



Gordon County Government

STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

Presented by Chairman Becky Hood on February 22, 2013

Introduction of Commissioners



- Becky Hood, Chairman
- Chad Steward, Vice Chairman
- Kevin Cunningham
- Jeff Gazaway
- Norris Sexton



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Recent Accomplishments

Completed the Tallatoona CAP, Inc.'s new facility to better serve low and moderate income citizens.



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Demolished the old jail and constructed an employee parking area.



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- Completed an aerial fly-over of the entire county to replace the 2005 aerial maps to keep the Geographic Information System (GIS) Office up to date.
- Kept an ISO Rating of 6/9 and working to obtain a rating of 5/9 to lower property owners' fire insurance premiums.
- Updated the county's web site to reflect a more modern and updated look and function for more government transparency.
- Kept the county's financial condition very strong by having a healthy fund balance, AA bond rating, and stable millage rate of 9.80 at the same time restoring all employee benefits and even a 2% raise during an unfavorable economy.



SPLOST Projects

Conducted a successful SPLOST election to continue the 1% sales tax for another six years until 2018 to collect \$51.6 million to complete the following projects:

- Improve the County-wide Public Safety Communication System - \$2,800,000 (completed)
- Replace 32 Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicles - \$1,500,000 (completed)
- Expand the Library - \$400,000 (joint project with Calhoun. Construction to begin in June 2013)
- Replace the Parking Deck - \$2,600,000



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- County Road Improvements - \$7,605,698
- Peters Street Improvements - \$2,000,000 (joint project with Calhoun)
- Install Fire Hydrants in the Unincorporated Area - \$2,000,000
- Renovate the Courthouse & Annex - \$ 12,000,000
- Construct a Replacement Health Department - \$3,200,000



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- Replace Fire Station No. 6 - \$4,500,000
- Expand the Senior Citizens Center - \$500,000
- Construct a Replacement Animal Shelter - \$1,500,000
- Develop Brookshire Park - \$400,000
- Allocate SPLOST Funds to Calhoun (\$9,621,049), Fairmount (\$508,154), Resaca (\$338,769), and Plainville (\$203,262)



Current Projects

Completing the Ft. Wayne Civil War Historic Site walking trails using a \$200,000 federal grant.

Completion during May 2013



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Expanding the Library with Calhoun using \$1,050,000 in SPLOST and state funds.

Completion during February 2014.

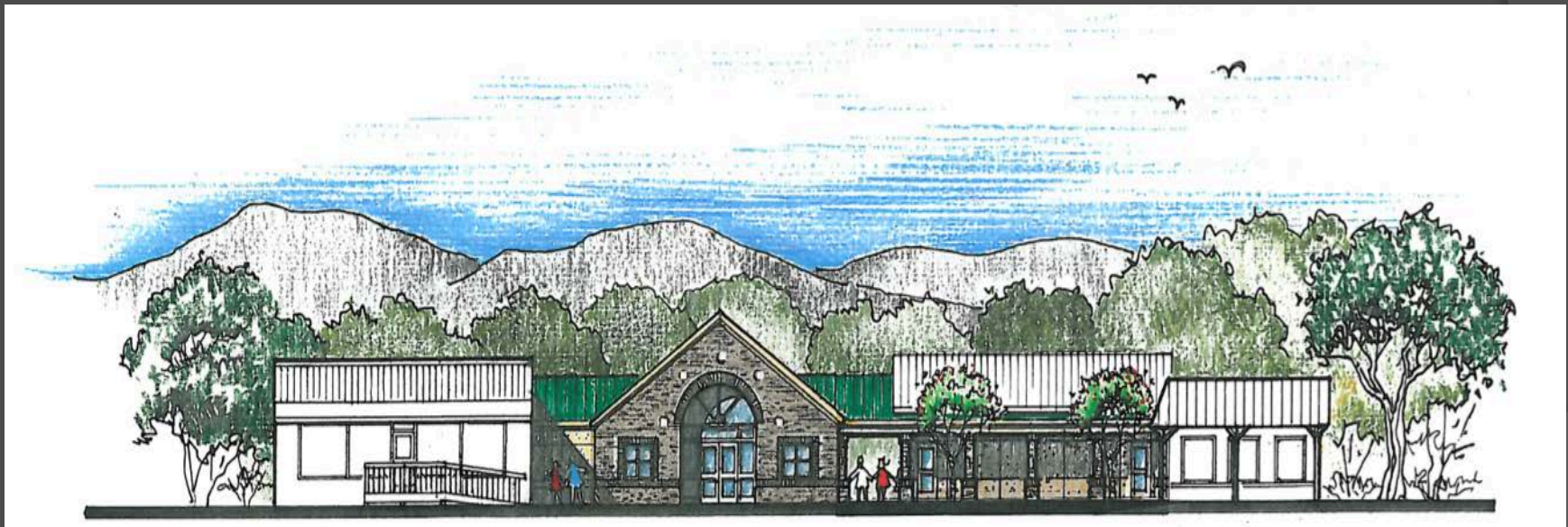


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Current Projects

Improving the Volunteer Action Center using a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant.

Completion during late 2013.



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Constructing a new \$2.5M Agricultural Service Center to house the offices of USDA, Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission, Univ. of Georgia Extension Service, and a community room.

Completion during late Sept. 2013.



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Gordon County Retreat

Gordon County Commissioners went on a retreat during Feb. 8-9 to establish goals for the upcoming year. During that retreat, the Board discussed many goals including:

- Renovating the courthouse and parking deck (SPLOST funded)
- Increasing the hotel / motel tax to fund tourism promotion
- Working with cities on various projects



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