

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2016**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 5:30 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  
14 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.

Mr. Christopher Bogue of 140 Valley View Circle came before the Board to request the county to amend the ordinance and allow for backyard chickens on less than 5 acres. Mr. Bogue said he has about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre and wishes to have a small flock, maybe 5 hens to furnish his family with eggs and also family pets. Other advantages were to use the hens to take out bugs, also chickens are good for the soil as fertilizer and their scratching breaking up the soil.

The Board then discussed amending the ordinance regarding chickens and poultry kept for non-commercial purposes. Attorney Ledbetter referenced a draft amendment to the ordinance allowing backyard chickens to be permitted in three zoning areas and on  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of land. Other restrictions having to do with enclosures for the chickens and boundaries were included on the draft. Attorney Ledbetter advised that he would ask for comments from the Board and then have public hearings that would be required. The ordinance amendment would then be considered by the Board at a future meeting. Chairman Hood suggested including other animals and also mentioned getting some input from Doug Ralston since his family is involved in showing animals.

Administrator King advised the Board about the recent tour of the Resaca Battlefield by staff and others. Administrator King said the site is now basically complete and the punch list satisfied. He asked if the Board members would like to tour the battlefield prior to it being presented for acceptance by the county, possibly by the next Board meeting on February 2nd. Board members agreed to tour the battlefield on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the Work Session. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye.

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

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2016**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 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 10 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session January 5, 2015, and the Regular Meeting January 5, 2015. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sexton 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 Existing Industries Committee and the Resaca Battlefield meeting. Commissioner Sexton reported that he attended the Public Works Committee meeting, and the Republican Party meeting, also the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Redbud fire station. Commissioner Steward attended the Finance Committee meeting and the ribbon cutting for the new fire station. Commissioner Hood advised that she spoke at the Rotary Club meeting and attended the ribbon cutting for the fire station.

**CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR A 1% SALARY INCREASE IN ELECTED OFFICIALS  
SALARIES PER GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET EFFECTIVE  
1/1/2016**

Administrator King advised that this is a budget amendment to increase the salary of elected officials per the Governor's office of Planning and Budget effective January 1, 2016. The budget

amendment is for the second half of the 2016 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$3,103.49

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECORD REVENUE FROM GEORGE CHAMBERS FOR THEIR CDBG PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,979.00**

Administrator King advised that this is a budget amendment to accept a check from the George Chambers Resource Center in the amount of \$21,979.00 for their CDBG renovation project to add the canopy that was an alternate option on the contract. The funds will flow from the Georgia Chambers Resource Center to Gordon County and then to Momon Construction Company.

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

**ESTABLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING OFFICE DURING THE 2016 ELECTION**

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is for Board approval to establish the qualifying fees for the upcoming 2016 elections. The Board of Elections has submitted the qualifying fees pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-131, as presented on the attached list.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the qualifying fees for the 2016 elections. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Gazaway, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sexton 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.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman