



Agenda
Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting
December 30, 2022
10:00 AM
Room 108, Annex Building

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Emergency Meeting on Friday, December 30, 2022, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners James Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and Ryan Bowlden were present for the meeting. Commissioner Rita Johnson joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m. 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)

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Chairman Davis then advised that this emergency meeting was called for the purpose of discussion regarding LOST negotiations with the City of Griffin. The Open Meetings Law allows for emergency meetings to be called with less than 24 hours' notice to the public and the media. The reason for the shortened notice must be included in the minutes of the meeting. The emergent nature of this meeting is due to a lack of time to complete these negotiations, given our deadline of December 30 to present to the Georgia Department of Revenue for approval.

II. INVOCATION

Commissioner James Dutton, District #2, delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider request to conduct an Executive Session for consultation 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 Dutton/Bowlden to enter into an Executive Session for consultation 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 10:03 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to close the Executive Session at 10:33 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.

2. Discussion and vote on proposed LOST distribution.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to reject the City of Griffin's offer of a 60%/40% distribution for the LOST funding. Motion carried 4-1 (Johnson).

Chairman Davis then asked that a copy of the graduated schedule that the County would be sending to the city be placed on the screen for the audience to view the offer.

The graduated schedule for the first five years of the LOST as follows:

As follows for the distributions occurring after January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023:

City of Griffin shall receive 40%
County of Spalding shall receive 60%

As follows for the distributions occurring after January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024:

City of Griffin shall receive 39%
County of Spalding shall receive 61%

As follows for the distributions occurring after January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025:

City of Griffin shall receive 38.5%
County of Spalding shall receive 61.5%

As follows for the distributions occurring after January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2032:

City of Griffin shall receive 38.0%
County of Spalding shall receive 62.0%

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to authorize transmission of the graduated schedule presented in the meeting to the City of Griffin.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated that whatever happens, the County is going to have to look at the budget and make some cuts.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she feels like the county is gambling and putting the funding at risk and she cannot support that.

Motion carried 4-1 (Johnson).

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. motion carried unanimously by all.