

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**BECKY HOOD, CHAIRMAN  
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER  
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed the agenda items for the Regular Meeting and deleted one item for Soliciting a Request for Qualifications for a Countywide Trail Master Plan.

Administrator King advised that the Director of the Animal Control Department, Sue Henson, is here to speak to the Board with an update about changes at the department and a proposed new fee schedule and hours of operation in order to continue to increase the level of customer service at the Animal Control Department.

Director Sue Henson spoke to the Board and explained several changes made recently at the Animal Control Department. Director Henson advised that her department has restructured the Spay and Neuter Program. If her department can adjust the fee schedule, she can offer animals to the public for adoption that are already spayed or neutered. This eliminates the certificates and the follow-up on the spay or neuter volunteer program as it is now. Another change that is being considered is the boarding fee would be increased from \$5 to \$10 to cover the cost of food. These fees are comparable to surrounding counties; Gordon County has not had a fee increase since 2012. The hours of operation we would like to restructure is to change from being closed to the public on Friday mornings until 1:00 p.m., to being closed on Wednesday morning until 1:00 p.m. The staff would be at the facility working but not offering any customer service to the public during that time in order to take care of other department business. We feel we can accommodate the public better with this change in hours.

Administrator King advised that he had attended a Northwest Georgia Regional Council meeting where it was announced that a grant for \$1.2 billion for a regional impact award given to twelve regions across the United States, and our region will receive part of those funds. The Regional Council is still assessing how they are going to take advantage of this opportunity.

The other item on the agenda is the Georgia Emergency Management/Homeland Security performance grant budget adjustment. This grant was specifically for a communication device. This item is for the acceptance of the \$10,000 awarded on this grant.

The Chamber of Commerce Banquet is January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available for the Board members.

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 Work Session adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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**Annette Berry, County Clerk**

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**Becky Hood, Chairman**

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**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**BECKY HOOD, CHAIRMAN  
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER  
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, 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.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation was led by Rev. John Allen. The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Hood.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Ms. Savannah Cronnon, candidate for Junior Mayor of Gordon County, spoke to the Board and advised that the platform for Junior Mayor is Prevent Child Abuse. Savannah told her story and how she was personally involved with child abuse. Savannah was a victim of child abuse and after many years of abuse was rescued and put in foster care and eventually adopted by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Cronnon. She was a victim and runaway, but was always given back to her birth parents who were abusing her, until an observant Gordon County sheriff's officer was called in at a local truck stop and began to question why three children were travelling with their parents. Savannah and her sister were adopted two years ago and Savannah is now in junior high at a local county school.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session January 6, 2015, and the Regular Meeting January 6, 2015. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Cunningham, Sexton, and Hood voted aye. Minutes approved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Sexton commented that he had attended the Public Works Committee meeting and the New Foundations meeting. Commissioner Sexton advised that he attended the Public Safety Committee meeting. Chairman Hood advised that she had met with Judge David Smith.

**CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY PERFORMANCE  
GRANT BUDGET CHANGES ADJUSTMENT OF \$10,000**

County Administrator King advised that this is for Board acceptance of the \$10,000 from the Georgia Emergency Management/Homeland Security Performance grant.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve and to accept the grant. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, and Hood voted aye. Motion passed.

**BOARD APPROVAL OF NEW FEE SCHEDULE AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT**

County Administrator King advised that this is the new fee schedule and hours of operation for the Animal Control Department. Staff is requesting that the Board approve the new schedule as presented to the Board in the Work Session.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the new fees and hours for the Animal Control Department. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Cunningham, and Hood voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cunningham 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 6:25 p.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman