

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, March 3, 2015 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
JEFF GAZAWAY, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed the agenda for the Regular Meeting and made no changes or additions.

The Board discussed a vacancy on the Highland Rivers Community Service Board. The Board's current appointee is going off the Highland Rivers Board the end of June and the Chairman asked if anyone had a suggestion of someone to appoint to that Board. Administrator King advised the Board that he had a list of names that had been provided to him as good candidates for the upcoming vacancy on the Highland Rivers Board. The Chairman asked that he furnish that list to the Board for their consideration at the next meeting.

Chairman Hood called for a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate matters. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session began at 5:35 p.m.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the Executive Session. Commissioner Sexton seconded and all voted aye. Executive Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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 6:15 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
March 3, 2015 at 6:00 pm**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

Members Present:

Becky Hood, Chairman
Chad Steward, Vice Chairman
Jeff Gazaway, Commissioner
Norris Sexton, Commissioner

Others Present:

John King, County Administrator
Jim Ledbetter, County Attorney
Keith King
Media
15 Guest

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Brother John Allan led the invocation. Chairman Hood led the pledge of allegiance.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Board of Commissioners’ Recognition of Retiring SFC
Jim Cohen from the Sheriff’s Department**

Sheriff Mitch Ralston presented a short history of Mr. Cohen’s career including solving the first RICO case in Gordon County. Chief Robert Paris, Capt. Michael Burnette, and Sgt. Stefanie Sanford all commented on their friendship and work history with Mr. Cohen. Chief Paris awarded Mr. Cohen with a well overdue certificate of accommodation on solving the first RICO case in Gordon County.

Chairman Hood then presented Mr. Cohen a watch for his many years of service.

Mr. Cohen commented that he has enjoyed serving Gordon County over the years but he is looking forward to retirement.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in March

Commissioner Steward read the list of employees and their years of service.
Commissioner Sexton drew Shea Hicks name. Shea has 25 years of service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Work Session and Regular Meeting February 17, 2015

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session February 17, 2015, and the Regular Meeting February 17, 2015.
Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes.
Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion
Commissioners Steward and Hood voted aye.
Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator John King read the report into record.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway stated that he attended a NWGA Regional Commission meeting where the main topic was HB170. He also attended a 4H meeting where he spoke with the students. Commissioner Gazaway also stated that he has been practicing for the upcoming Dancing With The Stars and that he is hosting a fundraiser on March 7, 2015 at 7 p.m. to help raise funds for United Way.

Commissioner Sexton stated that he attended a CCOO meeting and a 4H meeting with Tom Graves.

Commissioner Steward had no report.

Commissioner Hood stated that she attended a Joint Development Authority meeting with Rome / Floyd County.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Amendment to Accept a \$17,480 Sex Offender Registration and Notification Grant for the Sheriff's Department to purchase LiveScan fingerprint machine

County Administrator King advised that this is for the Board acceptance of the \$17,480 grant and that the funds will be used to purchase a LiveScan machine.

No further comments were made.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve and accept the grant.
Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion.
Commissioners Sexton and Hood voted aye.
Motion Passed

B. Budget Amendment to Accept a Contribution for Project Lifesave of \$15,000 to Purchase Radio Transmitter Tracking Devices for Missing Adults and Children

County Administrator King advised that this is for the Board to approve a budget amendment that will create a line item for the deposit of private donated funds for the future purchase of radio transmitter tracking devices.

Sheriff Mitch Ralston explained that Project Lifesaver was a goal that he has had for some time but the primary setback has been the cost involved. Many private donors have given funds totally almost \$8,000 as of March 2015. These tracking bracelets would be used for citizens who may be prone to being disoriented or having a loss of memory. With the tracking bracelet, the Sheriff's Office could track and locate a loss citizen much faster.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the budget amendment.
Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion.
Commissioners Gazaway and Hood voted aye.
Motion Passed

C. Georgia Department of Transportation 5311 Program Application for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

County Administrator King advised the Board that this is a required annual renewal application that is due by March 15, 2015 for funds to be available FY 2015-16. This is a 50/50 funded program; meaning that Gordon County only funds 50% of the cost of the program.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the budget amendment.

Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion.

Commissioners Steward and Hood voted aye.

Motion Passed

D. Declaration of Surplus Property for Auction

County Administrator King advised the Board of the majority of the surplus was vehicles, equipment, and office furniture/supplies. He stated that all of the items have already been reviewed and that the vast majority of the surplus was over 10-15 years old and no longer functional. The surplus auction is scheduled for March 14, 2015

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property for auction.

Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion.

Commissioners Steward and Hood voted aye.

Motion Passed

ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, Commissioner Steward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion. Commissioners Sexton and Hood voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Keith King, Assistant County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman