



**After Agenda**  
**Board of Commissioners – Extraordinary Session**  
**July 17, 2023 6:00 PM**  
**Room 108, Spalding County Annex Building**  
**119 E. Solomon Street**  
**Griffin, GA 30223**

**The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Extraordinary Session on Monday, July 17, 2023, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, Ryan Bowlden and James Dutton were present for the meeting. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m. via ZOOM. 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)**

The meeting was called to order 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 THE FLAG**

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

**IV. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. Consider approval of financial statements for the twelve months ended June 30, 2023.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the financial statements for the twelve months ended June 30, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

**V. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Consider approval of a Proclamation declaring July as National Parks and Recreation month.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve the Proclamation declaring July as National Parks and Recreation month in Spalding County. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

2. Consider request from T.J. Imberger, Director of Spalding County Parks and Public Works to present the Parks and Public Works dashboard to the Board of Commissioners.

T.J. Imberger, Director of Parks, Public Grounds and Public Works updated the Board on the Parks and Public Works dashboard and the benefits they have experienced as a result of implementing the dashboard.

## **VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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 Member or to the audience. Personal disagreements with individual Members 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 (3) minutes to speak on their chosen topics as they relate to matters pertinent to the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners. No questions will be asked by any of the members 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 (3) minutes or more than once, unless the Board votes to suspend this rule.

No one signed up to speak during Citizen comments this evening.

## **VII. MINUTES**

1. Consider approval of the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on June 5, 2023, the Spalding County Zoning Public Hearing and Executive Session on June 22, 2023, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on June 27, 2023, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on July 6, 2023.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on June 5, 2023, the Spalding County Zoning Public Hearing and Executive Session on June 22, 2023, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on June 27, 2023, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on July 6, 2023 as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Chairman Davis stated that he would read the three items under consideration for the Consent Agenda and the Board can vote on these items as a whole or should there*

*be a need to discuss any of the items individually, the Board can vote on the items that need no additional discussion and then discuss any item in question.*

1. Consider the approval of the 2023 New Alcohol License Application for Retail Sale of Beer and Wine for the following:

Royal 76, LLC, owned by Tushar Patel, located at 2790 East McIntosh Road, Griffin, GA 30223. No Violations.

2. Consider the approval of the 2023 New Alcohol License Wholesale Dealer of Beer and Wine (in addition to existing liquor wholesale):

Terry Briggs, Santeri, 413A O'Dell Industrial Park, Griffin, GA 30224. No Violations.

3. Consider request from the Region 4 EMS Council to reappoint Glenn Polk and appoint Brian Michel, City of Griffin EMS Coordinator to the Council for a three-year term ending June 30, 2026.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider a request from the Makin' Tracks Travel Club to make an out of state trip in the motorcoach.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve the request from the Makin' Tracks Travel Club to make an out of state trip in the motorcoach. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

2. Consider request from Superior Court Judge Fletcher Sams to approve contracts with Liberty Technology for updating the technology in three courtrooms at the Spalding County Courthouse.

***Motion/second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the request from Superior Court Judge Fletcher Sams for updating the technology in three courtrooms at the Spalding County Courthouse and execute contracts with Liberty Technology for the update. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

3. Consider approval of contracts with the Jewkes Law Firm to represent indigent clients in the Spalding County State Court and Spalding County Juvenile Court.

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve contracts with the Jewkes Law Firm to represent indigent clients in the Spalding County State Court and Spalding County Juvenile Court. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

4. Consider approval of an Agreement with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC (KCN) for Prepaid Debit cards to be used for ATM withdrawals and/or pin-based and signature purchases after inmate validation at the Spalding County Correctional Institution.

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5. Consider approval of the FY2024 Area Agency on Aging Contract for Services with Three Rivers Regional Commission.

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the FY2024 Area Agency on Aging Contract for Services with Three Rivers Regional Commission. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

6. Consider approval of a revised Henry County Inmate Contract for services with the Spalding County Correctional Institution.

***Motion/second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve the revised Henry County Inmate Contract for services with the Spalding County Correctional Institution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

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

- ✓ Thanked T.J. Imberger for his outstanding presentation and the work that he and his staff have done on their dashboard and scorecard.
- ✓ Advised that beginning tomorrow Neighborhood Comfort Stations/Cooling Centers would be open at Ambucs Community Center and the Flint River Regional Library. Effective July 22, cooling stations will be open at the Fairmont Community Center and City Park Community Center as well.
- ✓ A Beat the Heat/Back to School Bash is planned for the Carver Road Fire Station on July 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- ✓ T-SPLOST Update – The first year of collections are +9% higher than anticipated and this allowed staff to purchase some of the Tire 2 Items approved at the time the T-SPLOST was voted on.
- ✓ The Spalding County Tax Assessors' Office has reported the total number of appeals filed for this digest year is 1,238 which is 3.4% of the total digest.

## **XI. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Rita Johnson –**

- Congratulated Mr. Imberger on the completion of his dashboard and was impressed by his presentation. She is looking forward to seeing the other departments present their dashboards.

- She attended Career Days at the Fairmont Community Center, and she encouraged the other Commissioners to participate in this event when it comes around next year.

**Ryan Bowlden –**

- He is looking forward to meeting the new supervisor at the Animal Shelter.
- He was surprised to hear the low number of appeals filed over the Tax Assessments as he has received a number of emails and calls about the assessments and inflated values. This is their opportunity to fight, and they are not taking the opportunity.

**James Dutton –**

- He felt the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was a success. It was well attended, and he feels like the number of people who attend will continue to grow now that it has moved back to Downtown Griffin.
- He updated the Board on water parks that he and his family visited in Greenville, South Carolina. Their county has three water parks, which includes pools, slides and one had a lazy river. They took him behind the scenes to show him how things were working and showed him their numbers. They even said they would be willing to come down and give us their expertise on splash pads.

**Clay Davis –**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was a great success, and we have to continue to work on it. As we continue to have it downtown it will become better.
- We have taken a huge step forward on the dashboards. The staff learning how use dashboards will pay huge dividends in the future.
- We have a Behavioral Crisis Center in our area that services seven counties in our area. Chairman Davis will set up time for the Board of Commissioners to visit the Center, it will take less than an hour. Chairman Davis encouraged the Board to learn more about the Center.
- We have several meetings that we need to schedule. One is the telephone system RFP Bids and the Aquatic Center RFP. He asked if the members of the Board are available on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to meet immediately before the Zoning Public Hearing. He then asked that staff go ahead and schedule the meeting for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Consider request to conduct an Executive Session for Consultation with 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) and discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6).

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to enter into an Executive Session Session for Consultation with 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) and discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6) at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to close the Executive session at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried by a 3-0-1 vote (Commissioner Dutton left the Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.)***