

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 4:00 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
15 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.

Ms. Louise McGowan with Dobbs & Company, the County's auditors, came before the Board and presented the 2012 audit to the Board.

County Attorney Smith reminded the Board about the background information on the parking deck project. Representatives from Piper O'Brien came before the Board and presented their plans that were actually formed about two years ago. They presented two options that they had formulated for the parking deck project, including parts of the courthouse renovation project. Following discussion and questions, there was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the Agenda for Board approval for Piper O'Brien to proceed with the parking deck project and a Master Plan to include the courthouse renovation project.

The Board discussed the option offered from the Georgia D.O.T. to purchase a price-reduced van that the County had used and had recently turned in to the D.O.T. There was a consensus of the Board not to exercise this option to purchase the van.

County Attorney Smith discussed with the Board a letter received regarding reconsideration of an application for a malt beverage license for Rasheed Virani and SNR Groceries, that the Board had previously denied. Attorney Smith advised that the Board could not tell the applicant before his submittal of an application that they would approve his application. County Attorney Smith advised the Board that Mr. Virani just needs to submit a new application for the Board's consideration, a letter will be sent to Mr. Virani advising him to do so if he so desires.

Mr. Barry Hice reported to the Board that Boone Ford Road will be newly resurfaced and stripped this Spring. He is working with Georgia D.O.T. to have major roads in the County have the new type stripping with reflective paint. Fire Chief Hawkins reported that the files have been sent to ISO regarding the fire hydrants that have recently been installed.

The Board discussed considering a Freeport exemption resolution for Gordon County. There was a consensus of the Board to put this item on the Agenda for the next meeting. The resolution would be to raise the raw material exemption from 0% to 40% effective next budget year beginning July 1, 2014.

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 5:45 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building

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
5 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 December

Commissioner Gazaway read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in December. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Charmon Vandyke with 16 years at the Sheriff's Department, 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 November 19, 2013, and the Regular Meeting November 19, 2013. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Attorney Smith advised that she had spoken to Judge Bearden and he advised her that the ADJUST program has to be up and operational by January 1, 2014. They have been working and everything is on go. Judge Bearden also asked Attorney Smith to tell the Board that he is very much appreciates the Board's letting him use the building and it is going to be perfect for his program.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway reported that he attended the Farm City Week kickoff at the Ag Center and that his company, Evco, also hosted a tour. Also, he and Commissioner Steward were involved in a review of the applications for county administrator. Commissioner Sexton reported that he attended the Home Builders luncheon, and he attended in Becky's place, the Council of Chief Elected Officials meeting and workforce luncheon. Commissioner Cunningham reported he attended the Farm City Week kickoff and an awards ceremony for 4-H.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

RE-APPOINTMENT TO NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 FOR SAM PAYNE

County Attorney Smith advised that this is the re-appointment to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2014 for Sam Payne.

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

APPROVAL OF PIPER O'BRIEN PROCEEDING WITH THE PARKING DECK PROJECT AND A MASTER PLAN FOR THE PARKING DECK AND COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

County Attorney Smith advised that this item is for the Board to authorize Piper O'Brien to proceed with their preparation of the parking deck replacement project and their initial Master Plan project.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to authorize Piper O'Brien to proceed with the parking deck project and the Master Plan project. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gazaway 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 6:15 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman