

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, December 17, 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
10 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

Mr. Charles Gunn came before the Board and presented a banner he had assembled representing the old Gordon County Courthouse

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

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate matters. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session opened at 5:25 p.m.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close Executive Session. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session closed at 5:45 p.m.

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 17, 2013**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 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
26 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.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION TO SHERIFF MITCH RALSTON

Chairman Hood presented Sheriff Ralston with a proclamation for his foresight and preparedness during the January 30, 2013 tornado that impacted a large area of Gordon County. Sheriff Ralston accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board and his fellow public service officers.

PRESENTATION BY FIRE CHIEF DAVE HAWKINS TO FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER JOEY JORDON

Gordon County Fire Chief Dave Hawkins presented a certificate to Fire Prevention Officer Joey Jordon for his accomplishment in installing fire hydrants within the County benefitting homeowners and lowering their insurance premiums.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session December 3, 2013, and the Regular Meeting December 3, 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 and Commissioner Steward met concerning the courthouse renovation and parking deck project. They met with the architects and all of the occupants of the Courthouse and the Courthouse Annex, and representatives of the Sheriff's Office. The architects will be here in January to do a presentation to the Board on the parking deck project.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway reported that he attended the ACCG Leadership Conference and training along with Commissioners Sexton and Cunningham, also the College and Career Academy Meeting, and had breakfast with the Administrative Staff and Department Heads, also attended a Community and Government Affairs meeting, and attended the NW Georgia Regional Commission meeting. Commissioner Sexton reported that he really enjoyed the ACCG Leadership class and also the Sheriff's Banquet. Chairman Hood commented that she

appreciates the Department Heads for all the hard work and all that they have done this year. She stated that she really enjoyed the breakfast with the Administrative Staff and complimented the staff on all the work that went into the preparation.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

BOARD APPROVAL OF A FREEPORT RESOLUTION

County Attorney Smith advised that the County's current Freeport exemptions are at 40% for categories 2 and 3. This resolution is to amend that for the County's portion of the Freeport exemption to be 40% in all categories. This would match the City of Calhoun's exemptions. The resolution also states that "the Board of Commissioner does hereby agree to consider and review periodic adjustments as provided by the Statutes of the State of Georgia for this exemption schedule, with said reviews occurring in no less than two year intervals from the date of approval of this exemption".

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

CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH TOWN OF RESACA FOR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES

County Attorney Smith advised that this is Board consideration for renewal of a contract with the Town of Resaca for the Sheriff Department to provide police protection and law enforcement services there. This contract has been approved by the Town of Resaca and has been considered and reviewed by the Gordon County Sheriff Mitch Ralston and he has consented to the continuation of the Contract.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the contract with the Town of Resaca for the Sheriff Department to provide services. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MALT BEVERAGE & WINE RENEWAL LICENSES FOR 2014

County Attorney Smith advised that this is the annual renewal of Malt Beverage and Wine licenses for year 2014. All paperwork has been submitted to County Clerk and is in order. Staff recommends approval of 21 applications for renewal and to issue a 2014 license.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the applications for renewal and issue 2014 licenses. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward and Gazaway voted aye. Commissioners Sexton and Cunningham opposed the motion. Chair votes with the motion. 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