thought it didn't meet the distance from the fire hydrants. What happened?

Mr. Vaughn advised that if you go to the GIS map for Spalding County from Q-Public there is an orphan triangle on that map which is a remnant of a land lot and the map was incorrect on the Tax Assessors site and he has asked that this be corrected. On the southeast corner, you will see there is a small triangle that is the same parcel of land, and has access to a hydrant that is located on West Ellis Road, therefore providing access to a fire hydrant for this lot which is under 500' and meets the requirement.

Mr. Vaughn stated that the revised final plat splits what was Lot 7 on the prior plat into two lots, Lots 7 and 8 and he showed the distance from existing fire hydrants for Spalding County. Lot 7 is covered by the Fire Hydrant on West McIntosh Road and Lot 8 is covered by a Fire Hydrant located on West Ellis Road.

Commissioner Dutton stated that is what the issue was at the last meeting, we didn't know there was access to a fire hydrant on West Ellis Road.

***Motion/Second by Bowlden/Dutton to accept the Revised 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. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS -**

1. Consider approval of a contract with Blue Cypress Consulting to prepare the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that inside the packet are copies of the scoring cards that were used in order to provide information on the viability of each of the vendors who made application to bid on the Comprehensive Plan, our Impact Fee Plan and our Community Work Plan. The staff recommendation after careful consideration is to include the ability to respond by September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Staff's recommendation is Blue Cypress Consulting at a cost of \$204,894.00.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve a contract with Blue Cypress Consulting to prepare the Comprehensive Plan update. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

2. Consider request from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to consider transportation to and from the Aquatic Center be included in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

T.J. Imberger thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He stated that the CTP planning is ongoing. The Parks and Leisure Services Commission wanted to register some public comment in reference to that. A letter was written to the Board regarding this and the main purpose of the letter was to request that the Board look at walkways and trails systems to the Aquatic Center and options via van or bus to the Aquatic Center. They also ask the Board consider options via van or bus to all Parks and Leisure Services facilities in Spalding County. Provide walkways and trails systems to link all citizens of Spalding County with a network of walking and bicycling options and to look at existing trail plans so they have a

comprehensive study of those.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to approve the request from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to consider transportation to and from the Aquatic Center be included in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). Motion carried unanimously by all.***

3. Consider recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to apply for a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund benefiting Our Legacy: The Griffin-Spalding African-American History Museum.

Morgan Cantrell, History Center Curator, advised there is an opportunity for Spalding County to apply for a grant through the National Trust in the amount of \$50,000. If rewarded, these funds will go toward interpretational programming inside the museum. Currently, we have approximately \$200,000 of the SPLOST money that will go toward FFE on the inside, but she wants the museum to be amazing, so if we could assist in the costs with this grant it would be greatly appreciated.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve a recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to apply for a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund benefiting Our Legacy: The Griffin-Spalding African-American History Museum. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

4. Review of current project status and strategic plan and discuss immediate needs for successful History Museum development.

Ms. Cantrell then reviewed next steps for project status and strategic planning for the History Museum. The strategic plan as outlined is a plan that will assist in getting the doors opened. It outlines what everyone involved will need to do to get the doors opened.

Ms. Cantrell then advised there are some next steps that need to be considered. (1) Partnering with a professional marketing and communications firm. This is important because this is an important project and we want to make sure that we are taking the correct steps and representing ourselves well to the public and the community. So, staff feels they need to partner with someone who has professional skills in African-American Tourism or Cultural Heritage. (2) They are also asking the Board to consider a Research Aid, some form of help to compile and search through all the items we are gathering. To date, the history of this amazing community doesn't exist outside of the individuals who lived it. So, we have to find a way to write that history. We have to find a way to create and compile the history in a way the public can come and experience it. She needs to help, so we need to look at some ways that we can get more hands on that project. (3) We also need to start a conversation on potential long term financial sustainability. Whether that is a "Friends Of" organization to help raise funds, an endowment or a foundation. Will we be charging admission to the museum. These are questions and conversations that need to begin right now so as we move forward we can have these things in our mind.

Ms. Cantrell then stated that what she is asking for is to start these conversations and permission to research on how much it would cost to employ a marketing firm and to get some research aid and come back to the Board at a later time with those numbers.

**Consensus of the Board is for Ms. Cantrell to research how much it will cost to employ a marketing firm and to get someone to assist in research then return to the Board for consideration of these items.**

5. Consider request from the Georgia Department of Transportation to make necessary changes to the intersection of County Line Road at SR-7 to make the intersection safer for all who use it.

T.J. Imberger advised that the Georgia Department of Transportation has taken a look at the intersection of County Line Road and SR-7 which is the intersection south of the Ingles intersection. They have looked at the number of accidents that have occurred at this intersection, they have done traffic studies on this intersection. They are recommending that at their cost, they will install an R-Cut which is a reduced conflict U-Turn so if you are coming off of County Line Road going onto SR-7, you would be able to make a right turn only, then you could go north to do a U-Turn to go back south, if you wanted to go south from County Line Road. They are also recommending additional visibility at that intersection, so they will look at removing shrubs and trees to clear visibility in both directions. They will fund this project.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve the request from the Georgia Department of Transportation to make necessary changes to the intersection of County Line Road at SR-7 intersection to make the intersection safer for all who use it. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

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

Q&R Inc, DBAA1 Food Mart, 1650 N Hill Street, Griffin, GA 30223. Beer and Wine. No Violations.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve the 2022 Alcohol License renewal for Retail Sale of Beer and wing for A1 Food Mart, 1650 N. Hill Street, Griffin, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

7. Consider request from the Georgia Department of Transportation to enter into an MOU for replacement of the bridge on County Line Road at Potato Creek southeast of Griffin.

Mr. Imberger stated that Spalding County participates in the local bridge replacement program with GDOT. GDOT will totally fund the bridge replacements and we have been very successful in getting considered for this project and this is a continuation of that program.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation to enter into an MOU for replacement of the bridge on County Line Road at Potato Creek southeast of Griffin. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

8. Consider request from staff to close the Jenkinsburg Road Bridge.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that Brian Upson has prepared a document for the Board's review along with GDOT's document indicating that there is a need to temporarily close the Jenkinsburg Road Bridge for life safety issues. He has had conversations

with the Butts County, County Manager who is in agreement that this needs to be done until such time as the Spalding County Board of Commissioners and the Butts County Board of Commissioners can do a Resolution asking GDOT to support and fund the engineering and restructure of this bridge. We are looking to start this process within the next 30 days. For the immediate future, staff is asking to close this bridge for safety concerns. Staffs' recommendation is that we temporary close the Jenkinsburg Road Bridge due to safety concerns.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to temporary close the Jenkinsburg Road Bridge. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

9. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
  - (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Rita Johnson for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Commissioner Rita Johnson for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022 to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.***

- (b) To succeed County Manager Steve Ledbetter for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint County Manager, Steve Ledbetter to the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

10. Consider appointment to the Griffin Downtown Council.
  - (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Rita Johnson for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Commissioner Rita Johnson to the Griffin Downtown Council for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

11. Consider appointment to the Griffin Main Street Advisory Board.
  - (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner James R. Dutton for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Commissioner James R. Dutton to the Griffin Main Street Advisory Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

12. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Area Transportation Committee.
  - (a) To succeed Commissioner Ryan Bowlden for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Ryan Bowlden to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one-year term to***

**end December 31, 2022.**

- (b) To succeed Deputy Chief Glenn Polk for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to reappoint Chief Glen Polk to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee as the Fire Department Representative for Spalding County for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

- (c) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Gwen Flowers-Taylor to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one-year term to end December 31, 2022.***

- (d) To succeed Todd Harris/Bruce Ballard (by position for the Griffin-Spalding School Board) for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to reappoint Todd Harris/Bruce Ballard as the representative from the Griffin-Spalding School Board for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

- (e) To succeed Debbie Bell for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to appoint Bradford Vaughn as the Spalding County Community Development representative on the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (f) To succeed Steve Ledbetter for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to reappoint Dr. Steve Ledbetter as the County Manager representative to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (g) To succeed Sheriff Darrell Dix for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to reappoint Sheriff Darrell Dix as the County Sheriff representative to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (h) To succeed Bill Bryant for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Kathy Gibson, County Clerk advised that Mr. Bryant has indicated that he would like to continue on this Committee.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to reappoint Bill Bryant to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (i) To succeed Frank Harris for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Ms. Gibson advised that Mr. Harris has indicated that he would like to continue on this Committee.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint B. Frank Harris to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

13. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority.

- (a) To succeed Commissioner James R. Dutton as the Chairman's designee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Commissioner James R. Dutton as the Chairman's designee to the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

- (b) To succeed Wanda Howell for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Ms. Howell notified staff that she did not wish to continue on this Authority.

Ms. Gibson then read off the following nominations for consideration:

- James K. Searcy who was nominated by Commissioner Ryan Bowlden.

Mr. Searcy's appointment failed for lack of a second.

- Brent Huckaby who was nominated by Commissioner James Dutton.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to appoint Brent Huckaby to the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

14. Consider appointments to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Clay W. Davis for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis advised that he would remain on the Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority.***

- (b) To succeed Bernadette Murphy for a four-year term ending December 31, 2025.

Ms. Gibson advised that Ms. Murphy has expressed her desire to remain on

this Authority for another term.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to reappoint Bernadette Murphy to the Griffin-Spalding County Hospital Authority for a four- year term ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

15. Consider reappointment of Clay W. Davis to the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board as the appointed official to this board.

***Chairman Davis stated that he would remain on the McIntosh Trail Community Service Board for one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

16. Consider appointments to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments Unsafe Building Abatement Code:
  - (a) To succeed Daa'ood Amin for a four-year term ending December 31, 2025 (Mr. Amin has not responded as to whether he would like to remain on this Board.)

Ms. Gibson advised that we have to individuals who have signed up to be on this Board. Mr. James K. Searcy and Ms. Emma Jean Foster-Taylor.

Commissioner Dutton asked if the two could be voted on at one time.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to appoint James K. Searcy and Emma Jean Foster-Taylor to the Board of Appeals and Adjustments Unsafe Building Abatement Code for a four-year term ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

17. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Board of Health:
  - (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Chairman Clay W. Davis for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis advised that he would like to remain on the Spalding County Board of Health for and additional term ending December 31, 2022.***

18. Consider the appointments to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children.
  - (a) To succeed Commissioner Rita Johnson for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Commissioner Rita Johnson to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

- (b) To succeed Irma Lewis (Law Enforcement Representative) for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to reappoint Irma Lewis as the Law Enforcement Representative to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Family and Children for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

19. Consider appointment to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees:

Ms. Gibson advised, there are actually two individuals whose term will be expiring. Ms. Patterson and Ms. Goodman who are currently serving on this Board and who have expressed their desire to continue on the Board. Natalie Marshall, Flint River Library System Executive Director has no problem with both of these individuals being reappointed to this Board.

- (a) To succeed Barbara Patterson for a four-year term to expire 12/31/2025.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to reappoint Ms. Barbara Patterson to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (b) To succeed Virginia Goodman for a four-year-term to expire 12/31/2025.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to reappoint Ms. Virginia Goodman to the Spalding County Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

20. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor as the Chairman or designee appointment to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.***

- (c) Two appointments for District #2 for this Commission.

***Commissioner Dutton appointed Chris Saxon and Bryan Styler as his Post 2 appointments to the Spalding County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.***

21. Consider appointments to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor as the Chairman or designee to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority for a one-year term***

**ending December 31, 2022.**

- (b) To succeed Bill Bryant for a six-year term to expire December 31, 2027. Mr. Bryant has expressed his desire to continue on this Authority.

Ms. Gibson advised that Mr. Bryant had expressed his desire to continue on this Authority.

***Motion/Second by Davis/Flowers-Taylor to reappoint Bill Bryant to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority for a six-year term ending December 31, 2027. Motion failed by a 2-3 vote (Bowlden/Johnson/Dutton).***

- (c) To succeed Jim Skinner for a six-year term to expire December 31, 2027. Mr. Skinner has expressed his desire to continue on this Authority.

Ms. Gibson advised that Mr. Skinner had expressed his desire to continue on this Board for another term.

***Motion/Second by Davis/Dutton to appoint Jim Skinner to the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority for a six-year term ending December 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Ms. Gibson then advised that Wanda Howell had completed a nomination for the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to appoint Wanda Howell to the Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facilities Authority for a six-year term ending December 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- 22. Consider appointments to the Three Rivers Regional Commission Board of Directors.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner Clay Davis for a one-year term ending 12/31/2022.

