

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 5:30 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, ADMINISTRATOR
SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
30 GUESTS**

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the Agenda and made no changes to the Agenda.

The Board held a lengthy discussion for the item on the agenda for the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Allocation and Distribution of proceeds from the Energy Excise Tax. County Attorney Smith advised the Board that she had drawn the agreement to include the Cities of Calhoun, Fairmount, Resaca, and Plainville. Each city can sign the agreement and participate or if they decide that their particular city does not wish to participate, then they just don't sign the agreement. Attorney Smith asked that the allocation and distribution percentages be read aloud and attached to the agreement and made a part of the agreement. Administrator Dowling read the percentages into the record; the SPLOST distribution is Gordon County would receive 79.35 %, City of Calhoun 18.62%, City of Fairmount 0.98%, City of Resaca 0.66%, and City of Plainville 0.39%.

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 6:00 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Judy W. Bailey, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 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, ADMINISTRATOR
SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
35 GUESTS**

Chairman Bailey 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 Bailey.

WELCOME

Chairman Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bailey asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session September 4, 2012, the Regular Meeting September 4, 2012, the Special Meeting September 4, 2012, and the Special Meeting September 12, 2012. Commissioner Long made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Dowling read the report (copy attached).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

Commissioner Long made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Zoning. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Long, Steward, and Hood voted aye.

APPLICATION #Z12-02 OUTDOOR MEDIA GROUP

County Attorney Smith read Application #Z12-02, Outdoor Media Group's request to rezone from general commercial to highway commercial. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. Mr. Charles Dixon with Outdoor Media came before the Board to explain the rezoning request. No one signed to speak in opposition to the rezoning.

Commissioner Long made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion and Commissioners Long, Hood, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

APPLICATION #Z12-03 HOLLANDER CORPORATION

County Attorney Smith read Application #Z12-03, Hollander Corporation's request to rezone from agricultural to light industrial. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. Ms. Maddie Hollander came before the Board of Commissioners to explain the rezoning request. No one signed to speak in opposition to the rezoning.

Commissioner Hood made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Hood, Steward, and Long voted aye. Motion passed.

APPLICATION #Z12-04 GAS INCORPORATED

County Attorney Smith read Application #Z12-04, Gas Incorporated's request to rezone from general commercial to heavy industrial. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. Mr. Todd Bohn with Gas Incorporated came before the Board of Commissioners to explain the rezoning request. No one signed to speak in opposition to the rezoning.

Commissioner Long made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Long, Steward, and Hood voted aye. Motion passed.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – GERMANE TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**GORDON COUNTY E-911 CENTER AND E-911 DIRECTOR AWARD RECOGNITION**

Chairman Bailey advised that Debbie Vance and the Gordon County E-911 Center has been awarded the Georgia E-911 Center of the Year and Director of the Year by the Georgia Association of Public Safety Communication Officers and the National Emergency Number Association. Chairman Bailey read the award and presented the award to Debbie and her staff.

APPROVAL OF POSITION FOR EMPLOYEE FOR TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

County Administrator Dowling advised that this is for Board consideration of approval for a position for the Tax Assessor's office. Previously the Board had discussed approval of the position for the Tax Assessor's office with the stipulation that the potential employee would agree to training and tax assessor certification. That letter agreeing to the stipulation has now

been signed by the potential employee and delivered to the Board. The Board now will consider approval of the position for the Tax Assessor's office.

Commissioner Long made a motion to approve the position for the Tax Assessor's office. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion and Commissioners Long, Hood, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO MALT BEVERAGE WINE & LIQUOR ORDINANCE – first reading

County Attorney Smith advised the Board that this is the first reading of a proposed amendment to the Malt Beverage Wine & Liquor Ordinance to lower the fee on the license for consumption on the premises on the sale of malt beverage, and/or wine and/or liquor to \$1,000 for all applicants. If approved by the Board, this amendment would be effective for the next license cycle starting January 1, 2013. The amendment will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for the second and final reading of the ordinance and for the Board's consideration for approval.

FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY2011-2012 FOR AUDIT

County Administrator Dowling advised that this is the final budget amendment for fiscal year 2011/2012 for audit purposes. This is a clean-up for audit purposes to amend the budget for revenues more than expected, and more than expect expenditures.

Commissioner Hood made a motion to approve the audit budget amendment. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Hood, Steward, and Long voted aye. Motion passed.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE ENERGY EXCISE TAX

County Attorney Smith advised that this is for Board consideration of an intergovernmental agreement for the allocation and distribution of proceeds from the energy excise tax. The General Assembly amended O.C.G.A. title 48-13 and added article VI. concerning an excise tax on the sale or use of energy. The County has had the State required meetings. This is a draft Intergovernmental Agreement between Gordon County, the City of Calhoun, the City of Fairmount, the City of Resaca and the City of Plainville. There is also an Exhibit A, which is the LOST distribution formula and a copy of the SPLOST distribution formula. If the Board wishes to approve this intergovernmental agreement, the agreement will be sent to each of these municipalities for them to elect if they wish to sign the intergovernmental agreement or not. Once the intergovernmental agreement has been signed by all parties wanting to participate, the County would then adopt an ordinance imposing this energy excise tax.

Commissioner Long made a motion to enter into an agreement for the allocation and distribution of proceeds from the energy excise tax. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion. Chairman Bailey commented that there has been some confusion about the tax, and stated that this is not a new tax; this is 1cent for SPLOST and 1 cent for LOST. The State has eliminated their portion of the sales tax on energy and left the option for the cities and the county to keep the energy tax.

Chairman Bailey called for a vote on the motion. Commissioners Long, Steward, and Hood voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hood 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 Bailey, Chairman