

After Agenda

Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Work Session
Thursday, January 14, 2022
8:30 AM
Old Fayette County Courthouse
200 Courthouse Square
Fayetteville, GA

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session at the Old Fayette County Courthouse located at 200 Courthouse Square, Griffin, GA on Friday, January 14, 2022 beginning at 8:51 a.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, James Dutton, Ryan Bowlden and Gwen Flowers-Taylor were present for the Work Session. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham, Sharon Ligette, Archway Facilitator for the meeting, and Connie Burley Washington, Archway Professional to assist with the meeting 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 Rita, Johnson, District #3, led the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. ***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to amend the agenda to certify the TSPLOST election results. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to certify the TSPLOST election results as certified by the Board of Elections on November 8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Year End Review of 2021.

Dr. Ledbetter gave an overview of Spalding County accomplishments in 2021 and presented the Board with a draft copy of the 2021 Annual Report.

3. Review of YTD Revenues vs. Expenditures

Dr. Ledbetter then presented an update on year-to-date Revenues vs. Expenditures and advised that the property tax returns have started coming in and the revenues should increase in the upcoming months.

Consensus of the Board was to consider a % of the property tax millage for roads

and for it to be included in the upcoming budget proposal.

4. Review the Status of Current Projects and the progress that has been made and what is coming up in the following year.

Dr. Ledbetter then reviewed the status of current projects going on within the County and the progress that has been made. He then advised what projects the Board can expect to be coming up in 2022.

Virginia Church has resigned from the Land Bank Authority, her last day will be January 31st. Staff at the City and the County would like for the Land Bank to be reformed into a Land Trust Model and asked to pause their budget until a new model to include rebuild, reframe and reform can be created. Staff is asking that funding between now and the end of the fiscal year be suspended.

5. Assessment of County Manager's performance to date.

The Board then reviewed the County Manager's performance during his first six months at Spalding County and advised what they would like to see in the upcoming months.

6. Receive input from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners on what projects they are wanted to Focus on in 2022.

Dr. Ledbetter then asked the Board what projects they would like to focus on in 2022 and discussed the projects they presented so that staff will know what the Board's expectations are for the upcoming year.

The Board asked that the following items be made a priority for the TSPLOST projects:

Sidewalks

- (1) North Hill Street
- (2) Carver Road
- (3) Spalding Street/High Falls Road

The Board asked that Benville Drive be moved to the top of the repaving list for TSPLOST and that the remainder of the list be addressed as presented to in the referendum.

7. Direction to define the Path Forward.

Discussion surrounded the path staff and the Board would need to take to show progress in the projects discussed for 2022.

The Board asked that staff focus on:

- Succession Planning for staff planning pending retirements of the next the next 1-2 years.
- Code Enforcement
- Staff Relocation once DFCS Staff has moved out of the building.
- Community Centers at schools
- Sewer
- Equipment

- Update the Ethic's Ordinance for conduct unbecoming and schedule a workshop to work through the proposed ordinance.
- Building Code update with a date.

Dr. Ledbetter then advised that there are serious problems with the water and sewer at the jail and asked the Board to allocate some of the ARPA funding for these repairs. The Board gave consensus to receive bids for the emergency work.

Consensus of the Board was to allocate:

- \$3 million to address the repairs needed at the Spalding County Jail from the ARPA funding.
 - \$2 million for the Aquatic Center.
 - Focus on Code Enforcement through the remainder of the calendar year.
8. Update the Board on what has been done to date in support of the Department of Family and Children Services and next steps to be taken for their pending move.

Dr. Ledbetter updated the Board on the steps being taken with the Department of Family and Children Services and the assistance that has been offered to support the move into other locations within the city.

V. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.**