



**After Agenda
Board of Commissioners – Regular Meeting
August 7, 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 Regular Meeting on Monday, August 7, 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, Gwen Flower-Taylor, and James Dutton 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)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay Davis.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

1. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor, District #1, delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. Commissioner Rita Johnson, District #3, led the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. The Spalding County Fire Department to update the Board on FEMA Projects.

Spalding County Fire Chief, Glenn Polk, updated the Board on the FEMA Projects and where the County stands on submission of requests.

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.

No one signed up to speak.

VI. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - None.

VII. MINUTES

- A Consider approval of the Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session and Executive Session on July 17, 2023 and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting and Zoning Public Hearing on July 27, 2023.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve the Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session and Executive Session on July 17, 2023 and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting and Zoning Public Hearing on July 27, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Davis stated that he would read the items on the Consent Agenda this evening 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 will vote on all items not in dispute. Then the Board will discuss the item in question and vote on that item.

1. Consider appointment of Spalding County's ACCG Voting Delegate for the 2023 Legislative Leadership Conference.
2. Consider approval for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners to continue the annual contract agreement with the Georgia Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.
3. Consider the approval of the new 2023 New Alcohol License Retail Sale of Beer and Wine (new ownership) for:

Rozina Hussein - Griffin Food Mart, 2295 N Expressway, Griffin, GA 30223.
4. Consider request from the Spalding County Correctional Institution to renew a contract with ICSolutions for inmate phone services.
5. Consider approval of the following items from Three Rivers Regional Commission:
 - a. FY'23 CSBG Amendment #2
 - b. FY'24 CSBG Application

- c. 2023-2026 Strategic Plan and Needs Assessment
- d. A Resolution for the FY'24 CSBG Application.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve items 1 through 5 on the Consent Agenda and to have discussion on item #6. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Consider the approval of the revised final plat for Countyline Estates.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the revised final plat for Countyline Estates. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request from the Spalding County Water Authority & Sewerage Facilities Authority for an easement to cross the Blalock Fire Station property for a water main relocation.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the request from the Spalding County Water Authority & Sewerage Facilities Authority for an easement to cross the Blalock Fire Station property for a water main relocation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Consider approval on first reading the List of Roadways for Spalding County On-System and Off-System Roads to be used to enable law enforcement to run radar to enforce the speed limits on Spalding County Roadways.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve on first reading the List of Roadways for Spalding County On-System and Off-System Roads to be used to enable law enforcement to run radar to enforce the speed limits on Spalding County Roadways. Motion carried 4-1 (Dutton).

3. Consider approval on first reading Amendments 2023-ORD-004, 2323-ORD-005, 2023-ORD-006, 2023-ORD-007, 2023-ORD-008, 2023-ORD-009, 2023 ORD-010 and 2023-ORD-011 updating the "No Thru Truck" Ordinance for Spalding County.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to approve on first reading Amendments 2023-ORD-004, 2323-ORD-005, 2023-ORD-006, 2023-ORD-007, 2023-ORD-008, 2023-ORD-009, 2023 ORD-010 and 2023-ORD-011 updating the "No Thru Truck" Ordinance for Spalding County.

4. Consider request from the Public Works Department to apply for a Solid Waste Trust Fund Grant being offered by the State of Georgia.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve a request from the Public Works Department to apply for a Solid Waste Trust Fund Grant being offered by the State of Georgia. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Consider request from Parks, Public Grounds and Public Works to install lights at the Wyomia Tyus Park Pickel Ball Complex on the six courts that are currently unlit.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the request from Parks, Public Grounds and Public Works to install lights at the Wyomia Tyus Park Pickel Ball Complex on the six courts that are currently unlit. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

X. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- ✓ Dr. Ledbetter thanked Chief Polk for working diligently with GEMA/FEMA to recover funds to pay for the damage the county suffered during the January 12th tornados.
- ✓ Presented a TSPLOST Update.
- ✓ Advised that severe weather is moving through our area this evening and tomorrow and asked that everyone be weather aware.

XI. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita Johnson –

- Thanked Chief Polk for a great presentation.
- Stated that she has been very impressed by the Dashboards that have been presented so far and feels that they are beneficial in assisting the Board of Commissioners in understanding what is happening within each department of the County.
- Asked about the bids for the Fairmont Project.

Ryan Bowlden –

- Gave an updated he received from the Tax Assessors Office, there are now 2,157 appeals that have been filed out of 33,090 parcels in Spalding County. He is glad to hear the number of appeals have increased, but stated that he is perplexed as to why more people aren't following the process.
- Ask for a time to speak with Dr. Ledbetter about the "Old Pension Plan" that many of the longer term employees were under and how these employees can qualify for a longer term on the current pension plan.
- Has received a number of complaints on homes in his district being utilized by Air BNB customers. These complaints center around homes being rented and the renters throwing large parties at the location. Asked that staff look for an ordinance that could be enforced regarding Air BNB customers using homes for party houses and disturbing others in the area.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor –

- Agreed that there needs to be some serious thought put into the Air BNB industry in Spalding County and how we can prevent the partying that disrupts a neighborhood.
- Asked for an update on the Animal Control Policy and the Animal Shelter Policy as staff has been working on both of these policies.
- Would like to see some type of promotion of a robust outreach program to allow people who witness trucks on roads marked as No Thru Truck to easily report there are trucks utilizing the roads.

James Dutton –

- Wanted to reiterate to all of the citizens that the Collection Centers are NOT closing.
- Asked if Nuisance Enforcement for the Noise Ordinance was being enforced. He was assured by Dr. Ledbetter and Sheriff Dix that the Noise Ordinance was being enforced.
- Asked when the new version of Municode would be available. Dr. Ledbetter stated that staff had been notified it should be available by the end of the month and that he would make sure that Commissioner Dutton was copied on it as soon as it is received.

Clay Davis –

- Thanked everyone who participated in the Carver Road Fire Station community event.
- He also thanked everyone who participated in the Day One Event at the schools this year.
- Inquired about a possible Golf Cart ordinance. As new areas open up there appears to be more golf card traffic on the roads.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to enter into 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) at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Dutton left the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to close the Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.