

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, August 5, 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**

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

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

Citizen's comments were next on the agenda and Ms. Sarah Boswell at 201 Prater Drive, Calhoun spoke to the Board concerning growing chickens on less than 5 acres. She stated she tried to find in the ULDC if it is permissible to grow hens on less than 5 acres but could not find any reference to that. Ms. Boswell stated that if it is not permissible to do so, then we should all be against this ordinance.

Diane Lanier at 327 S. Sequoia Circle, Calhoun spoke to the Board with her concerns about the Ordinance Officer's non-responsiveness to her neighborhood and the resident's complaints. She referred to several state laws to support her opinion that the Ordinance Officer should be under the Board of Commissioner and not the Sheriff's Department.

Gordon County Fire Department Division Chief Blake Hodge presented an update to the Fire Department's Volunteer Program. Hodge advised the Board that the volunteer program has 27 members and each receives compensation based on their attending training, answering calls and performing station duties. Recruitment for volunteers is through guidance counselors, public events where handouts are provided, also local schools and technical college, county webpage, social media and the local radio and newspaper. Hodge stressed that retention is an area that the Fire Department is working very hard to improve and the department has 7 candidates scheduled to start the training course in September. He assured the Board that we have great volunteer members and the best program in the region. The training standards are excellent. The department goals are to provide safety, reduce liability, maintain excellence, create better programs, research and evaluate ways to improve, and encourage volunteers' participation in the pension program.

Commissioner Cunningham 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 5:35 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday August 5, 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**

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Sexton read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in August. Chairman Hood drew the name of Laura Worley with Juvenile Court 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 July 15, 2014 and the Regular Meeting July 15, 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

None

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to go into the public hearing for zoning. Commissioner Sexton seconded and all voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

County Attorney Ledbetter read application Z14-07, Thomas Grover Lunsford's request to rezone from A-1 to O-I. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations to approve, with the stipulation that the developer hook up to the public sewer system to be in compliance with the ULDC for the land requirement before obtaining a Gordon County business license, or that the applicant apply for a variance. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning request.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR A 1995 FORD ESCORT STATION WAGON

Chairman Hood advised that this is a request from the Sheriff's office for a declaration of surplus equipment for a 1995 Ford Escort station wagon.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the request from the Sheriff's office to declare surplus a 1995 Ford Escort station wagon. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

REVISED LIST OF ROADS FOR THE SPEED DETECTION DEVICE PERMIT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADDING FOLSOM ROAD, OWENS GIN ROAD AND PINE CHAPEL ROAD

Chairman Hood advised that this is for Board approval of a revised list of roads for the speed detection device permit for the Sheriff's Department adding Folsom Road, Owens Gin Road and Pine Chapel. This will require the Board's signatures and then it will not take effect until it is sent to the State for approval and their approval has been received.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the revised list of roads for the speed detection device permit. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

LEASE AMENDMENT WITH ALEX FRANKLIN FOR THE COMPACTOR SITE IN PLAINVILLE

Chairman Hood advised that this is a lease amendment with Alex Franklin for the compactor site in Plainville. Attorney Ledbetter had explained in the Work Session that this is a three-year lease with Mr. Franklin, and that Mr. Franklin had requested that the lease be renewed for three years and the lease amount be amended from \$275 per month to \$300 per month.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the amended lease for the compactor site in Plainville. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, and Sexton 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 6:30 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman