

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 22, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Thursday, May 22, 2014 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

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
12 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the agenda and added one item later in the meeting. The item to be added to the agenda was a contract with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company for employee health and life insurance coverage beginning July 1, 2014.

County Attorney Ledbetter discussed with the Board the item on the agenda for the contract with Pieper O'Brien for the replacement of the parking deck.

Chairman Hood presented Finance Director, Al Leonard a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting that he had been awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Mr. John Meadows with Starr-Mathews Insurance made a presentation to the Board concerning the renewal of the employee health insurance contract with Signa Health Insurance. There was discussion with the Board concerning some potential changes in the health plan, but eventually there were no changes made to the plan. The Board reached a consensus to add this item to the agenda for the Regular Meeting for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session began at 5:50 p.m. Executive Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m. and the Board went back into the Work Session

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the work session. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 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
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OTHERS PRESENT

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
10 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

Ms. Deyanna Jones with Comcast Cable presented a \$1,000 scholarship from Comcast Cable to each of two Calhoun Leaders and Achievers Students, Ms. Christy Vaughn and Ms. Lindsay Chasteen.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Commissioner Gazaway read the names of employees with anniversary hire dates in the month of May. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Joey Jordon with the Fire Department as Employee of the Month of May.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there were any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session May 6, 2014, and the Regular Meeting May 6, 2014. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator King read the report into the record (copy attached).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway reported that he attended Career Day at Calhoun Elementary School, also the Tactical Planning with Floyd College & Career Academy, the Community & Government Affairs meeting and the VAC open house. Commissioner Sexton commented that he attended the VAC open house. Commissioner Cunningham also attended the VAC open house and the Young Farmers meeting. Commissioner Steward attended the Development Authority meeting, and the FFA Banquet. Chairman Hood thanked everyone for allowing her to serve on the Board of Commissioners for four more years.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to go into the Public Hearing for zoning. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.

APPLICATION Z14-01, PRACHI HELI, LLC/TIMAKINBEN PATEL

County Attorney Ledbetter read application Z14-01, Prachi Heli, LLC and Timakinben Patel's request to rezone from A-1 to C-G. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendation for approval with the stipulation that Mr. Patel bring in proof that he had notified adjoining property owner. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning application. It was noted that the stipulation had been satisfied.

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

APPLICATION Z14-03, TONY TEMPLE

County Attorney Ledbetter read application Z14-03, Tony Temple's request to rezone from A-1 to RA-1. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendation for approval. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning application.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**CONTRACT WITH PIEPER O'BRIEN HERR ARCHITECTS FOR THE PARKING DECK DESIGN/BID/BUILD PROJECT**

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is a fixed fee contract for the architect's fee, with the architects doing the design, assisting with the bids on the project, and the construction by the general contractor. This is a negotiated contract and we've made certain changes and revisions.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the contract and allow the Chairman to execute the contract. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioner Gazaway, Sexton, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF DAN MCBEE TO THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION COUNCIL FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING 12/31/14

Chairman Hood advised that this is an appointment to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Council for Dan McBee for an unexpired term ending 12/31/14.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the appointment of Dan McBee. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FY2014-2015

County Administrator King announced that he and the Finance Director have completed all of the departmental meetings and he has completed his review and made a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. He tried to maintain each department's budget that they had in the past, any increases from the previous year were scrutinized very carefully. As a result, many reductions were made from the budgets that were requested from departments, such as across the board decisions made were, no additional personnel, no additional vehicles, no additional staff pay raises. There were some items that were passed along as recommendations that were above last year's, those were very minimal. Those were items that were necessary to meet commitments already made or to sustain core services.

BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH SIGNA HEALTHCARE FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S HEALTH INSURANCE

Human Resource Director, Garah Childers, spoke to the Board and advised that the Board needs to authorize the Chairman or County Administrator to sign the contract to renew for another year with Signa Healthcare. Human Resource Department needs a consensus from the Board about what information the Board wants passed on to the employees as far as changes to premiums, any surcharge, or any other information that will change or affect employees.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to allow the County Administrator to execute the contract, renewing the contract for another year for employee health insurance. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

There was a consensus of the Board to make no changes to the employee's health insurance as far as premiums, surcharges or any other changes, however, the Board does want Human Resources to form a committee to start looking into a recommendation to the Board regarding tobacco use and a wellness program.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.