***Chairman Davis appointed Commissioner Flowers-Taylor to the Three Rivers Regional Commission Board of Directors as his Chairman or designee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

- 23. Consider appointments to the Two Rivers RC & D Council.

- (a) Chairman or designee to succeed Commissioner James R. Dutton for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2022.

***Chairman Davis reappointed Commissioner James R. Dutton as the Chairman or designee to the Two Rivers RC&D Council for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.***

- (b) Alternate member to succeed Michelle Irizarry for a one-year term to expire

12/31/2022.

Ms. Gibson advised that we have no nominations to fill this position.

***Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to table the alternate member to the Two Rivers RC & D Council until such time as we have a nomination to fill this position. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

24. Consider appointment to the West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board to succeed Chairperson Clay Davis for a one-term to expire 12/31/2022.

***Per the By-Laws for this organization, this position must be filled by the current sitting Chairman. Chairman Clay Davis will continue on the West Central Georgia Workforce Investment Board for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2022.***

25. Consider appointment to the Region Six DBHDD (Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities) Planning Board:

Ms. Gibson advised that Ms. Jackson had notified staff that she could no longer attend these Board meetings and Mr. Brown has not responded to the inquiry as to whether he would like to remain on the Board. Ms. Gibson further advised that we have no one signed up for this Board.

- (a) To succeed Geraldine Jackson for a three-year term. Ms. Jackson has advised that she does not wish to be reappointed to this Board.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then expressed her desire to be a member of this Board.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to appoint Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor to the Region Six DBHDD Planning Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

- (b) To succeed R. Syntel Brown for a three-year term at this time, Mr. Brown has not responded to our inquiry as to whether he would like to remain on this Board.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to table this appointment until someone can be found to fill the appointment. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

## **IX. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER**

- ✓ He reminded everyone that the Board will be hold their Retreat on Friday, January 14, 2022 beginning at 8:30 a.m. we will be meeting in Fayette County at the Development Authority which is located in the Old Fayette County Courthouse on the square in Fayetteville. Sharon Liggett from Archways will be facilitating the meeting.
- ✓ Our year end report is being finalized and the draft should be ready for a review at the Retreat on Friday.
- ✓ SPLOST revenues continue to come in good for the month of December and we will

share more with the community over the next 30 days, how we have fared for 2021 with SPLOST collections.

- ✓ He is excited about getting back to work. Being in COVID jail is not a fun experience, but the plan is for him to be released on Thursday.

Chairman Davis then advised that if Dr. Ledbetter cannot be at the Retreat, we need to postpone the Retreat. He doesn't feel we can do what we are trying to do without the County Manager being there.

Secondly, he would ask the Board to start thinking about pairing up for the drive over to Fayetteville. He feels 3 cars is plenty to go over there. Please start thinking about carpooling over there.

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

## **XI. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Rita Johnson** – Stated her questions regarding the retreat have been answered. No further comments.

**Ryan Bowlden** – Stated he is good tonight, no comments.

**Gwen Flowers-Taylor** - Stated she is good as well.

**James Dutton** – Thanked everyone for assisting in his training to get his certification from ACCG. He is not done, he is still working on completing some of the tracks available.

He gave a personal thank you from his family to everyone out there that has reached out and shown support to accommodate the circumstances around his father's passing. His father was his hero, his example of love and service is overwhelming. His death was a huge surprise and it is that shock they are trying to get over.

**Clay Davis** – Stated he thought the Christmas lights and drive thru were absolutely outstanding. He wasn't there for the kick-off, but he has heard there are a number of people who have driven through a more than once and have really enjoyed it. Secondly, the Christmas Parada, even though it rained, there were a lot of people out there and he believes this is something that will go on forever.

He put out some stuff at the dias on the Archway program for everyone. Things that have been accomplished in the last 5-6 years and what we are trying to do in 2022 and a brochure on what 2022 will look like.

He then stated that he has been truly honored to have been Chairman for 2021 and is honored to be the Chairman again this year. This has been one of the outstanding things in his life to be able to serve the citizens of Spalding County and he is honored to be able to do this.

## **XII. CLOSED SESSION**

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously by all.***