



GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 1, 2023

Judicial Building Assembly Room

Work Session - 5:00 PM

Regular Session - 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners M.L. “Bud” Owens, Chair, Kevin Cunningham, Vice-Chair, Chad Steward, Bruce Potts, and Kurt Sutherland; County Administrator and Attorney Jim Ledbetter, County Clerk Hollis Barton, Executive Assistant Keith King, Shea Hicks, Doug Ralston, Heath Derryberry, John Carr Whitmer, Melissa Blevins, Brandi Owsczarz

WORK SESSION

Mr. Ledbetter gave an overview of the agenda items. Elections and Registration Supervisor Shea Hicks presented updates and current statistics for her department and upcoming events with Municipal elections and voter outreach. John Carr Whitmer and Melissa Blevins with the Chattanooga Food Bank gave a presentation regarding Gordon County. Commissioner Potts made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR SESSION

- I. **Call To Order** - Chair Owens called the meeting to order.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** - Commissioner Sutherland and Commissioner Potts
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 5-0.
 - A. **Adopt minutes of Work, Executive, and Regular Session of July 18, 2023**
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda** - Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Potts. The motion carried 5-0.
- V. **Special Recognition** - Commissioner Steward recognized the employees and their years of service, Vice-Chair Cunningham drew Angelia Wright as the recipient of the extra vacation day.
 - A. **August Employees Years of Service**
 1. **Animal Control**
 - a) Abby Hunter, 17 years

- 2. District Attorney**
 - a) Caroline Cortes, 1 year
- 3. E-911**
 - a) Rick O'Mahony, 14 years
 - b) Kinslea Otting, 8 years
- 4. EMA**
 - a) Wendy Saylor, 2 years
- 5. Fire**
 - a) Brandon Holcomb, 10 years
 - b) Jacob Nicholson, 7 years
 - c) Jimmy Williams, 7 years
 - d) Mason Matilla, 4 years
 - e) Braden Mullins, 4 years
 - f) Samuel Magnicheri, 3 years
- 6. IT**
 - a) Tim Cochran, 18 years
- 7. Magistrate Court**
 - a) Cortney Ford, 4 years
- 8. Parks and Recreation**
 - a) Roger Peace, 15 years
- 9. Public Works**
 - a) Donnie Stover, 26 years
 - b) Scott Hobbs, 24 years
 - c) Steven Silvers, 5 years
 - d) Amy Richards, 3 years
 - e) Brandon Peck, 2 years
- 10. Sheriff's Office**
 - a) Andy Roberts, 32 years
 - b) Angelia Wright, 19 years
 - c) Kevin Crump, 13 years
 - d) Robert Garcia, 7 years
 - e) Jarod Powell, 4 years
 - f) Nathaniel Bennett, 4 years
 - g) Jessica Fleming, 2 years
 - h) Joshua Garcia-Armas, 2 years
 - i) Shane Gibson, 2 years
 - j) Phillip Beavers, 1 year

11. Tax Commissioner

- a) Sharon Leberman, 27 years
- b) Bonnie Storm, 3 years
- c) Kristie Kerr, 1 year

VI. Public Participation

VII. Administrator's Report

Mr. Ledbetter presented the report to the Commission.

VIII. Commissioner's Report

A. Vice-Chair Cunningham

Stated on July 25th the General Administration Committee.

B. Commissioner Steward

Attended State of the Industry on July 28th and gave an overview of the meeting.

C. Commissioner Potts

Stated on July 24th attended the 4-H ceremony; on July 26th, met with Gavin Thompson with Rep. Greene's Field Office; July 29th participated in the Adopt-A-Mile clean up on Curtis Parkway; on July 31st, met with Grant Waldrop and Joe Schulman with GDOT; and provided updates for the Senior Center.

D. Commissioner Sutherland

Stated he attended the Leadership Institute July 19th and 20th; July 28th attended the Melea S. Cook Memorial Lamb and Goat Show in Jasper; answered several phone calls from concerned citizens; provided updates from Jeff Champion and Public Works.

E. Chair Owens

Stated he attended ACCG Health and Human Services Policy Meetings throughout the last few weeks; Stated on July 27th he and EMA Director Courtney Taylor hosted the quarterly EMS Region I Advisory Council meeting for sixteen (16) counties as well as as the NWGA Region I EMS Council and NWGA Town Hall meeting.

IX. First Reading

X. Public Hearing

XI. Consideration of Unfinished Business

XII. Consideration of New Business

- A. Recommendation to appoint a Commissioner to serve as the Gordon County Commission voting delegate to the ACCG 2023 Legislative Leadership Conference.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Potts volunteered; Commissioner Sutherland made a motion, Steward seconded. The motion carried 5-0.
- B. Recommendation to appoint someone to fill an unexpired term replacing Chris Craig to the Airport Authority. This term will expire June 30, 2024.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Potts made a motion to defer the item, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 5-0.
- C. Recommendation to adopt Resolution approving the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding SPLOST proceeds and authorizing the execution of the Agreement by the Commission Chair.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Potts. The motion carried 5-0.
- D. Recommendation to adopt Resolution requesting the Gordon County Board of Elections to call for a referendum on the 2023 SPLOST projects in the Intergovernmental Agreement and any bonds issued in accordance with that agreement to be placed on the November 7, 2023 ballot.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Mr. Ledbetter noted there were not any bonds, that this was standard language for the item. Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Steward. The motion carried 5-0.
- E. Request from Public Works to deem certain items and equipment as surplus.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Potts. The motion carried 5-0.

XIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Steward made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 5-0.