



**After Agenda
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
February 5, 2024
6:00 PM
Room 108, Annex Building
119 E. Solomon Street
Griffin, GA 30223**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building located at 119 E. Solomon Street, Griffin, Georgia beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chairman Ryan Bowlden presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, Gwen Flowers-Taylor, and James Dutton were present for the meeting. Chairman Clay Davis was absent from the meeting. Also, present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham and Deputy County Clerk, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

Vice Chairman Ryan Bowlden called the meeting to order.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

1. Commissioner James Dutton, District #2, to deliver the Invocation.

Rev. Reginald Watts, Associate Minister at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

Commissioner Rita Johnson led the pledge to the flag.

IV. 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.

Oriana Hood, 615 Lane Street, Griffin, Georgia spoke about being a victim of theft at her residence.

Patsy Kingsley, 204 Hillendale Drive, Griffin, Georgia

Julia Mallonee, 916 Hamilton Boulevard, Griffin, Georgia

Allison Burley, 285 Hwy. 81W, Hampton, Georgia

Chuck Cocharan, 800 Campground Road, Griffin all spoke regarding the Animal Shelter.

V. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – None.

The Presentation of Financial Statements will be moved to the second meeting of each month to align with receipt of the bank statements. This will afford staff the opportunity to provide reconciled data for your review.

VI. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session and Regular Meetings on January 8, 2024, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session - Retreat on January 19-20, 2024, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session and Executive Session on January 22, 2024, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on January 25, 2024.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve the minutes as presented for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session and Regular Meetings on January 8, 2024, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session - Retreat on January 19-20, 2024, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session and Executive Session on January 22, 2024, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on January 25, 2024. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider request nunc pro tunc for a letter to be sent to the Georgia Legislative Delegation in support of an increase in the per diem for State prisoners housed at the Spalding County CI.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve nunc pro tunc for a letter to be sent to the Georgia Legislative Delegation in support of an increase in the per diem for State prisoners housed at the Spalding County CI. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request from Marie Broder, Spalding County District Attorney, for additional funding to prosecute a capital murder trial in response to the Marc McIntyre case.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve \$50,000 for the Spalding County District Attorney's Office to prosecute a capital murder case involving Spalding County Deputy Marc McIntyre. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Consider request from the Spalding County Fire Department to approve and implement the Spalding County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Promulgation.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the request from the Spalding County Fire Department to approve and implement the Spalding County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Promulgation. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Consider a request from Iris Hernandez Garcia for an amplification permit to hold a Sweet 15 Qunceanera at her home located at 2160 Rocky Creek Road, Hampton, GA.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to deny the request for an amplification permit to hold a Sweet 15 Qunceanera at her home located at 2160 Rocky Creek Road, Hampton, GA. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Consider approval of an IGA between the City of Griffin and Spalding County to amend the funding requirements for the City and County with respect to the Griffin-Spalding Business and Tourism Association.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to approve an IGA between the City of Griffin and Spalding County to amend the funding requirements for the City and County with respect to the Griffin-Spalding Business and Tourism Association. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Consider request from the Spalding County IT Department to surplus the old telephone system. The new phone system has been installed and there is no need to continue to hold on to the old equipment.

Motion/Second by Flower-Taylor/Dutton to approve the request from the Spalding County IT Department to declare surplus the old telephone system so it can be disposed of. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Consider request from John Crouse for a letter of support for the development of an assisted living facility on Highway 92 across from the First Assembly of God Church.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to table the request from John Crouse for a letter of support for the development of an assisted living facility on Highway 92 across from the First Assembly of God Church until Mr. Crouse can present to the Board of Commissioners his plans for this area. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. Consider request from the City of Griffin to enter into an IGA to provide funding of the estimated local match required for GDOT Funding for the SR155 Relocation Project.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve a request from the City of Griffin to enter into an IGA to provide funding of the estimated local match required for GDOT Funding for the SR155 Relocation Project. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Lift from the table and appoint the Chair (per the ARC By Laws) to the Atlanta Regional Commission to succeed Gwen Flowers-Taylor for a one-year term ending December 31, 2024.

Chairman Davis will represent Spalding County at the Atlanta Regional Commission.

X. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- ✓ Aquatic Center – The pools are filled and our management company will begin training next week on the systems to operate the facility.
- ✓ Spalding County has issued an RFP for our Financial Software package with a close date of February 23rd. The RFP requested those responding with bids include a software module with a readily accessible dashboard available for sharing our financial position with our community through graphs and charts.
- ✓ The RFP for legal services was issued with a closing date of the first week in March.
- ✓ The ACCG Annual Conference is scheduled for April 25-28, 2024. This conference provides a forum to conduct the major business of the association such as electing officers and considering resolutions.
- ✓ Spalding County will be working with the City of Griffin to begin interviewing for the position of Land Bank Authority Director.
- ✓ Spalding County has started the FY25 Budget Process. Departments will provide their budget requests the week of April 8-12. After the Board of Commissioners provides direction to the Departments, we will return for a Final FY25 Budget

review the week of May 6-10. Our intent is to be detailed and transparent for every dollar requested.

XI. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita Johnson

- Thanked the Animal Shelter volunteers for coming in this evening and expressing their concerns. We are working hard to find a manager for the Shelter.
- Felt that we had a really good work session this afternoon and feels that the items covered during the work session are extremely helpful in the Board understanding what is being asked of them at the meeting.
- She is happy to learn that HR is making progress in the Key Positions currently available, and she is looking forward to learning what the health insurance proposal for employees will be for FY2025.
- She felt the retreat was very productive and she learned a lot from the information covered.

James Dutton

- Expressed his excitement over the progress on the Aquatic Center, it is a wonderful facility and is going to be an asset to our community.
- We are getting ready to prepare the FY2025 Budget for the County. He encouraged the citizens to come to the meetings when they are announced and if they feel we can do better to present their ideas.
- The retreat included Code Enforcement and Animal Control. He wanted to assure the citizens that the Board is collectively working on appropriately staffing these positions and improving both of these departments.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor

- Asked that staff contract with the Veterinary Services currently providing the spay and neuter for the animals to also provide care for sick or hurt animals and if possible provide a Veterinary Tech to visit the Shelter.
- She also appreciated the workshop and felt it was a good use of their time.

Ryan Bowlden

- Thanked everyone for making his first meeting run as smoothly as possible.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.