

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on May 21, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building to discuss the proposed budget.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**RANDY DOWLING, COUNTY ADMINIST.
SUZANNE HUTCHINSON, CTY. ATTY.
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
19 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board went through the budget by each department and outside agencies, giving each member of the Board an opportunity to discuss or ask questions. The Board also heard representatives from Magistrate Court, George Chambers Resources Center, Department Heads from the Fire Department, Buildings and Grounds, and Public Works who spoke to the Board regarding their budgets. The Board discussed requests from the Sheriff's Department, Juvenile Court, and Clerk of Court. No decisions were reached at the meeting; the Board did advise that they would consider all the requests.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 21, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 5:30 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
8 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the agenda and made no changes; one item was added to the agenda later in the meeting.

The Board discussed the county-owned facility currently occupied by Tallatoona CAP, Inc. located at Newtown Road. County Attorney Smith advised the Board that she had received correspondence from Debbie Schmell, the Executive Director of Tallatoona, outlining the programs and services that Tallatoona currently plans to offer at the facility. Attorney Smith advised that the programs and services that Mrs. Schmell included did not meet the variety of programs and services represented in the grant application; the grant which was awarded to Gordon County and from which the funding was derived and used to renovate the facility. Following a lengthy discussion, the Board instructed the County Attorney to send a letter to Tallatoona notifying them to vacate the facility no later than July 1, 2013. There was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting.

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 6:10 p.m. and the Board of Commissioners immediately opened the Regular Meeting.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 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
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
10 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was led by Commissioner Sexton. The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Hood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session May 7, 2013, and the Regular Meeting May 7, 2013. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gazaway 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 Sonoraville FFA Banquet, also attended a Job Fair at Calhoun High School and enjoyed teaching the students how to conduct interviews. Commissioner Hood advised that she and Commissioner Cunningham attended a meeting with representatives from Tallatoona CAP, Inc.

Chairman Hood called for a motion to open the Public Hearing for a variance appeal.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR VARIANCE APPEAL #A13-02

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

County Attorney Smith read the application from John R. Gordon for a variance appeal; the address is 430 Langston Drive, Calhoun. The variance request is to reduce property side setback for existing storage building from 10 feet to 0 feet. Mrs. Christy Gordon came before the Board to explain the variance application and to request the Board of Commissioners approve the variance appeal and grant a variance. Mrs. Gordon had a new survey of the property done to prove that the building was on her property and not partially on the adjoining property. All adjoining property owners have been notified. No one came before the Board in opposition to the variance.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the appeal and to grant the variance.

Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Sexton, Cunningham, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Cunningham 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

BID AWARD FOR A 2013 VAN FOR THE SENIOR CENTER

County Administrator Dowling advised that this is a bid award for a van for the Senior Citizens Center. Gordon County solicited and received bids for a 2013 Ford E350 van. County staff has reviewed and evaluated all bids received. Since the standard side-aisle seating configuration is difficult for senior citizens to access the third and fourth row bench seats, the center-aisle seating configuration is the preferred choice which is slightly higher in price. Staff recommends that the Board award this bid to Mobility Works for \$32,266 with a delivery date before June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the bid to Mobility Works. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion. Following a lengthy discussion by the Board, the Chairman called for a vote and no one voted for the motion. Motion failed. The Board asked that the staff go through the bid process again during the next fiscal year.

RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH STATE PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR SPACE FOR STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

County Administrator Dowling advised that this is the rental agreement between Gordon County and the State Properties Commission for space occupied by the State Soil & Water Conservation Commission located at 1282 Hwy 53 Spur in Calhoun.

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

AMENDMENT TO THE HOTEL MOTEL TAX ORDINANCE – 5% TO 8% - first reading

County Attorney Smith read the ordinance amendment and advised that the final reading of the ordinance would be at the next meeting on June 18, 2013 and would be presented to the Board for consideration of approval.

APPROVAL TO SEND A LETTER TO TALLATOONA CAP, INC. TO VACATE THE FACILITY AT NEWTOWN ROAD BY JULY 1, 2013

County Attorney Smith advised that this is approval by the Board to send a letter to Tallatoona CAP, Inc. advising them to vacate the facility at Newtown Road by July 1, 2013.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the County Attorney sending a letter to Tallatoona requesting that they vacate the building on Newtown Road. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Cunningham, Steward, and Sexton 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 6:30 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman