

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 2, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**BECKY HOOD, COMMISSIONER  
CHAD STEWARD, COMMISSIONER  
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER  
JEFF GAZAWAY, COMMISSIONER  
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

County Attorney Smith called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the Agenda and made no changes or deletions. Two items were added to the Agenda later in the meeting.

County Administrator Dowling discussed the Lusk & Company, Inc. design/build agreement with the Board. There was some concern from Commissioner Sexton regarding the Board members not being involved in the choosing of the design/build company for the agricultural facility. County Administrator advised that this was the customary process used by the previous Board. Dowling advised that there was one commissioner involved in the entire selection process. Dowling also further explained that this was a fast track project and the best way to meet the deadline imposed by the USDA was to hire a company based on qualifications and using a design/build/construction delivery method which holds the company to a specific budget. Following discussion, Commissioner Sexton asked that, in the future, the full Board be more involved in any presentations from designers/builders and be involved in making the final decision of who to hire. Commissioner Cunningham indicated that he also would like to be involved in those presentations.

The Board discussed the times for Regular Meetings of the Board. County Attorney Smith advised that changes would involve an ordinance amendment, and that the Board could hear a first reading of an amendment to the ordinance at today's Regular Meeting. There was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the agenda.

Chairman Hood asked each Board member if they would serve on certain volunteer boards, specifically the Historical Society, Development Authority, Board of Health, and Northwest Georgia Regional Commission. There was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the agenda to name commissioner appointments to these boards.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cunningham seconded and all voted aye.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Suzanne Smith, County Attorney

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**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 2, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.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**

**RANDALL DOWLING, ADMINISTRATOR  
SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK  
MEDIA  
APPROXIMATELY 10 GUESTS**

County Attorney Smith called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation was led by Rev. John Allen. The pledge of allegiance was led by County Attorney Smith.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

County Attorney Smith advised the next item is the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Pursuant to our local legislation, the first item of the first meeting in January in odd numbered years is the election of the Chairman. County Attorney Smith opened the floor for a nomination of Chairman of the Gordon County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to elect Commissioner Hood as Chairman. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Hood assumed the Chair and announced that the next item is the election of the Vice Chairman for the term 2013-2014. Chair calls for a motion.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to elect Commissioner Gazaway as Vice Chairman. Motion dies dues to lack of a second. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to elect Commissioner Steward as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, and Chairman Hood voted aye. Motion passed.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in January**

Chairman Hood read the list of employees and Commissioner Sexton drew the name of William Kuhlman as employee of the month.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hood asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session December 18, 2012, and the Regular Meeting December 18, 2012. Commissioner Sexton 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**

All commissioners were welcomed to the Board and comments were that they were looking forward to the coming year and felt it would be an exciting time for the Board.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – GERMANE TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS****ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE – second reading**

County Attorney Smith advised that this is the second reading of the amendment to the Gordon County Animal Control Ordinance. The amendment to the ordinance consists of three items amending the ordinance. (see attached ordinance amendments)

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

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS****AGREEMENT WITH LUSK & COMPANY, INC. TO DESIGN AND BUILD A NEW AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER**

County Administrator Dowling advised that this item is for consideration of approval of an agreement with Lusk & Company to design and build a new agricultural service center. The Board has a memo detailing the process over the last several years, this has gone through a very delicate process and is now time to approve the contract. Staff recommends approval of the agreement and to authorize the Chairman to sign the document.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, and Sexton voted aye. Commissioner Steward opposed the motion. Motion passed.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT #5 TO DESIGN AND BUILD A NEW AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER.**

County Administrator Dowling advised the Board that this is budget amendment #5 to design and build a new agricultural service center. This would be taking \$2 million from the solid waste fund reserves and put in the general fund to begin the design and construction of the new center. This project will span two fiscal years, this is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, there will be some more put in beginning July 1, 2013. The project should be completed by September 30, 2013.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT #6 TO INCREASE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' BUDGET**

County Administrator Dowling advised the Board that this is budget amendment #6 to increase group health insurance for the board of commissioners' budget in the amount of \$9,000 to fund health insurance for new commissioners for six month until the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2013.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT #7 TO REALLOCATE THE COUNTY'S LOST PROCEEDS TO CITY OF FAIRMOUNT AND CITY OF RESACA**

County Administrator Dowling advised the Board that this is budget amendment #7 to reallocate the County's Local Option Sales Tax proceeds to the City of Fairmount and the City of Resaca based on the previous certificate of distribution.

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

**APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS TO NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION, GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, GORDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND THE GORDON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Chairman Hood advised that this is the appointment of Commissioner Cunningham to the Historical Society, Commissioner Steward to the Development Authority, Commissioner Sexton to the Board of Health, and Commissioner Gazaway to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission.

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

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE ORDINANCE – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

County Attorney Smith advised the Board that this is the first reading of the amendment to the Gordon County Rules of Procedure Ordinance concerning the meeting times of the Board of Commissioners. The current ordinance reads that the first meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. and the second meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. This amendment would change the ordinance to change the first meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m.

County Attorney Smith requested that the Board approve the changing of the first meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the changing of the first meeting to 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Steward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman