



**After Agenda  
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting  
May 1, 2023, 6:00 PM  
Room 108, Annex Building  
119 E. Solomon Street  
Griffin, GA 30223**

**The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, 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 Rita Johnson were present for the meeting. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor was absent from 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) led by Chairman Clay Davis.**

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

**II. INVOCATION**

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

**III. PLEDGE TO FLAG**

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

***Motion/Second by Bowlden/Dutton to amend the Agenda to include an Item #15 under New Business: Consider cancellation of the June 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session as the County Offices will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday and that all agenda items for June 19<sup>th</sup> be moved to the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Zoning Public Hearing for consideration. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

***Motion/Second by Bowlden/Johnson to amend the Agenda to include an Item #16 under New Business: Consider declaring July 3<sup>rd</sup> as a Holiday for county employees in recognition of the dedication, long hours and the hard work performed, going above and beyond what is required to assist the County in recovery from the tornado events earlier this year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

***Motion/Second by Bowlden/Dutton to amend the Agenda to include an Item #17 under New Business: Consider request from staff to reschedule the Public Hearing dates for the FY24 Budget from June 19<sup>th</sup>, the date listed on the Budget Calendar as that date is a holiday. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

1. State Court Solicitor, Patrick Shepherd, would like to recognize Susan Windham for 30 Years of Service to Spalding County.

Patrick Shepherd presented Ms. Windham with a Certificate of Completion for her 30 years of service to Spalding County in the Solicitors Office. He stated that Ms. Windham is the Office Manager, she has been an asset to the Solicitors Office, and it has been an honor and privilege to work with Ms. Windham.

2. Consider a Proclamation to recognize Law Enforcement Appreciation Week on May 14-20 and show our appreciation for the Spalding County Sheriff's Deputies and supporting officers who protect the citizens of this County.

Dr. Ledbetter read the Proclamation and Sheriff Dix was present to receive the Proclamation.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve the Proclamation recognizing Law Enforcement Appreciation Week on May 14-20 and show our appreciation for the Spalding County Sheriff's Deputies and supporting officers who protect the citizens of Spalding County. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

Sheriff Dix thanked the Board for recognizing Law Enforcement in this Community. He would put the Spalding County Sheriff's Department staff up against any other department in the State. We have a great group of people who work very hard to do everything they can to make Spalding County a better place.

3. Presentation of the 20th Annual Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism.

Kellie Carmichael, Director Leisure Services, gave a brief history on the Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism then she introduced Mr. Raakesh "Raak" Patel who is the owner of National Brake and Muffler in Griffin as the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Recipient of the Bain Proctor Award for Volunteerism. Mr. Patel was referred to the nominating committee by City of Griffin Fire Chief Emeritus, Tommy Jones.

Ms. Carmichael then turned the podium over to Travease Bowie. Event Specialist for Spalding County Leisure Services to read Chief Jones nomination:

"I am pleased to offer the nomination of **Raakesh "Raak" Patel** for the 2023 Bain Proctor Award. It is my honor, as one who knew and worked with Bain on many projects, to bring forth such a candidate of high character and a model of community service.

Raak Patel epitomizes the role and definition of the type of citizen that has fueled the engine of the American dream since the founding of this country. Raak was born in the African nation of Zambia and immigrated with his family, first to London, then to the United States, where they settled in Stone Mountain. Before setting out for his dream of becoming a business owner, Raak paid the highest

homage to his new country by, before even becoming a U.S. citizen, joining the United States Marine Corps. Raak attended boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina and was then deployed to a fighter squadron where he maintained the combat readiness of the A-6 Intruder aircraft. His tours of service included the Gulf War, supporting combat operations in Italy, Japan and Okinawa.

Upon his discharge from the Marines, Raak married Seetal Patel, originally from California, then set his sights on realizing his goal of becoming a small business owner. Raak and Seetal purchased National Brake & Muffler, a long-standing and reputable automobile repair shop on the North side of Griffin. They are in their 19<sup>th</sup> year of ownership and have become very successful in the business community. Their business is very active in the Chamber of Commerce.

Honor, Courage, & Commitment, the core values of the Marines, has defined Raak's journey as a citizen of the Griffin-Spalding community. Becoming an American was not meant to ever be an easy task to accomplish. Owning a small business is no picnic as well. However, Raak has fully understood that no life is complete without offering oneself for the service of betterment of the community in which they live. Once a Marine, always a Marine, Raak stays very involved in the local Marine Corps League, where he serves as the local chairman of the Toys-for-Tots program that provides Christmas dreams for hundreds of local children. His work has seen the Toys-for-Tots program expand to several neighboring counties with great success! He is a member and Past-President of the Griffin Exchange Club and is an active member of the Meridian Sun Lodge of Freemasons. In 2018, he served in the highest office of the lodge, the Worshipful Master, and led the Masons in many charitable events. Raak also assists in activities with Troop 2 of the Boy Scouts of America, where his son, Millan, is an active scout.

I appreciate the honor of nominating Raak for this award. I would appreciate your full consideration to honor this great citizen, businessman, father, husband, Marine, and friend.

Respectfully, Tommy E. Jones, Fire Chief, Emeritus, City of Griffin.”

Mr. Patel stated that his father set a great example for him at an early age, he said money will come and go, but your friends and the community will matter more in the long run. He has gotten to know a lot of people in Spalding County and this county has become our home. We love this community because the community has accepted us. He then thanked Spalding County for the recognition.

4. Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits Group, Inc. to give an overview of the 2024 Health Care Costs for Spalding County employees.

Mr. Bidwell gave a comprehensive overview of the health insurance coverage for Spalding County Employees and outlined new programs available for prescription coverage outside of the traditional Health Insurance programs being offered. He also advised that they would be recommending the County move from the traditional vision insurance and accept the vision insurance offered through Cigna.

5. Our Legacy Museum Steering Committee to make presentation for overview of design by Building Four Fabrication, LLC.

Ms. Carmichael advised that the Our Legacy Steering Committee has been busy and one of the things they needed to secure was an exhibit and design firm. They put out an RFP and received multiple bids on the project, then the members of the Steering Committee met and reviewed the bids. Three of the companies who submitted bids we invited in for an interview. Interviews were held and the Steering Committee is recommending Building Four/Cooper Carry to receive the contract. Members of Building Four, Inc/Cooper Carry are present this evening to update the Board on work they will be performing upon your approval. This is a SPLOST funded project and the total budget for this portion of the project is \$200,000.

Kelly Bozarth, Project Manager, Paul Bowman, Experiential Graphic Designer and Fran Youculan, Art Director and Lead Sculptor for the Building Four Fabrication group were present for the meeting along with other individuals from Cooper Cary. They gave the Board an overview of what they have planned for the Rosenwald School along with a comprehensive background of their qualifications to perform this work along with examples of work they have completed for other clients.

Jewell Walker-Harps, Zack Percy, Da'ood Amin and other representatives of the Museum Committee and the neighborhood expressed their satisfaction with this group and that they look forward to finishing this project.

## **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.

Karen Brownlee, 69 Crystal Creek Drive, Williamson, Georgia – requested extra time to rebuild her mother's house that was destroyed by the tornados in January. Ms. Brownlee was advised that she would have a year from the date of the loss to rebuild or arrange for a replacement of the home.

Dr. Ledbetter then introduced Charles Reese, Jr. to the Board as the new Community Development Director.

Mr. Reese stated that he comes to Spalding County from McDonough, he was there for two years, and he is very excited to be working with the Community Development staff moving forward. Right now, they are just trying to prepare for the lifting of the moratorium on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **VI. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the nine months ended March 31, 2023.

Jinna Garrison stated she would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the financial statements being presented this evening.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the financial statements for the nine months ended March 31, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

## **VII. MINUTES**

1. Consider approval of the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on April 17, 2023.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on April 17, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Lift from the table and consider appointment to the Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee (GSATC) to replace Bill Bryant whose term expired December 31, 2022.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to lift from the table an appointment to the Griffin-Spalding Transportation Committee (GSATC) to replace Bill Bryant whose term expired December 31, 2022. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

Dr. Ledbetter stated there is one name in the book, Jerry McNeely, it was placed in the book for consideration on April 11, 2023, by Chairman Davis.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to appoint Jerry McNeely to the Griffin-Spalding Transportation Committee (GSATC) for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider acceptance of a contract with Building Four Fabrication, LLC for museum exhibit design and fabrication.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to accept a contract with Building Four Fabrication, LLC for the museum exhibit design and fabrication. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

2. Consider recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to accept a donation from the Spalding County Pickleball Association and the facility improvements for which they are specified.

Chairman Davis stated that Commissioner Flowers-Taylor requested this item be tabled until the next meeting to allow her to be present for consideration of the item.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to table the recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to accept a donation from the Spalding County Pickleball association and the facility improvements for which they are specified. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

3. Consider recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to approve the Spalding County Pickleball Association's long term pickleball facility improvement plan with the purpose of the Spalding County Pickleball Association seeking and accepting sponsorships.

Chairman Davis stated that Commissioner Flowers-Taylor also requested this item be tabled until the next meeting to allow her to be present for consideration of the item.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to table the recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Commission to approve the Spalding County Pickleball Association's long term pickleball facility improvement plan with the purpose of the Association soliciting and accepting sponsorships. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

4. Consider approval of MOU with Georgia Recreation and Park Association for Year 2 Summer BOOST grant funds in the amount of \$62,500.

Kelly Carmichael, Director Parks & Leisure Services, stated this is the second year Spalding County has received BOOST grant funding from the GRPA. Although it is less this year, they will still be able to support the after-school activities that provide a Summer Bridge to assist in retention of what the students have learned during the school year over the summer months when the kids are out of school.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the MOU with Georgia Recreation and Park Association for year 2 Summer BOOST grant funding in the amount of \$62,500. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

5. Consider renewal of MOA with Small Treasures Learning Center LLC, a local community provider of the USDA Summer Food program, to provide meals at summer camp sites at no cost.

Ms. Carmichael advised that continuing this MOA with Small Treasures Learning Center provides meals for children during the summer. Small Treasures has a food truck and delivers meals already packaged so staff don't have to worry about preparation or cleanup for these meals.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to renew the MOA with Small Treasures Learning Center, LLC, a local community provider of the USDA Summer Food Program, to provide meals to summer camp sites at no cost to Spalding County. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

6. Consider request from the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority to begin the process for implementation of a FY24 CDBG Grant.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that the CDBG is a County Government requested grant program and the Water Authority is recipient of the grant once the material has been approved by Georgia DCA. The County Government has to make the request. The County is moving forward with CDBG, and the Water Authority is not just looking at one location for the grant opportunity, they are looking at multiple locations to make sure we meet the criteria imposed by the State. It is our intent to work with the Water Authority to reach across to these communities and take full advantage the CDBG program.

Additionally, the County is working collectively across all our departments to make application next year to become a "Plan First Community." This is a designation through the Department of Community Affairs. Once we obtain "Plan First Community" status, it will afford the County the opportunity to make application for CDBG grants every year, instead of every two years. Currently, we are required to skip a year because we do not have "Plan First Community" designation or "Water First" designation.

At this time, the Water Authority asking the Board to support this grant application moving forward.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve a request from the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority to begin the***

***process for implementation of a FY24 CDGB Grant. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

7. Review and consider results of RFP for Indigent Defense for Spalding County.

Dr. Ledbetter provided the results of the RFP for Indigent Defense in the State and Juvenile Courts of Spalding County. The Bid Deadline was April 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. There were two bidders: Kidd, Cato, Easom & Roquemore and The Jewkes Law Firm. The RFP was for a contract to cover a three-year period.

Chairman Davis stated the Board has had an opportunity to review the results of the RFP and asked if the Board was prepared to vote or if the matter needs to be tabled?

Commissioner Johnson stated that she would like to have the two agencies present to the Board their proposals prior to making a decision.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to table the decision for Indigent Defense for Spalding County and staff to set up interviews with both firms. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

8. Review and consider results of an RFP for Pest Control for the Spalding County Government Buildings.

Ms. Garrison stated that the County has been with Peachtree Pest Control for the last 10 years, as they were a Georgia Company. They have been purchased and now they are located out of State, the service has gone down and the price for the service has increased.

Staff made a request for proposal, and we had five businesses respond. Of the five bidders, two were considered unresponsive because they did not provide any references and one of them did not provide their E-Verify number. The staff is recommending Terminex Commercial as the next provider. They were the lowest bidder and we received an excellent review of the company from the Federal Reserve Bank, who is one of their clients.

***Motion/Second by Bowlden/Dutton to approve a contract for Pest Control for the Spalding County Government Buildings with Terminex Commercial. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

9. Consider an Amplification Permit for 2160 Rocky Creek Road, Hampton, GA to hold a First Communion on Sunday May 7, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that this request is for May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Community Development and the Sheriff's Office have approved this Amplification permit.



***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the request for an Amplification Permit for 2160 Rocky Creek Road, Hampton, GA for a First Communion on Sunday May 7, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

10. Consider an Amplification Permit for 2160 Rocky Creek Road, Hampton, GA to hold a Wedding on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that this is not an event center; however, it will be the second event at this location in less than a week and the ordinance states there is to be 30 days between events. The staff's recommendation is that if there are going to continue to be events at this location, there needs to be some spacing between the times. You can offer a variance to allow this; however, we are setting a precedent if we continue to do this. The current request is for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bowlden stated that there were multiple events at this location last year.

Chairman Davis stated that this appears to be turning into an event center and we will go ahead and approve this one, but we need to make it clear that if they are going to do this in the future then they will need to get into the "event center" business.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve the Amplification Permit for 2160 Rocky Creek Road, Hampton, GA to hold a Wedding on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with notice to the applicant that they will need to contact Community Development regarding an event center designation, should they want to have any other events at this location. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

11. Consider request for an Amplification Permit from Marquis Brown representing "A New Day in Griffin" organization who will be hosting a Community Event with Food Trucks and Games at The Lakes Pavillion, 460 Aerodrome Way, Griffin on Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that Community Development has requested and received a "mark-up" of where parking will be allowed for this event. However, the Fire Marshall has asked that all the Food Truck owners involved in this event contact him to have their trucks inspected and he will put a Spalding County sticker on the trucks to show they have been inspected. To date only one Food Truck has contacted the Fire Marshall for inspection, that is the Brisket Barn and has been approved. We are still waiting for the other Food Truck vendors to contact the Fire Marshall.

Dr. Ledbetter stated he wasn't sure if the Sheriff approved of the event, but the Fire Marshall has not reviewed the food trucks. We are very close to the event because it is scheduled for Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Johnson stated that this is for the County, there are food trucks that are approved for the City that are operating within the City.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that the food trucks need to be inspected and approved for the County. We are not asking for anything different than the City, but the vendors need to know that they have to be reviewed and approved by the County.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to conditionally approve the Amplification Permit should the event move forward for Marquis Brown at The Lakes Pavilion, 460 Aerodrome Way, Griffin, GA on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the approval of the Sheriff's Office and the Fire Marshall. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.***

12. Consider approval of staff recommendations for the abandoned cemetery located on parcel at 2336 Teamon Road -Pursuant to O.C.G.A 36-72-7.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that at the Zoning Public Hearing on April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Board approved this request with the following staff recommendations:

The applicant has complied with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 36-72-5. Staff recommends conditional approval of Applicant's plan to preserve and protect the Boyce-Strickland Cemetery. The following Conditions shall apply:

- ✓ Applicant (or any subsequent purchaser) shall not disturb any graves located within the cemetery.
- ✓ Applicant (or any subsequent purchaser) shall preserve and protect the cemetery with a 20' buffer around the gravesites.
- ✓ Applicant (or any subsequent purchaser) will install a non-chain link perimeter fence with access gate around the cemetery.
- ✓ Applicant (or any subsequent purchaser) will groom the grounds and be responsible for its upkeep.
- ✓ Applicant (or any subsequent purchaser) will dedicate public access to the cemetery from the public right of way.

***Motion/Second by Bowlden/Dutton to approve staff recommendations for the abandoned cemetery located on a parcel at 2336 Teamon Road, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-72-7. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

13. Consider approval of an MOU with UGA for the FY24 Archway Program.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to table this request pending the outcome of a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

14. Consider approval on second reading an ordinance amendment to the Spalding County Development Impact Fees.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve on second reading an ordinance amendment to the Spalding County Development Impact Fees. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

15. Consider cancellation of the June 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session as the county Offices will be closed on that date in observance of the Juneteenth holiday and move the agenda items to June 22<sup>nd</sup> to be heard at the Zoning Public Hearing.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve cancellation of the June 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session as the county Offices will be closed on that date in observance of the Juneteenth holiday and move the agenda items to June 22<sup>nd</sup> to be heard during the Zoning Public Hearing. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

16. Consider declaring July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, as a Holiday for county employees in recognition of the dedication, long hours and the hard work performed, going above and beyond what is required to assist the County in recovery from the tornado events earlier this year.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to declaring July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, as a Holiday for county employees in recognition of the dedication, long hours and the hard work performed, going above and beyond what is required to assist the County in recovery from the tornado events earlier this year. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

17. Consider a request from staff to reschedule the Public Hearing dates for the FY 24 Budget from June 19<sup>th</sup> as listed on the Budget Calendar as this date is a County Holiday and the offices will be closed.

Dr. Ledbetter advised that the current Budget Calendar calls for the first Public Hearing on June 19<sup>th</sup>, which is a county holiday. He then asked the Board for alternative dates.

Consensus of the Board was to hold the Public Hearings for the FY24 Budget on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to reschedule the Public Hearing dates for the FY 24 Budget from June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

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

- Update on TSPLOST. An RFP was issued for the 2023 Repaving contract for TSPLOST and we did not receive a single bid. The County Engineer, Dr. Ledbetter, TJ Imberger and several others have worked diligently over the past week to restructure the RFP and that RFP will go out the end of this week. We are looking to afford those willing to bid on the projects a multi-year contract so that we don't have to rebid each paving season. We will continue to share with the Board what we are learning. One of the criteria those who did not bid on the RFP stated they were looking for was a multi-year commitment.
- Budget Milestones for the next three weeks.
  - Possible Quorum next week for budget workshops.
  - Distribution of the Budget next week to each member of the Board.
  - Next week is our Budget review with the Commissioners. We have allocated two days for Budget Reviews.
  - May 6<sup>th</sup> we will begin advertising notice for our Budget Hearings.
- County Manager's Scorecard – We will start showing this on a regular basis. He then reviewed a few things that will be included in the Scorecard.
- Presenting at Sun City Peachtree on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Ledbetter will be presenting, and Chairman Davis will be there as well. He invited the members of the Board to participate as well.
- Planning for Community Meetings about Budget during the next month.

## **XI. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Rita Johnson** – Great meeting in Savannah last week. We got a lot accomplished and learned a lot. We also had the opportunity to reach out to other County Commissioners in the state and were able to network. It is always good to know that other counties are having the same struggles that we are having.

**Ryan Bowlden** – Welcomed Mr. Reese to Spalding County. He stated that Mr. Reese is the perfect person for this job because he comes from McDonough.

**James Dutton** – Juneteenth is coming up and right behind it will be the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and we need to do everything we can as a county to participate.

He appreciates the County Manager's hard work with the Animal Shelter and Code Enforcement. He just wants the public to know this is a huge priority for the County.

The 4-H Awards Dinner is this coming Thursday night, and he would like for the members of the Board who are available to be there.

Congratulations to Mr. Patel on his receiving the Bain Proctor Award. The award was well deserved.

He encouraged the citizens to participate in the upcoming Budget hearings. The budget process is one of the most important parts of County government. Please come and share your ideas with us.

**Clay Davis** – The Governor and the Speaker of the House were at the ACCG conference and spoke about the initiatives they are trying to push forward to make sure we are in sync with what that looks like.

We will make a huge decision regarding Archway on Wednesday. This is a big decision for us with regard to what our future will look like for future Archway initiatives.

Thanked Dr. Ledbetter for his work on the scorecard. This is the scorecard that the Board will be looking at to determine the direction in which we want to go.

This is going to be an extremely tough budget year due to the amount of money the disaster has taken from us. We have paid vendors and FEMA is going to reimburse us 70% of the money and the Governor has promised to help us with 10-12% more. That means we are still short of money that we need to run the County and on top of that it is going to take 12-18 months to get this money back.

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.  
Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***