

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Extraordinary Session
Monday, June 20, 2022
6:00 PM
Room 108, Spalding County Annex Building**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session on Monday, June 20th, 2022, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners James Dutton, Rita Johnson, Ryan Bowlden and Gwen Flowers-Taylor 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

The Invocation was delivered by Commissioner James Dutton, District #2.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor requested to amend the agenda to include a new Item V to discuss the observance of Juneteenth as a holiday in Spalding County.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to amend the agenda to include discussion on the observance of Juneteenth as a holiday in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Consider presentation of a Service Award to Cathy Leach for 40 Years of Service to Spalding County in the State Court Office.

Ms. Leach was awarded her 40-year plaque and Judge Thacker advised that she has been an integral part of his office for many years.

V. AGENDA AMENDMENT ITEM

1. Discuss making Juneteenth a holiday in Spalding County and compensation for the employees who worked today which is a Federal Holiday.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then ask the Board to consider drafting a Resolution to make Juneteenth a holiday in Spalding County and that the employees who worked this holiday be allowed to take an additional floating holiday at another time between now and the end of the year.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson for staff to draft a

Resolution recognizing Juneteenth as a holiday for Spalding County employees and that every employee who worked the holiday this year be allowed to take a discretionary holiday between now and the end of this year. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VI. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the eleven months ended May 31, 2022.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to accept the financial statements for the eleven months ended May 31, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VII. 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.

Spoke about the concerns surrounding the dog shooting.

Rev. Ken Smith, 935 Campground Road, Griffin, Georgia
Brandy Bayard, 135 Bethany Road
Bryan Moxley Aldridge, 2221 Macon Road
Keegan Prescott, 808 Carver Road

Spoke about the Animal Shelter and what good work is going on there.

Vickie Hennessy, 208 Seminary Ridge
Rebecca Skelton, Volunteer at the Shelter

Kerry Gebler, 646 MacArthur Drive, spoke about the AKC Trailer and the purpose of that trailer.

Christine Thomas, 400 N. Rover Road, spoke regarding speed limits, the school zones and the marshal.

Mike Laster, 1415 Vineyard Road, spoke about the Aquatic Center.

VIII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of Minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on June 6, 2022, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on June 9, 2022.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the Minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on June 6, 2022, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on June 9, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA -

1. Consider a Resolution on second and final reading amending the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Division I - Laws of Local Application, Part II – Governing Administration - Chapter 2 - Elections; Section 2.1 - Board established districts to add a Section (p) Appointment for Vacancy.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve a Resolution on second and final reading amending the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Division I - Laws of Local Application, Part II –Governing Administration - Chapter 2 - Elections; Section 2.1 - Board established districts to add a Section (p) Appointment for Vacancy. Motion carried unanimously by all.

X. OLD BUSINESS -

1. Lift from the table and consider request for amplification for the Shield of Faith Christian Center located at 916 Harlow Avenue to host a Block Party on July 3, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This matter was tabled at the June 6th meeting pending additional information on Harlow Avenue.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to lift from the table and consider a request for amplification for the Shield of Faith Christian Center located at 916 Harlow Avenue to host a Block Party on July 3, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that he had talked with Jessica O'Connor at the City and she had advised the procedure for handling the event should it be held out on the street. We also contacted Mr. Clark at the Shield of Faith Christian Center who advised that the event would be held on the property of the center and would not go out into the road.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve the amplification permit for the Shield of Faith Christian Center located at 916 Harlow Avenue to host a Block Party on July 3, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XI. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Consider on first reading adoption of the FY2023 Budget Ordinance.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that the total Revenue Funds for the FY 2023 Budget is \$62,575,795 with a balanced budget for expenditures. He then advised that we could make the Budget Ordinance available on line so the residents will have access to review the Ordinance.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to adopt on first reading the FY 2023 Budget Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Consider approval of the FY'23 CSBG Program Proposal from Three Rivers Regional Commission.

Ms. Jeannie Brantley, Planning Director for Three Rivers Regional Commission advised that CSBG is the Community Services Block Grant and this is the annual proposal in the amount of \$168,314.00 which will provide services to low and moderate income individuals within Spalding County. These funds will be utilized for programs for children at the Salvation Army, home delivered meals for senior citizens in the community through the Senior Center, a youth nutrition program which will provide backpack meals for under privileged youth through the Spalding Collaborative and it includes a 15% Administration Fee and software and the maintenance of that software that has to be used to administer this program.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve the FY'23 CSBG Proposal from Three Rivers Regional Commission. Motion carried unanimously by all.

3. Consider approval of the FY23 5307 and 5311 Transit Agreement to continue Spalding County Transit Services for fiscal year 2023.

Mr. Tommy Kennedy, Transit Program Director for Three Rivers Regional Commission advised this is the Transit Agreement to continue the Spalding County Transit Services for FY'23. He stated that since the population has grown within the County the services will now qualify for 5307 and 5311 funding. Services provided to individuals in rural Spalding County will be charged against the 5307 funds, but the local services will now be charged to 5311 funding.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the FY23 Transit Agreement for 5307 and 5311 Transit Services in Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Review of the Annual Report for Spalding County issued by the Child Protocol Committee.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that the report this evening is from Judge Rita Cavanaugh, who is required by law to provide this update to the Board on an annual basis. According to the report, all investigations have been completed for the Child Abuse Protocol for Spalding County without findings. Staff is

recommending acceptance of the letter.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to accept the review of the Annual Report for Spalding County issued by the Child Protocol Committee. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider review of a proposal from NOVA to provide Building Department services, plan review and code inspections for Spalding County.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that we have Mr. Bill Duck joining us for this discussion. We have been using Charles Abbott and Associates for a number of years and staff has done a thorough review of all the services currently provided and then asked for quotes from other vendors across the State of Georgia. What we learned is by making the transition over to the NOVA group, Spalding County will be saving approximately \$116,000 annually. Staff's recommendation is that we proceed with a transition from Charles Abbott to NOVA services over the next month.

Mr. William "Bill" Duck with NOVA Engineering and Environmental stated that they appreciate the opportunity to provide Spalding County with a proposal. There are two main things that we believe in: (1) Is taking care of our customers which includes the County, the builders and the citizens of the County. (2) We do that by providing professional, trained, and certified inspectors. With these two things in place, we can provide you with a great service for your County.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that we have had services from another agency for the past two years and she would like to know how NOVA coped with any personnel shortages they experienced over the past two years.

Mr. Duck stated that they have struggled like everybody else, but they have been very fortunate in that we have a number of jurisdictions that we currently have under contract, and they have been very fortunate in being able to hire good, qualified people. One of the things they have done is worked on getting young people into the trade because that is area in which companies struggle a lot.

NOVA has brought young people in who have an interest and a background knowledge of construction, but don't have certifications and we have taken those individuals and put them in the field with certified people who have trained them and assisted them in getting their certifications. This has been of great benefit to us.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked how many people will be on the ground in Spalding County?

Mr. Duck advised that right now they plan to have two individuals, one Building Official who will supervise the operations, plans review and assist with inspections and one Building Inspector. We have talked about an additional inspector and once we determine the workload demands it, we will have him here. We currently have approximately 30 inspectors in this area working in other communities and we also do a lot of third-party inspections for contractors during COVID. So, we do have a pool of third-party inspectors who can fill in during vacation times or whenever someone is out sick or

should the volume of work demand it, we do have people we can “plug in” to cover those times.

Commissioner Dutton then asked the term of the contract.

Dr. Ledbetter advised it would be for one year which affords us the opportunity to do an assessment of the work.

Commissioner Dutton then stated that we have had places building in Spalding County that passed inspection but shouldn't have passed inspection. He just wants to make sure that NOVA is going to be on the job, making the necessary inspections and will not let anything slide because a contractor has “jumped ahead” and put-up walls without the proper inspection.

Mr. Duck advised that his inspectors have no problem having builders tear our sheetrock or do whatever needs to be done to ensure that the building is inspected properly.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve NOVA to provide Building Department services, plan review and code inspections for Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Paige Hadley with Blue Cypress Consulting, LLC. is here to update the Board on the Comprehensive Plan and Bill Ross with Ross and Associates will join Ms. Hadley to update the Board on the Impact Fee Program.

Ms. Hadley advised that Mr. Ross was not able to attend this evening. She then gave a presentation on the CIE and the progress being made on the Comp Plan.

7. Consider request to send out letters to the cities of Griffin, Sunny Side and Orchard Hill to renegotiate the distribution of revenues received from the Local Option Sales Tax.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that Georgia Law requires that all Cities and Counties renegotiate the distribution of the revenues received from the Local Option Sales Tax. Spalding County's renegotiation must take place during the 2022 calendar year and it is the responsibility of the County governing authority to issue the call for LOST renegotiation and to notify the State Department of Revenue that renegotiation has been initiated. There are three letters inside of the Agenda Packet this evening placing a call for notice to our three cities for the LOST renegotiation.

Mr. Ledbetter then advised that he has spoke with Jessica O'Connor with the City of Griffin and they have set a date for the initial conversation to start the negotiation on July 15th at 9:00 a.m. Staff is recommending that the Board approve the distribution of the LOST renegotiation letters to the three cities in Spalding County so that we can begin the renegotiation for the LOST.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve staff to send out letters to the cities of Griffin, Sunny Side and Orchard Hill to renegotiate the distribution of revenues received from the Local Option Sales Tax. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider on first reading an amendment to the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Division I - Laws of Local Application, Part II - Governing Administration - Chapter 12 - Code of Ethics; repealing conflicting ordinances and parts thereof; and restating the code as modified by this Ordinance.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve on first reading an amendment to the Spalding County Code of Ordinances, Division I - Laws of Local Application, Part II - Governing Administration - Chapter 12 - Code of Ethics; repealing conflicting ordinances and parts thereof; and restating the code as modified by this Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider request from Warren Epstein & Associates, the architects for the Rosenwald School project requesting an additional \$5,275.00 for overages on the project.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that this is an overage on the construction at the Rosenwald School, the budget ordinance states that he cannot move funds to accommodate this request, so it has to be brought to the Board for consideration. This evening we have Kelly Carmichael and Ms. Morgan here to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the overages for the project.

Ms. Carmichael advised that the contractors are now working on the interior finishings for the project, and we are now at a deficit of \$5,275. These additional costs are to cover features of the restored classrooms. In review of photos of the original classroom and the photos show stained trim around the room and around the windows and doorways which costs \$4,515. We want to restore as much of the original integrity of the classroom as possible.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the request from Warren Epstein & Associates, the architects for the Rosenwald School project requesting an additional \$5,275.00 for overages on the project. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider approval of a contract with MEJA Construction, Inc. for construction of an Aquatic Center.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that at the last meeting we discussed the funding of this project, but he did not present the actual contract. This evening we are presenting the actual contract for your consideration. MEJA is the low bidder for the contract and Brian Upson with Paragon is here this evening to answer any questions you may have about the contract.

Mr. Upson stated that he is here this evening to talk about the two bids that were submitted on this project. MEJA is considered a local contractor, they are from an adjoining county and the second contractor was Sheraton Construction out of Bibb County.

There were five additive alternate options and one deduct option given to each bidder for consideration. The five additive options were bleachers at the pool, color finish to the lobby concrete floor, add additional parking along the road and associated walls and curbs, add roundabout drop off and sod south of the building and add landscaping shrubs and sod. The deduct alternate was to

delete one bay of the instructional pool. So, if you accept the five alternate options and not accept the deduct alternate the total bid for MEJA is \$10,071,250 which is the low bid. Sheraton Construction had a bid of \$10,966,816.

Mr. Upson then added that all of the bidders had to be prequalified before they were allowed to bid. Initially we had four bidders who submitted, but we were only able to qualify two bidders based on their experience and references. These two bidders were prequalified, and we have checked the bonding, the insurance and we have a contract. We are here to recommend that you accept the MEJA Construction contract.

Dr. Ledbetter confirmed that is also the staff recommendation.

Mr. Upson stated that this is a lump sum contract that was based on the plans and specs. Mr. Upson then advised there has been value engineering done throughout the contract so if we find a way to save on costs, we will bring it back to the Board.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the contract with MEJA Construction, Inc. for construction of an Aquatic Center with the five additions of \$10,071,250. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission for a Task Order Form to perform an engineering study of locations and determine the cost of possible pickleball court expansion.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to table a recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission for a Task Order Form to perform an engineering study of locations and determine the cost of possible pickleball court expansion. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- Dr. Ledbetter stated he would start on a somber report. On the day of the incident when the County Marshal shot the dog, he spoke with Sheriff Dix by phone. He is grateful for the Sheriff and his team and during that call the decision was made that Sheriff Dix would conduct a thorough investigation of the incident. Please note that we are not holding anything back from our community.

Sheriff Dix and his investigators are performing the investigation, they are interviewing everyone involved, reviewing body cam footage and meticulously documenting their findings. As of this afternoon, Sheriff Dix has revoked Mr. Web's deputization and he is no longer with the County. The investigation continues and more information will become available to our community as soon as the Sheriff has completed the investigation.

- Please join us tomorrow night for our 3rd and final public hearing for our Comprehensive Plan. At the third meeting series, presenters will highlight draft plan recommendations and get public feedback on proposed updates and

changes to the proposed Comprehensive Plan. This is an in-person meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening from 6 to 8pm.

- Georgia Transmission Company will host a public meeting in Griffin to address the relocation of two transmission lines conflicting with construction and operation of the planned Griffin+Spalding County Airport. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Southside Baptist Church, 1332 Zebulon Road. Residents may drop in anytime during those hours to hear from representatives of Georgia Transmission Company and to voice their support or concern of the proposed relocation.
- Extreme heat often results in the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards. Spalding County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management urges county residents to take steps to beat the heat. Chief Glen Polk, our EMA Director reminds us that “people most at risk for heat-related illness are seniors, infants, and people with circulation problems. We encourage those at greatest risk to remain indoors and drink plenty of water during these hot summer months.”
- The Making Tracks Travel Club is planning a Farewell to Big Blue next week. Commissioners are invited to attend.
- Our Summer Camp is going well this year, and the Boost Grant program continues. Ms. Carmichael shared with staff this morning the program is using Rubrics to assess critical thinking and information processing skills. Investing in those participating in the Summer Camp is priceless.
- Parks & Leisure Services is partnering with our Library this Wednesday at 10:00 at Airport Road Park. Come join the event.
- The Health Department will be offering COVID-19 tests tomorrow morning. If you need a booster, please make an appointment on their website.
- Disc Golf Tournament this weekend
- T-SPLOST resurfacing work began today. They started work on Landing Way and West Ellis.
- Our Public Works Department continues to clean up storm debris from last week. Huge kudos to the team for working diligently and tirelessly to clean up after the wind damage.
- This marks week 3 of our new fire recruit class. We currently have seven (7) who are working through the hot Georgia heat to become Spalding County fire fighters.
- Our Fire Department is hosting a bus driver career day this week. We're partnering with the Griffin-Spalding County School System to encourage fire

fighters to become school bus drivers. Kudos to Chief Byrd and Chief Polk for their partnership with our school system.

- Chief Byrd has completed our Continuation of Operation Plan for the County and we will distribute this document for review. Our plan is to review the material at least annually to ensure that we have the needed focus on continuous operations should the circumstances arise.
- Thank you to Paige Hatley and Bill Ross for their presentation tonight for our Capital Improvement Element update to our Comprehensive Plan.

XIII. REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER – None.

XIV. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita Johnson – Thanked the Board for amending the Agenda to recognize the Juneteenth Holiday. She took advantage of some of the events over the weekend and she hates there was an oversight in letting the employees off for the holiday, but she is glad that we made it right for the employees and the celebration of the accomplishments of African Americans.

She then thanked everyone for coming out this evening, this is how your voices get heard. As the County Manager stated, there is an investigation going on and it will be interesting to hear the results of that investigation.

She then stated that she is interested in learning more about the CIE Plan. She would like to know what comes out of the two public hearings that are coming up.

Ryan Bowlden – Stated that he is glad to see the equipment at Landing Way and to see that the TSPLOST projects are beginning to move along.

He then thanked everyone to come to the meeting tonight. He hates that it is under these circumstances, but it really means a lot and he encourages everyone to come to all of the meetings. He asked that they don't go by what is said on social media and asked for them to come to the meetings, that is the only way we can hear your voice.

He thanked the County Manager for turning the matter over to the Sheriff, but from now on let's use our Citizen Engagement specialists to get the information out and let people know what is going on.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor – Stated that she was offended by the display that some of the audience made this evening which to her made it appear to be a racial thing and that is not what this is about. She stated that she has five pets and this whole situation has hurt her because she hates to think of any pet being killed or anything awful happening to them.

She then stated that anybody can make a mistake. You just need to own up to your mistake and move on to the next place. She is not responsible and she doesn't feel the County Manager is responsible for everything that somebody does just because they work for Spalding County. You come in, you apply for a job, you are dressed nice and your paperwork is right. That is all we expect of people. When you act poorly and you do bad things there are consequences that go along with it.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that she is the first not to judge before

she gets all of the information. What she can say about her experience at the shelter is she has never seen that shelter cleaner or run more efficiently, had more input from the community and more children in that shelter than she has ever seen. There may be some other things that were a problem with our Marshal, but that was not one of them. You can have your own opinion, but I am telling you what I know and what I've seen when I have volunteered there.

This has been an awful thing, but we need to get past it. It needs to be a learning experience and we need to take this and find the person or persons who best represent us and cares about not only the people, but about animals. She reiterated that it has been an awful experience for everyone and from just looking at the emails she still can't figure out how people are holding her responsible about the dog getting shot. If this is your only opportunity to get at us, pick one that's relevant.

James Dutton – He also thanked everyone for coming this evening. Whether you agree or disagree with him, come and get involved. The emails that have come in matter, whether we like them or not, whether we agree with them or not, they are important and we appreciate them.

He then stated that he didn't know that the City of Griffin had made Juneteenth a holiday. He hopes that we can organize a parade to celebrate this event and he will support that in every way that he can.

He appreciates the comments that were made by some of the citizens and Commissioner Flowers-Taylor regarding the new animal shelter. Our new animal shelter really is a night and day transformation. It is not just the new facility, it is the way the new facility is run and it is also the way it is being approached now. He loves the idea of volunteer dog walking and he will be speaking with some of the judges to try to get them to encourage folks to do more community service over there and get their community service hours by going over and walking the dogs.

Commissioner Dutton then stated that it would be illegal to say that the Board sets the speed limits. Speed limits are set via a speed study for an area. We then take the recommendations from that study and make the speed limit. So, yes we do vote on the speed limit, but we don't pick that number. It is the same thing with school zone times. The school determines the times for the school zones because depending on the school, it is different times. He also wanted to make it clear that the Board was not asked for permission to run these cameras. We were asked permission to install the tag reader technology, but the school zone technology was implemented by the school board.

He is excited about the Aquatic Center. He knows that what was "pitched" and what we are getting are dramatically different and it is his hope that at some point we will be able to install a splash pad at this location as well. It is also his hope that we will be able to put one where the sand volleyball field is at Fairmont.

What happened this week is a tragedy. He had been out of town when the incident occurred and when he got back he found out what had happened. He immediately contacted the County Manager and staff and was told one thing, just to learn that what they had been told was not correct. The Sheriff is doing an excellent job in his investigation and he feels that what has transpired today is a step in the right direction. He told the Sheriff earlier today that we want this to be a full, complete,

no stone left unturned investigation. We want it to be done as quickly as possible, but we want it to be done thoroughly and as soon as it is completed we want it to be totally transparent. Because there is an ongoing investigation, we can't tell you what we know. Once the investigation is over, everything that is to be known about this incident will be made totally public.

He then commended Dr. Ledbetter by saying that we have to respond to the facts that we know. As we are given information, we have to respond to that information. You trust the people that we work with, you trust the people who work under you and he feels that Dr. Ledbetter is doing an excellent job and he appreciates how hard Dr. Ledbetter has worked on this to be proactive, even though the public is not currently seeing it.

Regarding the meetings to move the transmission lines for the new airport, it is like pulling teeth to get through the State, Federal and transmission bureaucracy. It is an absolute nightmare. We have been working toward getting a new airport for over a decade now.

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

Ms. Windham stated that several weeks ago she had been asked by Dr. Ledbetter if she would check into a potential GBI Investigation. We had been given the name of a couple investigators: Ms. Devon Evans and Mr. Adam Thompson, both of whom are investigators with the GBI. Ms. Windham spoke with Devon Evans and asked specifically if Dr. Ledbetter was under investigation. Her response was there were different departments within the City of Woodbury that are subject to an active GBI investigation. She had interviewed Dr. Ledbetter, he had answered her questions and they had nothing more to ask of him. While she would not comment further, based on the fact that it is an ongoing and active investigation, the investigation is against departments within the City of Woodbury, not against Dr. Ledbetter. She did say they had not yet interviewed Mr. Smart Web, but that they would be doing so in the future. She does not know if that has happened yet or not.

Clay Davis stated that he wanted to thank the Sheriff like everyone else. As we heard Commissioner Dutton state, when something happens we are bound legally on what we can and cannot do. We feel extremely confident in everything the Sheriff has done and the actions that he has taken. He understands the situation and how it is effecting our community.

He thanked the County Attorney for her comments. He hopes that no one else has to go through what Dr. Ledbetter has gone through recently from the things that were said about him and at him during this situation. He is a wonderful County Manager, stuck in a bad situation and trying to do everything he can to balance what is legal versus what the public wants.

The next meeting scheduled for July 4th will not take place because of the holiday, so the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be July 18th at 6:00 p.m.

XV. CLOSED SESSION – None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowden to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.