

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**BECKY HOOD, CHAIRMAN
CHAD STEWARD, VICE CHAIRMAN
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER
JEFF GAZAWAY, COMMISSIONER
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

**RANDALL DOWLING, ADMINISTRATOR
SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
10 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the Agenda and made no changes or deletions. Four items were added to the Agenda later in the meeting.

Magistrate Judge Ricky Silvers came before the Board requesting a budget amendment to fund one part-time position to full time and to fund hiring a part-time constable. Following discussion by the Board members, there was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the agenda for Board consideration.

Coroner James Carver came before the Board to request the Board's support in amending local legislation changing his compensation from \$1,000 per month to \$2,000 a month; and to change the compensation of his deputy coroners from \$175 per case to \$300 per case. The Board asked Coroner Carver to furnish information concerning his caseload and a history of his caseload for the past few years, to the Board, before the next meeting, and advised him they would consider his request for recommending to the State Representative changing local legislation.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to go into Executive Session for Real Estate matters. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session started at 5:45 p.m.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and to go back into the Work Session. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to adjourn the work session. Commissioner Steward seconded and all voted aye.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**BECKY HOOD, CHAIRMAN
CHAD STEWARD, VICE CHAIRMAN
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER
JEFF GAZAWAY, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

**RANDALL DOWLING, ADMINISTRATOR
SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
APPROXIMATELY 10 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was led by Rev. John Allen. The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Hood.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Sara Clark, Instructor at Sonoraville High School, presented her student FFA National winners to the Board and allowed the students to introduce themselves. Student Lori Edwards and Student Kevin Edwards, both National Champions in Animal Science told about their project and experiment that won them their titles. Student Ben Gibson, Georgia Delegate to the National Convention, told about how and why he was selected delegate, and his plans for holding higher office in the National FFA.

Mr. Scott McClanahan, Principal at Gordon Central High School, spoke to the Board about his students who were FFA National winners. His students were not in attendance due to traveling from an event they were attending. Students were Gibson Priest, National Champion in Livestock Judging, Holly Smith, 5th Place in hogs and top 20 overall, and Timothy Hubbard, Georgia Delegate to the National Convention.

Board Chairman Becky Hood commented that she, along with the Board, is very proud of the students and recognizes that all the winners received a big honor. Chairman Hood thanked all the students and adults for sharing this experience during this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – Joint Public Hearing for State required Community Work Program Update

Commissioner Steward made a motion to go into the public hearing. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Mr. David Holloran and Mr. Barnette Chitwood with Northwest Georgia Regional Commission explained the State required update for the Community Work Program. This public hearing is the first required public hearing and is about the process and about public participation opportunities. This is a five-year required update, with a deadline of June 30, 2013, and includes Gordon County and the cities of Calhoun, Fairmount, Plainville, Ranger and Resaca. Mr. Chitwood announced that handouts were available for any member of the public that would like to have a copy of the process. Mr. Chitwood explained that following the process will allow the local government to maintain their Qualified Local Governments status. There will be an opportunity for the public to speak at this meeting. The public can also speak at the second public hearing that will be held. No one came forward to speak at the public hearing.

County Administrator Dowling supplied a proposed project timeline to have this process completed by June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session January 2, 2013, and the Regular Meeting January 2, 2013. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Dowling read the report.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Sexton commented about attending a recent Board of Health meeting and learning about the health of the citizens of Gordon County and the amount of funds spent to furnish the services of the Health Department, he was appointed to this Board at the last meeting. Commissioners Cunningham and Steward thanked the FFA students for attending and speaking to the Board and for being part of the FFA.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – GERMANE TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE IN THE ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE – second reading

County Attorney Smith advised that this is the second reading of the amendment to the Rules of Procedure in the Administration Ordinance. The amendment to the ordinance changes the meeting time of the first Tuesday of the month meeting to 6:00 p.m. This ordinance amendment is subject to the Board's consideration for approval or denial.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the amendment to the ordinance. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR KANKU'S EXPRESS #104

County Attorney Smith advised that this is for consideration of a Malt Beverage and Wine License application for the Kanku's Express #104. This location has an existing license; this is merely a change in management and ownership. If the Board should approve this application, clarification from the applicant is necessary as to the legal address.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Steward and Hood voted aye. Commissioner Cunningham opposed the motion and Commissioner Sexton abstained. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE 2013 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

County Administrator Dowling advised the Board that this is for approval of the 2013 Commission meeting schedule with one change, a correction from Wednesday, February 5 to Tuesday, February 5. One exception to the schedule of meetings always being on the first and third Tuesday is on the Tuesday, April 2 being changed to Tuesday April 9 due to conflict with school system Spring Break schedule.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the Commission meeting schedule with the corrections. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #8 TO PROVIDE CELL PHONES AND CELL PHONE SERVICE TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County Administrator Dowling advised the Board that this is budget amendment #8 to provide cell phones and service to commissioners until the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2013, of \$2,600.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET OF THE MAGISTRATE COURT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

County Administrator Dowling advised the Board that this is an item added to the agenda by the Board at their Work Session. This is an amendment to the budget of the Magistrate Court for additional personnel and associated costs.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve a budget amendment to change the part time Magistrate position to a full time position in the amount of \$15, 300 through June 30, 2013. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Gazaway, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR POSTS 1, 3, AND 5

Chairman Hood advised that this is appointments to the Planning Commission for Post 1 Commissioner Gazaway's reappointment of Randy Rule, for Post 3 Commissioner Sexton's appointment of Butch Layson, and for Post 5 Commissioner Kevin Cunningham's appointment of Mason Mashburn. These are four-year terms beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Gazaway, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT TO THE LIMESTONE VALLEY RC & D

County Administrator Dowling advised the Board that this is for the appointment of Jesse Vaughn to the Limestone Valley RC & D for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014. This is for a commission appointment or his designee.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Administrator Dowling advised the Board this is a reappointment to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission of Sam Payne for a one-year term ending December 31, 2013.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the reappointment of Sam Payne. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Gazaway, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Steward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman