

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, March 18, 2014 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

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the agenda and made no changes or additions. During the discussion of the item on the agenda for selection of a builder for the replacement fire station, Fire Chief, Dave Hawkins spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding the selection of the builder for the replacement fire station.

Representatives from Pieper O'Brien Architects came before the Board to show the newly redrawn design plan for the parking deck and to give the Board information on cost figures. The Board was in favor of the design and the cost numbers. There was a consensus of the Board to ask Martin Vaugh, Purchasing Director, to move forward with sending out requests for bids for the parking deck.

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 5:50 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 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 Rev. John Allen. 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 March 4, 2014, and the Regular Meeting March 4, 2014. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Attorney Smith gave a report on the latest tour taken of the Resaca Battlefield by her and the Buildings and Grounds Director, Jeff Champion and his staff, Christie Blair with the Environmental Health Department, and Tom Burgess and Mike Fowler with Building, Planning & Development, along with the DNR. There is still some work to be done at the park. Access to the park is very difficult due to the DOT work being done there at the entrance.

Chairman Hood introduced the newly hired County Administrator, John King, who was attending the meeting and is due to begin employment with Gordon County on March 24, 2014.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Sexton advised that he attended the Republican Party meeting and the ACCG conference in Tifton for a one-day class, Commissioner Steward reported that he also attended the Republican Party meeting, Commissioner Cunningham reported he attended the ACCG conference in Tifton for two days of classes, and has completed his certification. Chairman Hood spoke about the United Way campaign and her involvement in the Dancing with the Stars and reported that \$150,000 was raised by that event for United Way and the Gem Theater.

PUBLIC HEARING – Malt Beverage & Wine License Application

Commissioner Steward made a motion to open the public hearing for a malt beverage and wine license application. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.

County Attorney Smith advised the Board that this is the first public hearing for a malt beverage and wine license application for Highway Express. This location has had a license for many years. This application is for new owners of this store the Shine Group, Inc. The

application will be presented to the Board at the April 15th meeting for consideration for approval.

There was no one present at the meeting to speak at the public hearing.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

BOARD APPROVAL OF SELECTION OF A DESIGN/BUILD COMPANY FOR THE REPLACEMENT FIRE STATION AT CASH ROAD AND HIGHWAY 156

Attorney Smith advised that this is for the Board to approve their selection of a design/build group for the replacement fire station at Cash Road and Highway 156. This is the fire station that will be constructed under SPLOST funding that was approved in the previous SPLOST election.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to select Calhoun Commercial Construction as the design/builder for the replacement fire station. Also to approve appointing a construction committee to consist of the Fire Chief, the County Administrator, the County Building and Grounds Director, the Purchasing Director and two County Commissioners, to take part in the design and to oversee the building to make sure everything goes smoothly. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Gazaway, and Steward 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 6:20 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman