

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**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  
13 GUESTS**

Vice Chairman Steward called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed the agenda for the Regular Meeting and made no changes. County Administrator King and County Attorney Ledbetter explained the items on the Regular Meeting Agenda. During discussion, two items were added to the agenda later in the meeting.

Ms. Sheri Mitchell a local Georgia Northwestern student attended the meeting and spoke to the Board in order to fulfill requirements of a project for a course study in Political Government she is pursuing while in college.

Maj. Pat Bedford with the Sheriff's office and jail spoke to the Board regarding a request for his department to solicit a request for proposal for inmate food service. Following discussion, which included the need to advertise and a 90-day requirement to advise the current provider, the Board reached a consensus to add this item to the agenda for the Regular Meeting for Board consideration.

Administrator King advised the Board that it was recently brought to his attention that Union Grove Road, in the area adjacent to the work being done by the DOT to build the new exit, is in really bad repair. The Chamber of Commerce and a lot of the industry on that road advised that it was difficult to get their trucks up and down that road. The Public Works Director, Barry Hice, advised that the State has anticipated taking over that road and restructuring the road. The State's planned timeline has been pushed up further into the future and the county has been trying to maintain by patching the road until the State can take it over. A lot of warehouses have located in that area and the road was not designed for all the large trucks using the road. A reasonable fix would cost about \$30,000 which would last a year or two, hopefully, until the State can take it over. This would require a budget amendment of \$30,000 with the funds coming from SPLOST funds. There was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the Regular Meeting agenda for Board consideration.

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 5:50 p.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Chad Steward, Vice Chairman

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**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**CHAD STEWARD, VICE CHAIRMAN  
JEFF GAZAWAY, COMMISSIONER  
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER  
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Vice Chairman Steward called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Steward asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session March 3, 2015, and the Regular Meeting March 3, 2015. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway 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 took part in the Dancing with the Stars and he also went out to Tolbert Elementary School and read to the Pre-K class. Commissioner Cunningham attended the Public Safety Committee meeting, and toured the parking deck currently under construction. Vice Chairman Steward attended the Finance Committee meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING**

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to open the public hearing for zoning. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Gazaway, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**APPLICATION #Z15-01 RONNIE HUDSON REZONE FROM A-1 TO C-G**

County Attorney Ledbetter read application #Z15-01, Ronnie Hudson's request to rezone from A-1 to C-G. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. Mr. Hudson spoke to the Board and explained his request for rezoning to commercial. No one signed to speak in opposition to the rezoning.

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

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

#### TWO APPOINTMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR TERMS ENDING APRIL 1, 2019

Vice Chairman Steward advised that we have two vacancies on the Development Authority with terms ending April 1, 2019. Vice Chairman asked the Board for a motion to fill the two vacancies.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to appoint Randall Fox and to reappoint Donna McEntyre for four-year terms ending April 1, 2019. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TITLE VI PLAN

Vice Chairman Steward advised that this is a resolution approving the Public Transportation System Title VI Plan for Gordon County.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the Title VI Plan for Gordon County. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Cunningham, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

#### BOARD APPROVAL FOR SOLICITING AN RFP FOR INMATE FOOD SERVICE AT THE JAIL

Vice Chairman Steward advised that this item is a request from the Sheriff's Department for the Board's approval for soliciting a Request for Proposal for inmate food service at the Jail.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve soliciting for inmate food service at the jail. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

#### BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR REPAIRS TO UNION GROVE ROAD FUNDED BY SPLOST

Vice Chairman Steward advised that this is for Board approval of a budget amendment for repairs to Union Grove Road to be funded from the 2012 SPLOST.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Steward asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sexton 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 6:20 p.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman