

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**RANDY DOWLING, COUNTY ADMINISTR.
SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
12 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the agenda and made no changes or additions.

County Administrator Dowling explained the reason for the comprehensive plan community work program update and opened the public workshop up for citizen comments. Several citizens spoke to the Board with questions and comments, Mr. Dan McBee with Rivers Alliance; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harris and Mrs. Celia Herd from the east side of the county wanting more protective services available in that part of the county; Mrs. Roberta Charbonneau with Family Connection suggested that the County needs more transportation options for citizens needing a ride to take advantage of offered services that they are in need of. County Administrator Dowling advised that there would be one more public workshop held at the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners on March 19th.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate matters. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session began at 5:40 p.m.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to go back into the Work Session. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the Work Session, Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**BECKY HOOD, CHAIRMAN
CHAD STEWARD, VICE CHAIRMAN
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER
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OTHERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Hood 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 Hood.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in March

Commissioner Steward read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in March. Commissioner Sexton drew the name of Bo Nicholson 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 February 19, 2013, and the Regular Meeting February 19, 2013. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Dowling read the report (copy attached).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway gave his report about attending various functions and meetings in the past two weeks. Commissioner Steward reported on attending the VAC awards banquet. Chairman Hood commented that she had attended the Grand Jury this week.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – GERMANE TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SNR GROCERIES #1

County Attorney Smith explained that the Board had a public hearing during the February 19, 2013, meeting of the Board to consider a new application from SNR Groceries for a beer license. At that meeting, there was a motion by the Board to table the application since some Board members had questions that they wanted to put before the owner of the store who was not present at that hearing. Staff had notified the owner, Mr. Rasheed Virani, requesting that he attend the Board's meeting of March 5th to speak to the Board and to answer questions

concerning the application. County Attorney Smith advised that at a meeting on November 6, 2012, the Board had entered a temporary suspension of the alcoholic beverage license for this location; on November 20, 2012 at a Special Meeting, the Board voted to revoke the license for the remainder of 2012. The applicant became eligible to apply for a new license January 2, 2013; this is the new application for that license. Mr. Virani was called to step forward to address the Board.

Mr. Rasheed Virani came before the Board and explained his plan for running his business located at 1133 South Wall Street so that no future problems would occur there. Following Mr. Virani's statement several questions were asked by the Board members.

Chairman Hood called for a motion for the Board's consideration of the new application for a beer license for SNR Groceries. Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the application and Commissioner Steward seconded the motion. Commissioners Gazaway and Steward voted aye, Commissioner Sexton abstained from the vote, and Commissioner Cunningham and Chairman Hood opposed the motion. The motion to approve the license failed as there was no majority vote.

County Attorney Smith advised that she would research the County's ordinance to determine if Mr. Virani can reapply for a license and if so, when he can reapply.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF EXTENDING THE WAIVING OF FEES FOR COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIRTY ADDITIONAL DAYS FOR THE January 30th STORM VICTIMS

Administrator Dowling advised that this is for Board consideration of extending the waiving of County Building Permit fees for an additional 30 days for the storm victims. In the past 30 days the County has issued 56 building permits which total \$2.9 million of construction.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to extend waiving of building permit fees for 30 more days. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Steward, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY OF ADDITIONAL GUNS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Administrator Dowling advised that this is a revision of a declaration of County property of guns from the Sheriff's Department. This is a listing of a total of 568 guns. Staff recommends that the Board declare this list as surplus and the County is going to have a live auction on March 15th to dispose of the guns.

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

APPOINTMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF GORDON COUNTY FOR LARRY ROYE FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING MAY 1, 2017

Administrator Dowling advised that this is for the re-appointment of Larry Roye to the Development Authority for a four-year term ending May 1, 2017.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to appoint Larry Roye to the Development Authority. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Gazaway, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FT. WAYNE CIVIL WAR HISTORIC SITE WALKING TRAILS

Administrator Dowling advised that this is a budget amendment for the Ft. Wayne Civil War historic site for the walking trails. The grant for this project was for \$200,000 and was in last year's budget; \$84,000 of grant funds needs to be shifted from last fiscal year's budget to this fiscal year to complete this project.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the budget amendment. 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 6:40 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman