



**Board of Commissioners – Extraordinary Session
March 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM
Room 108, Spalding County Annex Building
After Agenda**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 1:00 pm in the Spalding County Administrative Conference Room, with Chairman Clay Davis presiding. Commissioners Rita Johnson, Ryan Bowlden, and Gwen Flowers-Taylor were present for the meeting. Commissioner James Dutton was absent from this meeting. Also present were County Manager, Dr. Steve Ledbetter, County Attorney, Stephanie Windham, and Deputy County Clerk, Ragan Jones, to record 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

Pastor Zachery Holmes, Grace Paradise Fellowship Baptist Church and Griffin-Spalding Board of Education Member delivered the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE TO FLAG

1. Commissioner James Dutton, District #2, led the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to amend the agenda to include Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Public Hearing – None

V. Presentation of Financial Statements

1. Presentation of Financial Statements for the month ending February 29, 2024.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to accept the Financial Statement for the month ending February 29, 2024, as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. Presentations/Proclamations

1. Presentation from Stephen Ott, Juvenile Court Judge, regarding Annual Report.
2. Tax Assessors Board Presentation.

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 Member 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, Griffin, GA 30224 spoke regarding the County Attorney RFQs.

VIII. Minutes

1. Consider approval of Minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on March 4, 2024, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on March 4, 2024, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on March 4, 2024, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meetings on March 11, 2024.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve the minutes from the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting on March 4, 2024, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Work Session on March 4, 2024, the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting on March 4, 2024, and the Spalding County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meetings on March 11, 2024. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IX. Old Business

1. Lift from the table and consider the Intergovernmental Agreement between Butts County and Spalding County for the proposed Hillwood Development Company, LLC property.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Bowlden to lift from the table the consideration of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Butts County and Spalding County for the proposed Hillwood Development Company, LLC property. Motion carried by 4/1 vote. (Dutton)

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to table the consideration of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Butts County and Spalding County for the proposed Hillwood Development Company, LLC property. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

X. New Business

1. Consider request to approve the City of Orchard Hill to install a memorial sign on Macon Road in recognition of a road name sign for a portion of road within their city limits.

The City of Orchard Hill is requesting we grant access on our right-of-way for a sign they will design, construct, and fund based on their naming policy and vote by their city council.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve the City of Orchard Hill to install a memorial sign on Macon Road in recognition of a road name sign for a portion of road within their city limits. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion/Second by Dutton/Flowers-Taylor to approve the City of Orchard Hill to install a memorial sign on Green Valley Road in lieu of Macon Road in recognition of a road name sign for a portion of road within their city limits. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Consider approval of Tyler Technologies' Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve Tyler Technologies' Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. Consider adoption of the States Travel Policy.

Motion/Second by Dutton/ to approve adoption of the States Travel Policy. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Consideration of Doc Holliday Event and use of City Park.

Motion/Second by Flowers-Taylor/Dutton to approve consideration of Doc Holliday Event and use of City Park. Motion carried by a 4/1 vote. (Flowers-Taylor)

XI. Report of the County Manager

XII. Report of Commissioners

Rita Johnson

- Thanked Johnnie McDaniel for presentation and information.
- Appreciate discussion about Doc Holliday Event – We should be apart of this event.

James Dutton

- Mayor of Orchard hill and City Council wanted to express thanks for the signage.
- Thanked the County Manager for his hard work.
- Thanked the Sherrif, Fire Chief, and Emergency Response Chief for their diligence.
- The Fire Chief invited me to join as they conduct nighttime training at the Peachtree City Burn House.

Gwen Flowers-Taylor

- Asked Dr. Ledbetter to research if the Tax Assessors Office could be a recipient of Impact Fees.
- Are we still having an Archway? What are the qualifications of graduating Archway?
- Will this year's budget with the idea of doing roadside pick up?

Ryan Bowlden

- Thanked Johnnie McDaniel and the Tax Assessor's Office for information.

- InSpalding App Request has been completed.
- Thanked Public Works for filling potholes this last week.

Clay Davis

- Shared updates from ACCG Legislative Breakfast.
- Met Kevin Tanner, Commissioner for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and got the opportunity to discuss pay study and bed space for behavioral health issues.
- Met Russell McMurray, Commissioner for Department of Transportation. He was awarded \$1,500,000,000 billion to take care of infrastructures throughout the state, and \$98,000,000 for airports around the state. We are receiving \$47,200,000 towards updates for the Griffin-Spalding County Airport.
- Updated the Board about Archway Summit.
- The Return on Investment for Spalding County is \$476,131. This is possible by the use of UGA students.

XIII. Executive Session

Consultation with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Motion/Second by Johnson/Bowlden to enter into an Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. for consultation with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

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

XIV. Adjournment

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