

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, November 5, 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  
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER  
JEFF GAZAWAY, COMMISSIONER**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK  
MEDIA  
16 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the agenda and made no changes or additions.

Fire Chief Dave Hawkins presented his department's concept plans and drawings for the proposed new fire station at Redbud. Fire Department personnel also developed an impressive virtual tour of their concept for the building and presented that to the Board and audience. Following the presentations, Chief Hawkins made a request of the Board to allow him and the Purchasing Director, Martin Vaughn, to solicit proposals for a design/build project for the construction of the new fire station. Following Board discussion of this request, there was a consensus of the Board to ask the Purchasing Director to move forward with soliciting such proposals.

Mr. Gerald Mason came before the Board and spoke about his and his family's use and enjoyment of the Salacoa Park. Mr. Mason was highly complimentary of the park and park manager, Roger Peace. Mr. Mason stated that he is not a resident of Gordon County and that his county had several well know and beautiful parks, but that he preferred Salacoa Park. He commented that the Park was well maintained and he saw improvements to the camping areas each time he visited. He made a few suggestions for future improvements and activities for the park, but was full of praise for the Board's continued efforts in supporting the future of the park.

Human Resources Director, Garah Childers spoke to the Board regarding their preference as to the process for hiring a new Administrator. Following discussion, the Board agreed that they did not want to look at all 53 applications, but that any commissioner who wished to do so could schedule a time to come by the Human Resources Department and look at all the applications received. There was a consensus of the Board to choose a committee to include Commissioner Jeff Gazaway and Commissioner Chad Steward, along with Human Resources Director Childers, County Attorney Smith, County Clerk Berry, and Risk Management Manager David Gibson, to look at all the applications and to choose about 15 to be presented to the Board Members for their decision about the number of those applicants to interview.

The Board discussed with the Human Resources Director, the suggestions for recognition of employees on their anniversary hire date. The current method for naming the employee of the month by placing the employee's name in a drawing the number of times representing the number of years employed, will continue, with one change starting January 2014. The change will be that the employee's name drawn will be granted a day off with pay instead of the \$100 gift card. Other suggestions such as pins for 5 year, 10 year, 15 years employment, award certificates, or use a gift catalog and let the employee pick an appropriate gift depending on their years of service, were discussed. The HR Director will gather more information on costs and present the information to the Board to allow for further consideration of awarding a gift for milestone years of service.

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**Commissioner Steward made a motion to adjourn the Work Session, Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye.**

**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.**

**Annette Berry, County Clerk**

**Becky Hood, Chairman**

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**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK  
MEDIA  
15 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.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Commissioner Steward read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in November. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Michael Lackey with 4 years at the Sheriff's Department as Employee of the Month.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hood asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session October 15, 2013, and the Regular Meeting October 15, 2013. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Smith advised the Board that at the next meeting Mr. Tom Fravel with American Engineering will be here to discuss the project that he has been working on concerning the parking deck.

Attorney Smith also advised that she had received a request from the City of Calhoun, explaining that the City of Calhoun will be doing their second reading of their sign ordinance at the next City Council Meeting. The City Attorney and Mayor sent a copy of the new ordinance with a request that Gordon County review the ordinance and consider adopting a similar ordinance because of the fact that Gordon County have so many areas that are adjacent to municipal property especially down the Highway 53 corridor and down toward the outlet mall. Gordon County currently has the same sign ordinance for that reason, but now the City of Calhoun will be doing their second reading for a new sign ordinance at their next meeting. Attorney Smith advised that she has the City's draft ordinance and will be making a presentation and recommendation to the Board for the County's sign ordinance as well.

Attorney Smith advised that the Resaca Battlefield Park is still an ongoing project and the State is still responsible for that project. She has spoken with Environmental Health and there has been nothing definitive decided, the State will be waiting for Christy Blair's findings concerning the restrooms at the park.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Gazaway reported that he had attended the legislative dinner, the Fall District meeting in Rome, Community Government Affairs meeting at the Chamber, the Ag Center open house which was a great event, and the Booster Breakfast and Business Expo at the Recreation facility. Commissioner Steward advised that he and Kevin will attend the November Resaca Council meeting and next month they will attend the Fairmount Council meeting. Commissioner Cunningham said he also attended the Ag Center open house and he attended the November Fairmount Council meeting, he also had just attended an ACCG Economic Development session. Chairman Hood thanked everyone involved in the Ag Center open house and stated that she enjoyed very much see all the Department Heads at the open house. She read a letter from a citizen who is very happy with work done on their road by the Public Works Department and thanked Director Barry Hice for his crews work. Commissioner Steward also complimented and thanked Barry Hice for the great job of installing signs on New Town Road.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING**

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to open the public hearing for zoning. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all vote aye.

**APPLICATION #Z13-03 ROBERT WRIGHT**

County Attorney Smith read application Z13-03, Robert Wright's request to rezone from A-1 to RA-1. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations to approve the rezoning. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning.

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

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the public hearing for zoning. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS****DECLARATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY AUCTION FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR TWO 14 FT. JOHN-BOATS WITH TRAILERS AND 15 HP MOTORS**

County Attorney Smith advised the Board that this is the declaration of surplus property for the Fire Department for two 14 ft. John-Boats with trailers and 15 hp motors. These will be added to the surplus list for the County's auction to be held this weekend.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property for the Fire Department. Commissioner Sextons seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Gazaway, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman