

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 4:30 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

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Attorney Smith explained to the Board the request from Connect Events for permission to close parts of some county roads on the chosen route for the Chick-Fil-A road race. Sponsors of the race, Brooke Cudd, Marketing Director from Chick-Fil-A and a representative from Connect Events Staff, spoke to the Board to explain the route and the precautions the sponsors would take to assure the safety of the citizens of Gordon County and the runners in the event. Representatives from the Sheriff's Office and the Public Works Department asked questions and also gave their opinions about some possible problems that could arise from the closure of one particular section of one of the county roads on the race route. The Board did not give their approval of the route, and following a lengthy discussion, the Board asked the event sponsors and the county departments involved to get together to try to work out the problems with the route and to possibly chose another route.

County Attorney Smith advised the Board the latest findings from several county departments after their recent visit to the Resaca Battlefield Park that the State of Georgia is currently working on trying to complete in order to hand over ownership to Gordon County. Mr. David Clark, representative from the Georgia DNR came before the Board and gave an overview of the park and the status of the construction of the park. Several items were listed as being unfinished and a tentative schedule was given for completing those items. Some items would not be completed until the State DOT finished its project of widening Highway 136 and building a new bridge at the entrance to the park. Mr. Joe Yeager, the Operational Site Manager also spoke to the Board. Christie Blair from the local office of the State's environmental health department spoke regarding the form of sewage waste disposal installed for the restrooms at the park and was promised a key by DNR to use to be allowed to further investigate the restrooms facility waste system to report her findings to the county. Two Resaca Council members were present and also had questions and concerns about the park. Mr. Kenny Padgett, with Friends of Resaca, commented that the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and the re-enactment is scheduled for May and they were very anxious for the park to be completed so that it could be used during the comemrating events for the anniversary. No action by the Board was taken at this time.

Mrs. Debbie Vance, Director of the E-911 Center read a letter from a citizen complementing two of her employees, Christy Jones the Shift Sgt. and Macey Ely a trainee. Mrs. Vance presented each of the employees with commendations for a job well done.

The Board discussed each item on the agenda and made no changes. Two items were added to the agenda later in the meeting.

Mr. Dan Bumgardner and Mr. Thomas Greeson with Calhoun Commercial Construction came before the Board at the request of Commissioner Sexton to give further information and answer some questions regarding their company designing and building the proposed replacement fire station. Their company's chosen architect also answered questions from the Board. No further action was taken by the Board.

Representatives from Pieper O'Brien Architects came before the Board to give the Board information on cost figures for different concepts for replacing the parking deck. The Board asked the architect to rework the design and for more information on a scaled-down concept design and for new costs. Pieper O'Brien informed the Board they would rework the design and come up with new costs and send those to the Board.

County Attorney Smith discussed with the Board a proposed new lease from SBA Properties, Inc., the company leasing a cell tower from the county located at Highway 53 close to the county's multi-facility complex. The proposed lease was for an extension of the lease and called for ten additional successive terms of five years. The Board indicated they were not interested in that length of an extension and asked the County Attorney to contact SBA and offer a much shorter term.

The next item the Board discussed was a request from ACCG to name a County Legislative Coordinator to help improve communications with the Board while the General Assembly is in session. The two primary roles would be to help keep county commissioners and county management updated on legislation of importance and provide county-specific information to ACCG, as requested, to help legislators assess the impact of proposed legislation. There was a consensus of the Board to name the County Administrator as the County Legislative Coordinator and this item was added to the agenda authorizing the Chairman to sign a resolution officially designating the CLC.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to adjourn the Work Session, Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 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

**SUZANNE SMITH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
8 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.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in March

Commissioner Gazaway read the list of Employees with anniversary hire dates in the month of March. Commissioner Steward drew the name of Bonnie Talley as Employee of the Month for March. For being named the Employee of the month, Mrs. Talley is awarded a day off with pay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session February 18, 2014, the Regular Meeting February 18, 2014 and the Special Meeting February 19, 2014. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway commented that he attended a LEPC meeting, the Georgia Regional Commission meeting, Leadership Day in Atlanta, Industry Luncheon at the hospital, EIC and Community Development, the Chamber Booster Breakfast, and a farewell party for Abby at the newspaper. Commissioner Steward commented that he attended the Resaca City Council meeting. Commissioner Hood mentioned the art projects created by County departments that are on display at the Harris Arts Center and that will be sold at a silent auction to raise money for the United Way and the Gem Theater.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BUDGET

Attorney Smith advised that this is a budget amendment for the County Administrator's budget in the amount of \$27,293.48 for the rest of fiscal year 2013/2014 salary and benefits.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the budget amendment to the County Administrator budget in the amount of \$27,293.48. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Gazaway, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF A LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR FOR ACCG

County Attorney Smith advised that this is a request from ACCG asking that each county in the state appoint a Legislative Coordinator for 2014 to help improve communications with members while the General Assembly is in session. Specifically to keep county commissioners and county management updated on legislation of importance and provide county-specific information to ACCG to help legislators assess the impact of proposed legislation.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to appoint the County Administrator to be the Legislative Coordinator. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR A 2001 TRAILER CAMPER AND A 2004 HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE

County Attorney Smith advised that this is a request from the Sheriff's Department to declare surplus county property for a 2001 trailer camper and a 2004 Harley Davidson motorcycle so that the Sheriff's Department can dispose of the property.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve declaring the property surplus to allow the Sheriff's Department to dispose of it. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Steward, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sexton 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 6:10 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman