

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 15, 2012**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**JUDY BAILEY, CHAIRMAN
BECKY HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN
ALVIN LONG, COMMISSIONER
CHAD STEWARD, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the agenda and made no changes. One item was added to the agenda later in the meeting.

County Attorney Hutchinson requested the Board to add an item to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting, explaining that the request is in regard to the item that the Board met in Executive Session, under potential or pending litigation, during the May 1st meeting in reference to a D.O.T. condemnation action. The attorney representing the Georgia D.O.T., who is acquiring right-of-way for the Gordon County bypass, had a pending condemnation on a parcel of land on that bypass. Gordon County had a tax lien on that parcel for some unpaid property taxes. The Gordon County Tax Commissioner is agreeable to the proposal by the D.O.T. to settle the condemnation which would require the County to execute two quitclaim deeds. This request comes to the Board from the Tax Commissioner with his recommendation that the Board authorize the Chair to sign the quitclaim deeds in settling that pending condemnation. There was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the Agenda.

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

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

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Judy Bailey, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2012**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**JUDY BAILEY, CHAIRMAN
BECKY HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN
CHAD STEWARD, COMMISSIONER
ALVIN LONG, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

**RANDALL DOWLING, COUNTY ADMINS.
SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
APPROXIMATELY 16 GUESTS**

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was led by Rev. John Allen and the pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Bailey.

WELCOME

Chairman Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SOLID WASTE HANDLING PERMIT FOR THE PROPOSED REDBONE RIDGES MSW VERTICAL EXPANSION

Commissioner Long made a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Mr. Rob Burnette with Santek came before the Board and advised that this public hearing is part of a requirement from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to explain the vertical expansion plans made by Santek for the Redbone Ridges landfill. There was a discussion with the Board, and questions from Board members. Chairman Bailey asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Tony Farrell and Mr. Johnny Mac Thompson came forward with comments and questions. Those comments were discussed and the questions were answered by Mr. Burnette and other representatives from Santek.

Chairman Bailey asked if anyone else had any comments, no one came forward to speak to the Board. Commissioner Long made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion and Commissioners Long, Hood, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bailey asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session May 1, 2012 and the Regular Meeting May 1, 2012. Commissioner Long 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

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – GERMANE TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**REAPPOINTMENT TO HIGHLAND RIVERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR LINDA CRAWFORD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

County Administrator Dowling advised the Board that this is a reappointment for Linda Crawford to the Highland Rivers Board of Directors for a three year term ending June 30, 2015. This request comes to the Board of Commissioners from Highland Rivers as a recommendation.

Commissioner Long made a motion to approve the reappointment of Linda Crawford to the Highland Rivers Board of Directors. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion and Commissioners Hood, Steward, and Long voted aye. Motion passed.

SUBMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Administrator Dowling advised that the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget has been submitted for the Boards perusal. Administrator Dowling advised that it is available in the County Clerk's office and on the County's website for everyone to see. The Board will hold a public hearing to obtain comments on June 5 during the commission meeting, and adoption of the budget June 19 during the commission meeting.

DISTRIBUTION OF EXCESS SPLOST 2005 FUNDS

Administrator Dowling advised that this is a distribution of excess 2005 SPLOST funds. The 72 months of the collection period have been completed for the 2005 SPLOST. The excess funds total \$597,782.99. Of that, half goes to the City of Calhoun, and the balance is divided equally between Fairmount, Resaca, Ranger, Plainville, and Gordon County, each receiving \$59,778.30.

Commissioner Long made a motion to approve the distribution of the excess 2005 SPLOST funds. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion and Commissioner Steward, Hood, and Long voted aye. Motion passed.

QUITCLAIM DEEDS SETTLING A GEORGIA D.O.T. CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PROPERTIES ON FIRETOWER ROAD REGARDING THE GORDON COUNTY BYPASS PROJECT

County Attorney Hutchinson advised the Board that this item is for approval by the Board authorizing the Chair to sign two quitclaim deeds pursuant to the request of the Georgia D.O.T. in reference to the Gordon County bypass project and D.O.T.'s acquiring right of way for the

project. This parcel of property has been identified in condemnation proceedings as having a tax lien on it by Gordon County. Part of the negotiation to settle the acquisition of the right of way, was that there would be a payment to the property owner from the D.O.T. for the right of way that is acquired. However, because of the Gordon County tax lien on the property, the County will be entitled to receive that payment in lieu of the payment going to the property owner. In order to receive the payment of approximately \$27,000, the County needs to execute two quitclaim deeds.

Commissioner Long made the motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the quitclaim deeds. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Long, Steward, and Hood voted aye. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – GENERAL

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Long seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Judy W. Bailey, Chairman