



After Agenda
Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting
September 28, 2023
4:00 PM
Spalding County Senior Center Conference Room

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held Special Called Meeting-Work Session on Thursday, September 28, 2023, the Spalding County Senior Center Conference Room at 885 Memorial Drive, Griffin, GA at 4:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Ryan Bowlden, Rita Johnson, Gwen Flowers-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 Davis.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Manager.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Ryan Bowlden, District #4.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Budget Amendments for prior year Encumbrances.

Jinna Garrison, Administrative Services Director, reviewed the list of prior year encumbrances along with the Budget Amendments to end the 2023 year. Board members asked questions and expressed their concerns over some of the items and how the money would be moved from one year to the next. Ms. Garrison explained the purpose of these accounting adjustments is to close purchase orders that were created, but not fulfilled in 2023 and then reallocate that money into the 2024 Budget so that when the items are received, or the services are rendered the money will be in the current year budget to pay the invoices. Although the funding was allocated in 2023, the actual expense for the funds will occur in 2024 and these reallocated funds will be moved into the new budget to cover the expenses.

2. Final Budget Amendments for FY23

Due to the number of Purchase Orders being closed and the money not being utilized on 2023, the Board asked Dr. Ledbetter to once again review some of the

items that are in the 2024 budget to see if there may be some line items that weren't utilized in the 2023 budget that are duplicated in the 2024 budget and could be removed.

3. Discuss FY2024 millage rate.

The Board members asked Dr. Ledbetter to review the budget to see if there are any significant reductions that can be made to assist them with the decision on the millage rate.

4. Consider appropriate response following Citizen Comments during a meeting, should wrong information be introduced by the citizens during their comments.

The Chairman expressed his concern regarding statements citizens during Public Hearings and Citizen Comments that are not fact. He feels it is important for someone representing the county correct any wrong information that may be given by a citizen, he feels that in not making the correction during the meeting, the other individuals in attendance may accept the information given in error as fact if the board lets the individual go and doesn't point out the error in their statement. He then asked the members of the Board, County Attorney and Dr. Ledbetter to think about how this can be accomplished.

5. Heritage Park Gym update.

Dr. Ledbetter stated that an RFP had been done on the Heritage Park Gym and the lowest quote to refurbish the Gym was \$3.9 million. He also advised there was no money available to perform the work at this time.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor asked Dr. Ledbetter to look to see if some of the funding that had been allocated to the Aquatic Center and not used, could be reallocated for this project.

V. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m.
Motion carried by a unanimous vote.***