

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 7, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, May 7, 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
5 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

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

Sheriff Mitch Ralston spoke to the Board concerning an item on his requested budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 regarding security at the Resaca Battlefield Park and the Fort Wayne Park. The Sheriff advised that he had included two positions in his budget for fiscal year 2013/2014, but if the Board's plans did not include security for those parks, then he asked that the two positions be taken out of his budget. He stated that the two positions were asked for in his budget request solely for security for those two parks.

Commissioner Sexton advised the Board that he attended some of the additional sessions at the ACCG Annual meeting in Savannah, one of which was concerning how the Affordable Care Act commonly called Obamacare would affect companies. The State of Georgia will go under a federal deal as far as applying for insurance, the State did not set up a State exchange, the federal government will set it up. Depending on number of employees a company has that are not covered by health insurance, their monthly penalty would be anywhere between \$162 to \$275 per employee, not tax deductible. If no one in the company applies to the exchange, there is no penalty, but if even one employee applies, then every employee is counted. The county would be affected because our part-time employees are not covered under the county's employee health insurance.

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 5:25 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 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
JEFF GAZAWAY, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

**RANDALL DOWLING, COUNTY ADMIN.
SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
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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 May

Commissioner Gazaway read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in May. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Dave Hawkins 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 April 16, 2013, and the Regular Meeting April 16, 2013. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Dowling read the report (copy attached).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway advised that he had attended the Crime Victims' Rights ceremony April 24th at the Courthouse, the Northwest Georgia Regional planning meeting April 25th, ACCG Annual Meeting in Savannah, and he attended the Gordon Central FFA Banquet.

Commissioner Sexton advised that he and Commissioner Gazaway both finished the Regional Economic & Leadership Development seminar today. He also attended the Gordon Central FFA Banquet. Also he attended the ACCG Annual Meeting in Savannah and at that conference attended a session concerning the Affordable Care Act which was very informative.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING – New Application for Malt Beverage License for SNR Groceries #1

County Attorney Smith read the application from Mr. Rasheed Virani for a malt beverage license for SNR Groceries #1. The first person signed to speak at the public hearing is the attorney for the applicant, Mr. Alan Begner. Mr. Begner said that the fact that Mr. Virani was not at the store often enough led to the problem with the selling of drugs being allowed to occur. Mr. Rasheed Virani, the applicant, spoke to the Board asking that the Board approve his application, that he took responsibility for the problems at his store and assured the Board that

it would not happen again. Mr. Akbar Jiwani, the store manager for SNR Groceries also spoke to the Board on Mr. Virani's behalf and promised that no future problems will occur at the store.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – GERMANE TO THE AGENDA

None

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SNR GROCERIES #1

County Attorney Smith explained that the Board had a public hearing earlier in the meeting concerning this application for a beer license.

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 Sexton seconded the motion. Chairman Hood asked for a vote and Commissioner Gazaway voted aye. Commissioner Sexton, Commissioner Cunningham, and Commissioner Steward opposed the motion. The motion to approve the license was denied.

APPROVAL OF THE VAC SUBMITTING A 2013 APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT TO DCA

County Attorney Smith advised that this is for approval for the Voluntary Action Center to submit a 2013 application for an Emergency Solutions Grant to the Department of Community Affairs. This is a renewal of the grant that has been submitted in the past and so is just for the Board of Commissioners to authorize the VAC to submit the application for this grant.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve authorizing the VAC to submit the grant application. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Steward, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR A 2000 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA GLS

Administrator Dowling advised that this is a declaration of surplus property for the Sheriff's Office for a 2000 Volkswagen Jetta and for approval authorizing the Sheriff to dispose of the property.

Commissioner Gazaway 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.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION OF MATT BARTON FOR RENOMINATION AND REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GORDON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/2015

County Attorney advised that this is approval of the recommendation of Matt Barton for renomination and reappointment to the Gordon County Hospital Authority Board for a three-year term ending 12/31/2015. This comes to the Board with the Hospital Authority's recommendation.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Matt Barton to the Hospital Authority Board. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Gazaway, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

RE-APPOINTMENTS OF JIM JOHNSON AND CATHY HARRISON TO THE CALHOUN GORDON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR TERMS ENDING 6/30/2016

County Attorney advised that this is for approval of reappointment of Jim Johnson and Cathy Harrison to the Airport Authority for three-year terms ending June 6/30/2016. This comes to the Board of Commissioners at the request of the Airport Authority for approval.

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

NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY ACTION PROPOSAL TO OPERATE AND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATIONS FOR THE RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR GORDON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014

Administrator Dowling advised that this is the North Georgia Community Action Proposal to Operate and the Service Agreement for Operations for the rural public transportation program for Gordon County for fiscal year 2013/2014.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the Service agreement and the Proposal to Operate from North Georgia Community Action and to authorize the Chairman to execute all documents. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Cunningham, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

SUBMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 RECOMMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET

Administrator Dowling advised that the Board has been given a copy of the recommended budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 and that there would be a public hearing for the budget on June

4th, then the budget will be considered by the Board for adoption June 18th and the budget will go into effect July 1st.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to accept the submittal of the recommended Budget. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all vote 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 6:30 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman