



**After Agenda
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
March 4, 2024
6:00 PM
Room 108, Annex Building
119 E. Solomon Street
Griffin, GA 30223**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024, in Room 108 of the Spalding County Annex Building, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners James Dutton, Rita Johnson, Ryan Bowlden, and Gwen Flowers-Taylor were present for the meeting. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham, and Deputy County Clerk, Ragan Jones to record the minutes.

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clay W. Davis.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

II. INVOCATION

1. Will Doss, Pastor of Eagles Way Church and Griffin-Spalding Board of Education Member delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

V. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Parks, Public Grounds, and Public Works - Dashboard Presentation

VI. 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.

Ricky Taylor, 1616 Beville Drive, Griffin, GA spoke about concerns regarding the upcoming audit.

Julia Mallonee, 916 Hamilton Blvd, Griffin, GA
Patsy Kingsley, 204 Hillandale Drive, Griffin, GA
Allison Burley, 2785 Hwy. 81 W., Hampton, GA
Stan Gordon, 250 Hereford Farm Rd, Griffin, GA all spoke regarding the Animal Shelter.

Michael Middlebrooks, 1108 Maple Drive, Griffin, GA spoke regarding assessments and fire truck cost.

VII. MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on February 19, 2024, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on February 22, 2024.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to approve the minutes as presented for the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Extraordinary Session on February 19, 2024, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Zoning Public Hearing on February 22, 2024. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider request from the Spalding County Sheriff's Office for retirement of K-9 Kai and award to her handler, Deputy Jacob Strock.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Bowlden to approve request from Spalding County Sheriff's office for retirement of K-9 Kai and award to her handler, Deputy Jacob Stock. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Consider request from T.J. Imberger, Director of Parks, Public Grounds, and Public Works, to approve repairs at Airport Road Park.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve request from T.J. Imberger, Director of Parks, Public Grounds, and Public Works, to approve repairs at Airport Road Park. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Consider request from T.J. Imberger, Director of Parks, Public Works, and Public Grounds, to surplus vehicles and equipment.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve request from T.J. Imberger, Director of Parks, Public Grounds, and Public Works to surplus vehicles and equipment, and the funds from the surplus will go to the Public Works Department. Motion carried by a 4/1 vote (Flowers-Taylor).

4. Consider request from Carl Humphrey, Spalding County Warden, to approve POABF agreement.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve request from Spalding County Warden, Carl Humphrey, to approve POABF agreement. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Consider request for out of state use of Spalding County Motor Coach.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve request of out of state use of Spalding County Motor Coach. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Consider a Joint Proclamation with the City of Griffin recognizing the 100 Year Anniversary of the Griffin Rotary Club.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Johnson to approve a Joint Proclamation with the City of Griffin recognizing the 100 Year Anniversary of the Griffin Rotary Club. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. Consider appointment of Commissioner Flowers-Taylor to the Spalding County Collaborative Board.

Motion/Second by Johnson/Dutton to appoint Commissioner Flowers-Taylor to the Spalding County Collaborative Board. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Lift from the table and 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 Johnson/Flowers-Taylor to lift from the 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. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve 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 carried by a unanimous vote.

XI. REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER

- ✓ Thanked the Board of Commissioners for Executive Session.
- ✓ He will provide a more in-depth update at the next meeting in 2 weeks.

XII. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

Rita Johnson

- She agreed with Dr. Ledbetter's statement.
- Thanked the Animal Shelter volunteers for the information.

Ryan Bowlden

- No updates/report.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor

- She stated that she volunteered at the Animal Shelter, and it was very sad.
- Thanked the Animal Shelter volunteers for the information.
- She is committed to making the Animal Shelter more community friendly.
- She hopes there will be 6 dog runs, not 3 runs.
- Thanked the Warden for coming to the Shelter and conducting a class for volunteers.
- She stated that today's Executive Session was good and will be able to help move the Board forward.

James Dutton

- Thanked the Animal Shelter volunteers for the information and wants to implement better practices for the Shelter.
- Thanks to our awesome County Manager for everything.
- At our next meeting, we will vote on a memorial sign in Orchard Hill.

Clay Davis

- He reported that the Executive Session was effective.
- Bridge at Jordan Hill and Teamon will be completed by end of March.
- Johnnie McDaniel, Chairman of Tax Assessors Board, will be coming to our next meeting to brief us on the Tax Assessment process so far. He will come every other month as the time gets closer to brief us on this.
- May 10th – BOC Retreat
- ACCG Conference is coming up in April.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.