

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, November 19, 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

**SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
16 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

Mr. Tom Fravel with American Engineering spoke to the Board to bring them up to date on completion of the initial site work and the completed soil testing done in response to our discovering the crack in the parking deck. Mr. Fravel advised the Board that repair work to the parking deck would cost approximately \$100,000 and could be completed by the end of December. County Attorney Smith advised the Board that if any repair work done on the parking deck cannot be used in the new parking deck structure, then SPLOST funds cannot be used to pay for that repair work. Also that SPLOST funds collected to date are sufficient for the construction of a new parking deck. Following discussion, Board members felt that it would be a waste of money to spend county funds on repairs if the deck had to be torn down when the construction of a new deck was started. County Attorney was asked to contact Piper O'Brien to arrange for someone from that company to come to a Board work session to report on the status of any plan work they may have prepared for a new parking deck. The Board also wishes to discover what effect constructing a new parking deck would have on future plans for renovation of the courthouse.

Sgt. First Class Ken Benham with the local Georgia National Guard spoke briefly to the Board just to let the Board and Gordon County know that they are a full time unit which is very involved in the defense of the United States. They want the Board to know that the Guard is available for rendering any help in the future that the Board may need in Gordon County and Sgt. Benham urged the Board to call on the Guard.

Mr. Dan McBee with Rivers Alliance spoke to the Board and provided a brief status report concerning his work with rivers, lakes, and watersheds in Gordon County. Mr. McBee reported on the findings from his gatherings of pollutant levels in the rivers and lakes in Gordon County and urged the County to further study written reports he left for them to read.

Fire Chief Dave Hawkins requested Board approval for his department to submit an application for a Fire Act Grant. The Fire Department would like to apply in the areas of operations and safety, vehicle acquisition and a regional grant. The total grant would be for \$437,500 with County matching funds of \$43,750. There was a consensus of the Board to allow the Fire Department to move forward with applying for the grant.

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

County Clerk advised the Board that an offer from the Georgia D.O.T. for the County to purchase one of the shuttle vans that was recently replaced by D.O.T. for the 5311 MATS program. The van was offered to the County for \$4,500. David Gibson, who administers this van program, included information found on the internet of a similar age, size, and miles van for around \$27,000. The Board felt that this was a very good bargain, but would like to try to determine if the van was really needed by the county. The Board will consider the offer and discuss further at a future meeting.

Human Resources Director, Garah Childers, reported to the Board her findings on the cost of County pins for employees in recognition of years of service. The cost was discussed by the Board and no action was taken.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the main courtroom of the Gordon County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
65 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Fire Chief Dave Hawkins presented plaques for outstanding job performance to two firefighters, Lt. Hasty and Sgt. Disky for their work of about eight months preparing a virtual tour and design of the proposed new fire station on Cash and Redbud Roads.

SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLASS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Former Chairman of the Gordon County Board of Commissioners, Judy Bailey, thanked the Board for welcoming the Youth Leadership Class and introduced to the Board the adult sponsors for the class. The students were asked to stand and introduce themselves and to tell what school they attend. Following the completion of the business portion of the Board meeting, the students were given an opportunity to ask questions of the Board members. Many students had questions and members of the Board gave answers and information to the students concerning their questions. The Board was pleased and very impressed by the type of questions asked and of the students' apparent understanding and grasp of the information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session November 5, 2013, and the Regular Meeting November 5, 2013. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Attorney Smith advised the Board that Christy Blair with Environment Health was scheduled to do an inspection of the restroom facilities at the Resaca Battlefield Park. When she arrived, no one from the State was there and she was unable to gain access to the restrooms, so that will have to be rescheduled.

County Attorney also advised that our Building and Grounds personnel will be erecting the Christmas tree in front of the courthouse on Wednesday.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway reported that he was in attendance at the Lunch with Technology, attended the Officer Promotion ceremony at the Fire Department, and the Community and Government Affairs Meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE REGION ONE EMS MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING JANUARY 2016 FOR COURTNEY TAYLOR**

County Attorney Smith advised that this is the re-appointment to the Region One EMS Medical Services Council for a two-year term ending January 2016 for Courtney Taylor.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Courtney Taylor. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Gazaway, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR JERRY BARTON

County Attorney Smith advised that this is the re-appointment to the Board of Assessors for a six-year term ending December 31, 2019. The recommendation comes to the Board from the Board of Assessors to re-appoint Jerry Barton.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Jerry Barton. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR BOBBY HOUSE

County Attorney Smith advised that this is the re-appointment to the Board of Assessors for a six-year term ending December 31, 2019. The recommendation comes to the Board from the Board of Assessors to re-appoint Bobby House.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Bobby House. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioner Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business, the meeting was

adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman