



**After Agenda
Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting
September 5, 2023 6:30 PM
Room 108, Annex Building**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners James Dutton, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, Rita Johnson and Ryan Bowlden were present for the meeting. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham and Eva Morales, Planner I, to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

Chairman Clay Davis called the meeting to order.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

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

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

Dr. Ledbetter gave a comprehensive overview of the current financial standing for Spalding County and then provided a detailed explanation of the need to raise property taxes for FY2024.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conduct a Public Hearing on the 2024 Notification to Increase Taxes.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to conduct a Public Hearing on the 2024 Notification of Tax Increase at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Spoke against raising the mileage rate for 2024;

Gary Peters, 442 Tallulah Drive, Griffin, GA
David Gamble, 129 Four Oaks Drive, Griffin, GA
James Harmond, 107 Miranda Drive, Griffin, GA
Rebecca Skelton, 123 Tilney Avenue, Griffin, GA
Katilin Summerall, 226 Tilney Avenue, Griffin, GA
Mike Middlebrooks, 1108 Maple Drive, Griffin, GA
Elizabeth Mayo, 681 Maple Drive, Griffin, GA
Timothy Poole, 1108 Sage Drive, Griffin, GA

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to close the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider review and approval of the RFP results for the Spalding County Telephone System.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve the RFP results for the Spalding County Telephone System and to approve a five (5) year contract with Spectrum. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Consider request from the Spalding County Board of Education to enter into an agreement for Inmate Work Details with the Spalding County Correction Institution.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the request from the Board of Education to enter into an agreement for Inmate Work Details with the Spalding County Correctional Institution. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Consider approval of a contract with Paragon Engineering as the low bidder of the RFP for the redesign and Project Management of Ambucs and Volunteer Parks under the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionately Impacted Communities Grant.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve a contract with Paragon Engineering as the low bidder on an RFP for the redesign and project management of Ambucs and Volunteer Park under the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionately Impacted Communities Grant. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.