

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, September 15, 2015 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

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
APPROXIMATELY 25 GUESTS
MEDIA**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

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

Fire Chief Doug Ralston and Deputy Fire Chief Byron Sutton came before the Board to perform the pinning ceremony for the fire fighters who were getting their promotions. Fire fighter Brandon Holcomb, Hugh Holcomb, Josh Howard, and Adam Dortch promoted to Sergeants; Josh Cochran, and Andrew Cornwell promoted to Lieutenants. Chairman Hood administered the oath and the members of the Board performed the pinning of the badges.

Director Tom Burgess of the Building, Planning and Development Department addressed the Board and gave an update for his department. Director Burgess showed a PowerPoint explaining the process for applying for a building permit. He explained the information about any and all documents needed to complete the requirements for acquiring a building permit; and explained that the process is not difficult but does require that certain paperwork be available for proof of ownership of affected property and the location for any building that may be planned to be placed on the property. He assured the Board and the public that his department is willing to help in any way they can to assure that an applicant is successful in acquiring a permit.

Representatives from the Gordon County Board of Education, Mendy Goble and Patricia Boswell came before the Board of Commissioners and presented an informational PowerPoint that their Board had presented to the public during their public hearings held before approval of raising the school millage rate.

The Board discussed a letter from a citizen requesting relief from paying interest owed on a property tax bill. Following discussion, there was a consensus of the Board to ask the County Attorney, Jim Ledbetter, to respond with a letter advising that the Board would not approve, nor support, the request for lower interest on the past due property tax bill.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to close the Work Session. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business the Work Session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 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

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
APPROXIMATELY 6 GUESTS
MEDIA**

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.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR MILLAGE RATE INCREASE

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to open the public hearing for the millage rate increase. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye.

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is the third of the required public hearings for the Board to conduct in order to raise the millage rate. Attorney Ledbetter announced that there was no one signed up to speak at the public hearing.

Commissioner Steward 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 are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session September 1, 2015, and the Regular Meeting September 1, 2015. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Gazaway and Steward voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator King read the report into the record (copy attached).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway reported that he attended the 9-11 Memorial Ceremony at Trinity, met Lt. Governor Cagle at the College & Career Academy, and Partners In Education Summit.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESSDECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR A 1998 MERCEDES BENZ, A 2003 ACURA COUPE, AND A 2005 HARLEY DAVISON FLX MOTORCYCLE

County Administrator King advised that this is a request from the Sheriff's Department asking that three vehicles be declared surplus property for disposal.

Commissioner Cunningham made motion to declare as surplus a 1998 Mercedes Benz, a 2003 Acura Coupe, and a 2005 Harley Davison FLX motorcycle. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR AUCTION

Administrator King advised that this is a list of surplus property from the Sheriff's Department and from the Redbud Road fire station that we are going to be tearing down, and other offices. This list of property will be going to the auction that is coming up September 19, 2015.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the list of property as surplus. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

ADOPTION OF A 9.930 MILLAGE RATE FOR THE 2015 TAX YEAR

County Administrator King advised that Gordon County has completed all of the requirements by the State as far as adverting and holding public hearings. This is for the Board to establish the millage rate for the 2015 tax year at 9.930 total net mills for the County government operations in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to adopt the 9.930 millage rate for 2015. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Commissioner Sexton opposed the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Steward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman