



After Agenda
Board of Commissioners – Extraordinary Session
October 16, 2023
6:00 PM
Room 108, Spalding County Annex Building
119 E. Solomon Street
Griffin, GA 30223

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held an Extraordinary Session on Monday, October 16, 2023, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chairman James Dutton presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson and Ryan Bowlden were present for the meeting. Chairman Clay Davis was absent from the meeting. Commissioner Gwen-Flowers-Taylor and County Attorney, Stephanie Windham attended the meeting via ZOOM. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, and County Clerk, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

Vice Chairman James Dutton called the meeting to order.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

1. Community Development Director, Charles Reese, delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS – No Public Hearings.

Motion/Second by Bowlden/Johnson to amend the agenda to include a new item # 4 under Presentations and Proclamations for the Spalding County Public Works Department to present their dashboard. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Consider Approval of Financial Statements for the three months ending September 30, 2023.

Erica Dye, Director of Accounting and Finance, stated that she would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the Financial Statements.

Motion/Second by Bowlden/Johnson to approve the Financial Statements for the three months ending September 30, 2023, as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Kirsten Brown with Spalding County DFCS will update the Board on how they are currently servicing the Spalding County Community and their building situation.

Kirsten Brown, Director Spalding County DFCS, Portia Lacey, Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services Board and Gwann Perryman, Deputy Director OFSS Facilities at Georgia Department of Human Services updated the Board on status of the DFCS Office location and services currently being provided to Spalding County residents.

2. Presentation of dashboard by Spalding County Senior Center, Senior Nutrition Services.

Meghan Quinlan, Administrative Assistant II, Spalding County Leisure Services and D.C. Carter, Spalding County Senior Nutrition Supervisor presented the dashboard for the Senior Nutrition Services.

3. Warden Carl Humphrey will present the Spalding County Correctional Institution dashboard to the Board of Commissioners.

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4. T.J. Imberger will present the Spalding County Public Works Solid Waste Dashboard.

T.J. Imberger, Director Parks, Public Works, and Public Grounds presented the dashboard for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department.

VII. 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 Members 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.

Michael Middlebrooks, 1108 Maple Drive, stated that he appreciated the presentations of the dashboards by the different departments as it helped him to understand as a taxpayer, how the departments are working to save money and get their respective jobs done. He also stated that the website needed to be updated and he could not find the agenda on the website.

Rudy Mendias, 60 Edgewater Drive, spoke for a group of people attending the meeting regarding the need to chip and seal Cecil Jackson Road.

Thomas Tatum, 4 Edgewater Court, spoke regarding the chip and seal for Cecil Jackson Road and the need for the application to assist in preventing silt from the road going into his lakes.

VIII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on September 8, 2023, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting-Public Hearings, Work Session, Extraordinary Session and Executive Session on September 18, 2023, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on September 28, 2023, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session, Regular Meeting and Executive Session on October 2, 2023.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on September 8, 2023, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting-Public Hearings, Work Session, Extraordinary Session and Executive Session on September 18, 2023, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on September 28, 2023, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session, Regular Meeting and Executive Session on October 2, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Transmittal of a Draft Capital Improvements Element Annual Update Report for 2023 to the Three Rivers Regional Commission for Regional and State Review.
2. Consider request from the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority to adopt the 2020-2040 Griffin-Spalding Wastewater Management Plan. This plan was adopted by the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority at their meeting on September 20th, 2023.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve Items Number 1 and 2 on the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Consider approval of the FY2024 Contract for Fire Protection Services with the City of Orchard Hill.

Commissioner Bowlden then asked how the charge for Fire Protection Services was calculated for the City of Orchard Hill.

Dr. Ledbetter, County Manager, explained that there is a formula that has been utilized for years that takes into consideration the tax digest for the City of Orchard Hill and the value of the properties within the City.

Motion/Second by Bowlden/Johnson to approve the FY2024 Contract for Fire Services with the City of Orchard Hill. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Lift from the table and consider approval of the FY'2023 County Budget for funding to be expended at the discretion of the Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services Board of Directors in the amount of \$35,654.00.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve the FY24 Budget for the Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services in the amount of \$33,654.00 to be spent on Foster Care children with a Report back to the Board on how and where this money was spent and that staff explore the possibility of an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding this funding in the coming years. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a contract with McLeRoy, Inc., the low bidder in the RFP submitted for the TSPLOST Sidewalk project on Carver Road in the amount of \$467,629.55.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve a contract with McLeRoy, Inc, the low bidder in the RFP submitted for the TSPLOST Sidewalk Project on Carver Road in the amount of \$467,629.55. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Vice Chairman Dutton then requested the agenda be amended to move Item #4 under New Business up to the Item #2 spot to allow all of the people who are here this evening regarding Cecil Jackson Road an opportunity to hear the vote then resume the agenda as slated.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to move Item #4 under New Business to the Item #2 position. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Consider request from the Spalding County Public Works Department to subcontract with McElroy to Chip and Seal Henley Road, Weldon Road and Cecil Jackson Road.

Motion/Second by Bowlden/Johnson to approve a request from the Spalding County Public Works Department to subcontract with McElroy to Chip and Seal Henley Road, Weldon Road and Cecil Jackson Road. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Discuss the problems with Pineview Road and review the proposed Grading Exhibit provided by Paragon Engineering.

Bryan Upson from Paragon Consulting provided the Board with an overview of Pineview Road and what it would cost to prepare the roadbed for paving or for chip and seal. Dr. Ledbetter advised that there is no funding available for this road improvement at this time, but he is hoping that Tier 2 funding will become available from the TSPLOST that will allow for this work to be completed. No action is to be taken on this item.

4. Consider request from the Land Bank Authority Board to replace Panzy Copeland for non-attendance and appoint a replacement. Ms. Copeland was appointed to the Land Bank Authority in October of 2021 and her appointment is set to expire on December 31, 2024.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to table the request from the Land Bank Authority Board to replace Panzy Copeland for non-attendance and appoint a replacement until such time as the Board can provide a qualified candidate for this opening. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Consider selecting an Aquatic Center management company.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve a contract with United Pool Management of America based on their response to the RFP with a planned grand opening date of March 1st, 2024. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Consider on first reading A 23-06 Ordinance to Amend the General Code of Spalding County to add Part VIII, Chapter 5, Post-Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve first reading A 23-06 Ordinance to Amend the General Code of Spalding County to add Part VIII, Chapter 5, Post-Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. Consider the approval of the 2023 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to approve the 2023 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XII. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- State Route 155 Redesignation: Heath & Lineback received comments from Georgia DOT on the Concept Report last week; asking for ARC funding.
- Aquatic Center: Substantial completion is expected December 16th, 2023.
- Heritage Park Gymnasium: Staff plans on an update session with the community later this month.
- T-SPLOST: About 81% complete with resurfacing
- Resurfacing Work: W McIntosh Road open tomorrow; Macon Road open by Wednesday evening
- Flint River Kayak Launch at Blaylock Fire Station: Awaiting EPD Permitting
- Improving Neighborhood Outcomes In Disproportionately Impacted Communities Grant: State approved the budget for the work
- Senate LOST Subcommittee: Meeting in Savannah tomorrow
- Fire Fighter Graduation: November 3rd
- Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT): Graduation next week
- Old Animal Shelter: We have 11 animals that remain in the old shelter.
- CIE Update: Thanks to the Community Development team for the work to prepare our update for Georgia DCA
- Spalding County Water & Sewerage Facility Authority: Submitting CDBG applications in March 2024. They need our help. These are grant funds are in support of our water and sewer needs.

XIII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita Johnson

- Stated that she feels the dashboards are a huge success. It not only allows the members of the Board to see how each department processes it's workload, it also allows our citizens to see how their requests are being handled.
- Stated that she would like to make sure the website is up-to-date.

Ryan Bowlden

- No comments.

James Dutton

- Wanted to know if there is any way to get a bathroom facility at the Park at 6th? He advised that the doors on the portable restrooms cannot be closed and in order to use them, you have to have someone stand outside the door while you are in there. He asked Mr. Imberger if he could check on the portable restrooms.
- Stated the dashboards that have been presented have been very informative and helps the citizens understand how their tax money is being spent.
- He is still in favor of creating some type of “bounty” system where citizens can capture people who are littering with some type of trail camera. If they capture the tag, they can turn it in for some type of reward and we can prosecute those who continue to throw their trash out on our right of ways.
- He asked about the Volunteer Program at the Animal Shelter; he has had a number of calls where the individuals who need to do Community Service have gone to the Animal Shelter and been turned away. Can someone check on this and advise?
- He is excited about the possibility of chip and seal being a good alternative for our dirt roads and is looking forward to how the three roads proposed for this process this evening turn out.
- He then asked if the Website could be updated.
- He stated that the Christmas Parade is just around the corner, and anyone interested in being in the parade needs to contact the organizers. He is looking forward to that event, but advised that the starting time again this year would be 7:00 p.m.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Consider request to conduct an Executive Session for 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/Bowlden to enter into an Executive Session for 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 9:02 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to close the Executive Session at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.