

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, December 16, 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

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed the agenda items for the Regular Meeting and made no changes; two items were added to the agenda for the Regular Meeting later in the work session.

Director of the IT Department, Brian McClellan, presented an update on the regional project for an aerial flyover for new digital aerial imagery. Director McClellan requested approval from the Board to proceed with the flyover by Board's execution of a contract with Sewell and a budget amendment of \$7,887.00 to be paid in December 2014, and \$15,774.00 to be paid in March 2015, with the remaining \$7,887.00 to be included in next fiscal year's budget. There was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the Regular Meeting agenda for Board consideration of approval.

Ms. Louise McGowan, with R.M. Dobbs, the County's auditors, presented the audit report for fiscal year 2013/2014 and explained certain highlights reported in the audit.

Williams Company representative James Mathews, project manager for the natural gas pipeline project, made a presentation to the Board explaining the project, and answered questions from Board members.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to go into Executive Session for potential litigation, real estate matters, and personnel. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion approved. Executive Session convened at 5:25 p.m.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the Executive Session and go back into the Work Session. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 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

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
12 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 December 2, 2014, and the Regular Meeting December 2, 2014. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gazaway 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 commented that he attended the College Career Academy meeting and the reception for retiring William Tyner. Commissioner Sexton attended the Planning and Development meeting and a Public Works committee meeting, also the Local Emergency Planning meeting and the Sheriff's banquet. Commissioner Steward attended the Finance Committee meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

REAPPOINTMENT TO THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR DAN MCBEE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/15

Chairman Hood advised that this is the reappointment of Dan McBee to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for a one-year term ending 12/31/15.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the reappointment of Dan McBee to Northwest Georgia Regional Commission. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Gazaway, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

BOARD APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE GORDON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR JIM BROWN AND RAY DENMON FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS ENDING 12/31/17

Chairman Hood advised that this is for Board approval of re-appointment to the Gordon County Hospital Authority for Jim Brown and Ray Denmon for three-year terms ending 12/31/2017.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Jim Brown and Ray Denmon to the Hospital Authority. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIMESTONE VALLEY COUNCIL FOR LEE CRUMP AND DOUG HIGDON FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS ENDING 12/31/16

Chairman Hood advised that this is the appointment of Lee Crump and Doug Higdon to the Limestone Valley Council for two-year terms ending 12/31/16.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the appointments of Lee Crump and Doug Higdon to the Limestone Valley Council. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

MALT BEVERAGE, WINE & LIQUOR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR 2015

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is the list of 18 renewal applications for malt beverage, wine and liquor license for next calendar year 2015. All paperwork is in order for these renewal applications.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the list of renewal malt beverage, wine and liquor license applications for 2015. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, and Steward voted aye. Commissioners Sexton and Cunningham voted to oppose the motion. Chairman Hood voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MALT BEVERAGE, WINE & LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR RALSTON'S CORNER

Chairman Hood advised that this is a new application for Ralston's Corner for a malt beverage, wine & liquor license for 2015. This is merely a change of applicant's name for the license. This location currently has a license and this is a change of the manager, and will have the license in their name.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve Ralston's Corner application for a malt beverage, wine and liquor license for 2015. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway and Steward voted aye. Commissioners Sexton and Cunningham voted to oppose the motion. Chairman Hood voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MALT BEVERAGE, WINE & LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SNR GROCERIES

Chairman Hood advised that this is a new application for SNR Groceries for a malt beverage,

wine and liquor license for 2015. SNR Groceries' license had previously been revoked by the Board for sale of illegal substances in the store. Chairman Hood asked the County Attorney if Mr. Virani, the applicant, was in attendance so that the Board could ask him some questions. The county attorney announced to the audience and asked if Mr. Virani was present. No one appeared representing the applicant. Chairman Hood called for a motion on the application. No motion was forthcoming. Chairman Hood then called for a motion to approve the application. No motion was forthcoming. County Attorney advised the Board that when there is no motion made and no second. The motion dies.

APPROVAL OF REVISED LIST OF ROADS FOR SPEED DETECTION DEVICE PERMIT

County Attorney advised that this has been an ongoing process since last April. Chairman Hood called for a motion for the approval of the revised list of roads for speed detection device permit to be submitted to the State.

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

CONTRACT WITH CALHOUN COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REDBUD FIRE STATION

Chairman Hood advised that this is a design/build contract with Calhoun Commercial Construction for the Redbud fire station.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to table this item until the next Board meeting in January. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Gazaway, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR EDDIE SMITH FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/18

Chairman Hood advised that this is an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission for Eddie Smith for a four-year term ending 12/31/18. This is Chairman Steward's appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the next four years.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the appointment of Eddie Smith to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Gazaway, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

BOARD APPROVAL OF PROCEEDING WITH AERIAL FLYOVER, BUDGET AMENDMENT, AND EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH SEWELL COMPANY

Chairman Hood advised that this is a request from the Information Technology Department to approve contracting with Sewell Company for an aerial flyover for new digital aerial imagery, and includes a budget amendment of \$15,774. This is a regional flyover with Catoosa, Murray and Whitfield counties.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the contract with Sewell Company and the budget amendment for the aerial flyover. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

BOARD APPROVAL OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR HIRING NEW FIRE CHIEF

Chairman Hood advised that this is for Board consideration to approve the County Administrator's choice and recommendation for filling the position of County Fire Chief and to announce the name pending acceptance of the position.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the Administrator's recommendation for hiring a new Fire Chief. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. 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 6:30 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman