



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

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular on Monday, June 6, 2022, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners James Dutton, Ryan Bowlden and Gwen Flowers-Taylor were present for the meeting. Commissioner Rita Johnson was absent from the meeting. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham via ZOOM /Attorney Karl Broder attending for Ms. 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 Pastor Will Doss of Eagles Way Church.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Consider approval of a Proclamation declaring June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth Celebration Day in Spalding County.

Dr. Ledbetter read the Proclamation declaring June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth Celebration Day in Spalding County.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve a proclamation declaring June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth Celebration Day in Spalding County.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that while some members of the Board see this as a step forward because last year we were not able to approve a Juneteenth Freedom Day Proclamation. The issue has always been, for her, to have the information accurate and she feels that this document, which was not written by black people for black people, does not represent what she understands what Juneteenth is to be a celebration of. Clearly, if you are acknowledging that you are free, it is an Independence Day for African Americans in this Country. For those who feel we are making a step forward, in this case she applauds them, but she has to say that personally that is not her sentiment and she doesn't believe it will be the sentiment of the residents of Spalding County.

Motion carried 3-0 (Flowers-Taylor).

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – None.

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.

Joann Brown, N. 9th Street, Griffin stated that she was here to ask that the County, City and the Board of Education to consider starting prayer in schools. She feels like prayer is the only thing that is going to help our current situation and encouraged the Board to support any effort to reimplement prayer in our schools.

Spoke against the Juneteenth Proclamation as written:

Stanley Atkins, II, 200 Peppertree, Griffin, GA

Nicole Jones, did not wish to give her address.

Donald Driver, 534 Moore Street, Griffin, GA.

Peter J. Cabrel, Sunnyside, Ga. stated that he is the Chairman of the Griffin-Spalding Libertarian Party and asked that the Board consider eliminating any non-essential services from the Budget.

Kathy Ethridge, 11 Charlotte Court, Griffin stated this is her second time appearing before the Board regarding the stormwater erosion problem on her property and her neighbors' property.

VII. MINUTES -

1. Consider approval of Minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on May 16, 2022, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on May 24, 2022, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on May 26, 2022.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to approve the Minutes for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on May 16, 2022, the Spalding County

Board of Commissioners Work Session on May 24, 2022, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on May 26, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by all.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING -

1. Receive Public Comment on proposed FY23 Budget.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to open a Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that no one had signed up to speak for the Public Hearing. He then asked if anyone would like to make a public comment on the Budget as it is presented.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by all.

X. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Consider approval of FY 2022-year end budget amendments.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, advised that this year she has given the Board her memorandum outlining the Budget Amendments and if the Board has any questions, she will try to answer them.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to approve the FY 2022 year end budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, will present an update on the 2016 SPLOST revenues and expenditures.

Ms. Garrison stated that the 2016 SPLOST ended in March of this year. The total collected was \$61,606,928. Spalding County's portion is \$33,828,364. That is total sales taxes collected. Additionally, we received \$14,000 in April and it will continue to trickle in for people who file quarterly. So there will be a little bit more money, but the amount indicated is for the 73 months of collections.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked what the split for the SPLOST funding was?

Ms. Garrison advised that the County's portion was 54.9% which was decided on in the Resolution between the County and the City when the 2016 SPLOST Resolution was signed.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked what percentage was for Orchard Hill and Sunny Side?

Ms. Garrison stated that the City got 45% and we got 54%.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that Sunny Side and Orchard Hill was less than 1%?

Chairman Davis stated that the County agreed to fund the projects for Sunny Side and the City agreed to do the projects for Orchard Hill and they didn't get a percentage at all.

Ms. Garrison stated that both the City and the County paid Orchard Hill and Sunny Sides amounts up front so they could get started on their projects.

We sold \$8.8 million in Bonds, and we were able to sell at a premium, so we actually took in \$1,024,619 more than we anticipated. We have completely liquidated the Bond Fund. The projects are listed on the sheet entitled 2016 Bonded Projects. Of these projects, Heritage Park is in here and we are completing Heritage Park with pay-as-you-go money.

Ms. Garrison then advised that under the pay-as-you-go projects, we have a budget of \$17,373,000. \$9.1 million of this is transportation projects that were determined at the beginning that you wanted to spend the transportation money on. Also included are the other projects that the Board decided to include later.

Commissioner Dutton stated that a parent called him today to let him know that the fields at Ambucs park are in shambles. He went and walked the park today and the parent is right, those fields are in shambles, but according to this we still have about ½ million in the SPLOST funds.

Ms. Garrison then asked T.J. Imberger if we are having a bid opening tomorrow on HVAC at City Park and Ambucs Park?

Mr. Imberger advised they were having a bid opening for the HVAC at these two locations and that the ball fields would be completely redone closer to ball season. We recondition the fields right before ball season begins.

3. 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.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor questioned if Harlow Avenue was a County Road. She stated that part of the street is in the County, but part of the street is also in the City and she isn't sure of we can grant permission for them to utilize the street for a Block Party without permission from the City of Griffin as well.

Chairman Davis asked that County Manager Ledbetter contact the City of Griffin to ascertain if they have any problem with this Block Party taking place.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to table the 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. until the June 20th meeting to give staff the opportunity to talk with the City of Griffin about this event. Motion carried unanimously by all.

4. Consider approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the care and custody of State Offenders at the Spalding County Correctional Institute.

Deputy Warden Anthony Washington stated that this is an annual contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections to house the prisoners at the Correctional Institution. The County receives \$22.00 per day for each inmate housed at the CI. Currently they are housing 350 Inmates which equates to \$7,700 per day and \$2,810,000 annually for the current population. When the CI is at full capacity it would be \$8,848 a day which would equate to over \$3,830,000 annually. This is a standard contract that covers housing, food and clothing for the inmates.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked when the last time the rate in which the State reimburses us has been raised.

Deputy Warden Washington stated that two years ago the rate was \$20.00 per day and had been at that rate for years and the \$2.00 a day increase is something that has happened in the last two years.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked how much it actually costs Spalding County to house these inmates?

Deputy Warden Washington stated that when you consider the food, clothing and shelter, it does probably cost the County more than the \$22.00 a day. He does not have that information in front of him this evening.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated the reason she is saying this is because if it costs us \$10 million to let somebody be housed at the CI, then maybe we need to let them stay somewhere else and then we can save ourselves \$8 million. If we are talking about being efficient. That is why she is asking these questions. While we may be providing a service, that is really not what we are OCGA required to do and if it is costing us five times what we are being paid, in any business situation you cut your losses.

Deputy Warden Washington then stated that what this does not show is the amount of money that the inmate labor provides the County on a regular basis.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she would like to look at the amount of money that we have going out and coming in for this service.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that we currently have six graduate students from UGA supporting us between now and the end of the year to develop a dashboard for us so that we can answer those questions. At first, it looks like an absolute wash based on the amount of inmate labor that we have available for us and

the amount of money coming it in, it looks like it is a net zero. But he had the exact same question and that is one of the reasons why he feels it is extremely important that we have our dashboards in place so that we can keep track of what is going on. We need a cost benefit analysis for what we do for our community.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections for the care and custody of State Offenders at the Spalding County Correctional Institute. Motion carried unanimously by all.

5. Consider request from the Spalding County Correctional Institute to continue the Smart Communications contract that provides Video Visitation for the inmates.

Deputy Warden Washington stated that they went under contract with Smart Communications in 2017 and it provides video visitation for the inmates. The contract provides tablets that the inmates can use for a fee and visit with their loved ones without it being a face-to-face visitation.

Commissioner Dutton then advised that it is actually a revenue generating program. We actually get more back than it costs.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if this type of visitation was in lieu of the face-to-face plastic window visitation?

Deputy Warden Washington stated that this has been the mode of visitation during COVID, but they are hoping to open back up this week for face-to-face visitation. They will continue the video visitation as well.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked how much this service costs?

Deputy Warden Washington stated that the service actually costs the County nothing. The company provides the equipment, they come in and give us tablets and the video visitation costs the inmate 15 cents per minute.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked if there is a time limit on how long an inmate can talk?

Deputy Warden Washington stated there is a 15-minute limit placed on the video visitation.

Commissioner Dutton stated that it was very useful during COVID when the inmate couldn't have face-to-face with their attorney, this was available for them.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve the request from the Spalding County Correctional Institution to continue the Smart Communications Contract that provides Video Visitation for the inmates. Motion carried unanimously by all.

6. Consider request from the Spalding County Accountability Court to accept the grant Award from the State of Georgia for FY23.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that this request is for a program coordinator, law enforcement officer, treatment provider, lab technician, drug testing supplies and in State training and travel for those who are participating as a part of the Accountability Court. The total award for the contract is \$174,000 of which \$153,961 is part of the grant and the County's match is \$20,995. This is the annual contract for the Accountability Court through the CJCC. Staff's recommendation is for approval.

Commissioner Dutton then asked if this was for the Veterans Mental Health Court or the Drug Court?

Dr. Ledbetter advised that it was for the Veterans Mental Health Court.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the request from the Spalding County Accountability Court to accept the grant Award from the State of Georgia for FY23.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if the \$20,995 expected from the County was in-kind where we provide a location or something. Or do we just pay that out of our General Fund.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that the \$20,995 is in the budget out of the General Fund for this match.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that she was under the impression that all of the funding came from the grant. She was not aware that we had a required match for this court.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that prior to this Judge Thacker provided the \$20,995 out of his salary. He asked to have that stopped when he came before the Board in February of this year.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated we are now funding them the \$20,995 and now we are going to fund them a 6-month position?

Dr. Ledbetter stated that the 6-month position is in front of them moving from 20 to 25 people as a part of the Veterans Court and when we go over that threshold, then the State will pick up that funding.

Motion carried unanimously by all.

7. Consider request from the Spalding County Public Works Department to declare vehicles and equipment as surplus so that the items can be sold.

T.J. Imberger, Director of Parks, and Public Works stated the list provided in the request is the latest list of equipment and vehicles to be declared surplus so we can go ahead and sell at auction.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve a request from the

Spalding County Public Works Department to declare vehicles and equipment as surplus so that the items can be sold. Motion carried unanimously by all.

8. Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to update the Fee Schedule for FY2023.

Kelly Carmichael, Supervisor of Leisure Services, stated that each year the Commission reviews the fees charged for the services that we manage in Leisure Services. The Board was provided a list of the current fees and the proposed fees. She stated that they try to look at the fees in terms of sustainability and through cost benefit analysis. Ms. Carmichael then reviewed the fee schedule with the Board.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked if the increase in Membership Dues for the Senior Center affects anyone that is Silver Sneaker eligible.

Ms. Carmichael stated that it would not affect any Silver Sneaker eligible member. We actually have three Medicare supplement insurance programs that pay for up to 10 visits per month for individuals who have those benefits. With those programs, whether they live in County or out of County, we cannot charge a membership fee. It has been a very beneficial program.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked the number of members who are and are not Silver Sneakers eligible.

Ms. Carmichael stated there are 228 private pay memberships out of 934 total members. We advocate that everyone checks with their supplemental insurance, and we check when they join to see what benefit they may qualify for.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the fee schedule as presented by the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to update the Fee Schedule for FY2023. Motion carried unanimously by all.

9. Consider recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to approve a brick paver project for the Pickleball Association.

Mr. Imberger stated that the Spalding County Pickleball Association presented a request to the Leisure Services Commission at their last meeting asking for permission to sell fundraising bricks. The purpose of the bricks are twofold: to honor some folks that have served the association for many years and they have some supporters who would like to show support in financial ways. What they are looking to do is, as they purchase the bricks, they will be installed along the sidewalks that lead to the concession stand. This will provide more walking area and eliminate some of the stone ground cover in the area. They would purchase all of the materials needed for the installation.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that the bricks will be placed in an area that is currently pervious. Will the bricks be laid in such a way that the area

will continue to be previous?

Mr. Imberger stated that they will have to purchase materials to allow for drainage underneath the bricks. They would not install an area where that would be a problem. They will keep this in consideration as they move forward, and they will approve the location of the bricks as they are ready to be installed.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-taylor to approve a request from the Pickleball Association for a brick paver project. Motion carried unanimously by all.

10. Consider on a Resolution on first 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.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that this is one of the ordinances the Board reviewed in our workshop a few weeks ago. Ms. Windham took the comments that were made during that discussion and has made the appropriate changes to the document being considered this evening.

Stephanie Windham, County Attorney, reviewed for the Board the changes that she had made to the Ordinance after the last meeting. The item under consideration this evening is Section (p) only. The remainder of the Ordinance is going to have to be revised due to the changes in the voting districts, but this will be done at a later date. The only thing being considered this evening is section (p) with the knowledge there are several ordinances that we need to change because they are outdated.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve on first reading of 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; subsection (p) Appointment for Vacancy. Motion carried unanimously by all.

11. Consider request from staff to reallocate ARPA funds for construction of the Aquatic Center.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that the 2016 SPLOST Report Card highlights a budget number of \$4,690,000 for the Aquatic Center. We have expended \$492,798.50 on engineering activity to prepare for the construction of the Aquatic Center which leaves \$4,197,201.50 for use toward construction.

The County has received \$6,478,138 to date for our American Rescue Plan Funds which represents ½ of the funds that we will receive in total. The total amount of ARPA funds that we will receive, will equate to \$12,956,276. Of these funds, the Treasury Department has afforded us the opportunity to move \$10 million into our General Fund as lost revenue due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Staff's recommendation, should the Board decide to move

forward with the construction of the Aquatic Center, is to use \$5,874,048.50 from the ARPA Funds.

Why is this important? The low bid for the Spalding County Aquatic Center totaled \$10,072,000. This included the alternatives requested such as bleachers, staining and sealing the concrete floors, the additional parking and the drop-off area and landscaping. The \$10 million that represents the total build of the Aquatic Center is substantially more than what was budgeted. Staff's recommendation should the Board agree to move forward with the Aquatic Center is to use \$5,874,048.50 toward the construction of the facility.

It is going to be expensive, but we can use the ARPA Funds to supplement the construction of the Aquatic Center should the Board choose to move forward. We are on a short timetable; from the date the bids were opened we were afforded 60 days to decide to move forward per the contract that was written, and the bids received. So, we are within 40 days of that time limitation.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked how much contingency was built into the \$5,874,048.50. Whenever we do a big project there is always money for contingency.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that this is a firm, fixed price project. The bid was firm fixed price, there was no contingency afforded.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then stated that we are going to put this center in a "green" industrial park. Do we know that this plan being considered covers anything solar? Does it cover us sinking any wells so that we're not purchasing water every month? Does it cover having impervious surfaces on the ground so there is no runoff. It is crazy for us to build this in a "green" industrial park and not build it as a green facility. She would rather have the money and not spend it than to not allocate it and we get to the end, and we don't have the money to fix it.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to reallocate \$6 million out of the ARPA funds for construction of the Aquatic Center. Motion carried unanimously by all.

12. Chairman Davis has requested the County Manager update the Board on the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS), Comprehensive Plan, LOST and Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). Where are we in these processes and future steps to be taken?

Dr. Ledbetter stated that this is the year of planning. We have five major plans going on: the Comprehensive Plan, the Service Delivery Strategy, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, LOST Negotiation and the biggest one for us is "Raising the Bar" for Zoning Ordinances. We will be starting the discussions for upgrading our Zoning Ordinances this week with Municode.

Chairman Davis then added that he wanted everyone to understand that this is a direct result of the census. We do the census and after that all of the planning documents have to be updated with the State. This is the year to get

all of those documents updated.

Dr. Ledbetter then added that the Service Delivery Strategy affords us the opportunity to be a Certified Local Government. It is due October 31st, and we are working to make that deadline. The County Attorney, Ms. Stephanie Windham, has completed her review of the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's) and has drafted the IGA's that will need to be reviewed and agreed to by both the County and the City. There is one outstanding, and she will have it finished in the next week or so. Dr. Ledbetter then advised that he and staff are working to consolidate and digitize all of the material to include all of the service delivery maps and we should be finished with all of the updates for that document by next Wednesday and will forward it to you and to the city for review.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor then asked if the issues that would be relevant to the Water Authority had already been discussed with the City.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that we are working through Joseph Johnson to present those back out to the Water and Sewerage Authority for review by that Board.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that she wanted to make sure that the service area is clearly defined, because it has been a blur in the past. If there are areas that the City wants to relinquish because they are not going to provide whatever service for those areas, then we need to try to get that established. Those are the things that the Water Authority can't bring to the table in terms of the agreement. She just wants to make sure that we do not get to the end of SDS negotiations and we have left the main driver out because if they don't water and sewer in we are going to be standing in one spot.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that the maps are a big part of what we have moving forward.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that meeting #3 on the comprehensive plan which is Phase 3: Goals and Action Alignment is scheduled to be updated this month. The meeting goals and outcomes from that are to refine the future development map and to review a preliminary draft of the Community Work Program. These two things are currently being worked on along with a draft document due back to the Board at our Extraordinary Session in July.

Additionally, Paige Hatley and Bill Ross are working through the Methodology Report that includes the long-range project listings and the impact fees that could be charged for each public facility category. We are on track to bring the draft documents back to the Board in July.

Dr. Ledbetter then advised that the current plan is to move from the Service Delivery Strategy directly into negotiating the Local Option Sales Tax distribution model with the City of Griffin. The law states that renegotiations: "... shall be commenced on or before July 1, 2022." It is our responsibility to issue the call for LOST renegotiations and to notify the State Revenue Commissioner that the renegotiation has been initiated. We will bring the

call to the Spalding County Board of Commissioners during our extraordinary meeting scheduled for June 20th.

We do have the “play book” and we are working through the “play book” to make sure that we are in compliance with State Law. This requirement for the LOST renegotiation has to be completed before December 31st of this year.

Dr. Ledbetter provided the Board with an Executive Summary of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan that highlights on page 14 the recommendations, both the short term (1-3 years) and the mid-term (4-6 years) plan moving forward for Spalding County. Paragon Engineering, specifically Brian Upson, continues to support this work and he is sharing with us that Croy Engineering continues to work toward having the project completed the end of 2022 or the first quarter of 2023.

Additionally, Dr. Ledbetter has met with Tommy Kennedy of Three Rivers Regional Commission and the County has asked if we could work on a fixed route. Mr. Kennedy is working on the details to provide us with a cost estimate for what the fixed route would be for our community.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- ✓ Dr. Ledbetter advised that he learned some very interesting things this morning at the weekly staff meeting from Leisure Services:
 - Camp started today.
 - Pickleball Brick Program → We are working on a brick program where you can purchase an engraved brick to be placed at our Tyus Park Pickleball Courts.
 - We have our Ambucs HVAC Pre-Bid meeting this week.
 - Friday is Senior Fishing event.
 - Please visit our Senior Center to learn more about the happenings for Leisure Services.
- ✓ COVID Testing continues Tuesday's from 9:00 am until 11:00 am by appointment.
- ✓ Our Emergency Management will hold a joint exercise on June 15th. This will be a LIVE exercise with multiple jurisdictions as well as WellStar. The exercise will take place on Carver Road and there will be lots of activity going on during the day. More information will become available over the next week. Please watch the County's Social Media sites to learn more.
- ✓ The Notice of Assessments was mailed last Friday and many within our community received their notices today. July 18th is the deadline for appeals.

XII. REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER – None.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Ryan Bowlden – No comment.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor – No comment.

James Dutton – He visited the fields at both Tyus and Ambucs Park. Tyus needs some work, but Ambucs needs some real help. He doesn't know if the fields at Ambucs are even safe to play on right now. He understands there is money and a plan to redo the fields and he will be going back to check, and he hopes these fields show significant improvement.

He loves the idea of more prayers in school. He really feels that Jesus Christ is the only thing that is going to save this County. Faith in the almighty is what is going to pull us out of what we are in right now.

He wanted to give a “shout out” to Officer Sutton of the Griffin Police Department. He is a real unsung hero; many people don't know that Officer Sutton coordinates the City of Griffin Police Department fundraising to provide bikes for children in the community at Christmas time. The money he raises is on behalf of the police department, but it is really him and a couple of other officers doing the work. Right now, he is on a mission to help one of the citizens in our community who needs an electric wheelchair, and he is very close in getting the money to purchase this wheelchair. This isn't government money; it isn't taxpayer money it is strictly donations from local folks who care.

He is worried about the draining issue on Charlotte. If we do have some level of responsibility, we need to make sure that this gets taken care of.

He is also excited about everyone working together on the last SPLOST project and getting the Aquatic Center going.

Clay Davis – Wanted to remind everybody that this is “D” day.

There is an Archway retreat planned for the Commissioners on the afternoon of August 10, 2022. Please try to set your calendars up so that you can attend. This is Archway feedback on what the projects are.

We saw State Farm provide \$10,000 for the CSP for mental health. Just so everyone knows that was brought about by Commissioner Johnson being named one of the outstanding State Farm representatives. She received that honor and designated the money to this cause.

Thank you to T.J. Imberger for the job that was done on Amelia Road, specifically for trying to do what is right on the dirt roads. Chip and seal is almost done and for those who live on a dirt road if you want to see the possible future for dirt roads, go drive Amelia and see what it will look like. This is a pilot program and it will take us a little while to determine if it is successful.

Also, he thanked Mr. Imberger for his being able to fill in at the ACCG County

Commissioners mandatory training when one of the instructors could not attend.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

Consider request for a closed session to Consult with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to enter into an Executive Session to Consult with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1) at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to close the Executive Session to Consult with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1) at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to increase the County Manager's approval limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to pay the deductible on the insurance for Spalding County. Motion carried unanimously by all.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.