

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JULY 7, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the main courtroom of the Gordon County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed each item on the agenda for the Regular Meeting and made no changes; one item was added to the agenda later in the meeting for appointments to the Library Board for two positions, one for a re-appointment and the other for appointment to an unfilled position. Following discussion regarding the vacant position on the Library Board and the request from that board to name Jim Gentry to the vacant position, this item was added to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting.

County Administrator advised that right now the Animal Control Department has a \$20 euthanasia fee charged when a citizen brings in an animal to be put down. Other counties charge a service fee for all animals that are brought in, we would like to change the euthanasia fee to a service fee which would allow the Department to charge that fee equally to everyone who brings in an animal. Also there was a concern for citizens who might not be able to afford the fee. County Attorney Ledbetter explained the Affidavit for Indigent Status form for the Animal Control Department for use when citizens could not afford the fee.

The Board discussed the automatic aid agreement with Bartow County. Fire Chief Ralston advised that he and the previous Fire Chief have worked with Bartow County to develop an automatic aid agreement with them to bring aid to the southern part of our county where now we don't have fire service. This is the agreement that was signed by Bartow and now Gordon is being requested to sign the agreement.

County Attorney Ledbetter advised the Board the contract with the Public Defender's Office for indigent defense services is an annual contract and there was one change that we recommended be deleted in which the Public Defender Office would be able to roll over any funds left over at the end of the budget year, instead of being returned to the general fund. This would be contrary to the County's financial policies; this was deleted and is now ready for Board consideration for approval.

County Administrator advised that Gordon County was able to make the mental health building available for a mental health provider to use. A committee which included Commissioner Sexton has worked through a lot of proposals that were submitted to supply mental health service to Gordon County. The recommendation was to develop a contract with Fellowship Health Resources. Attorney Ledbetter advised that a draft contract was worked on with Fellowship Health and this contract is now being submitted to the Board for consideration of approval.

County Administrator advised that Gordon County has worked with Killian Clark to evaluate the bids received on the George Chambers Resource Center. All the bids were well over what the budget allows. The lowest bidder was more than 10% over. The bottom line is that we don't have the funding available to execute any of the proposals for a contract. We are requesting that the Board allow us to work with Killian Clark, the architect and the people at George Chambers and rebid the proposal for renovation of the facility. There was a consensus of the Board to allow the project to be scaled back and to rebid the project.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel. Commissioner

Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Cunningham, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Executive Session began at 5:50 p.m.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the Executive Session. Commissioners Gazaway, Cunningham, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Executive Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Commissioner Gazaway 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 MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, 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
MEDIA
APPROXIMATELY 8 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 Steward read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in July and Commissioner Gazaway drew the name of James Shaw with the Sheriff's Department as Employee of the Month

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the e Work Session June 16, 2015, and the Regular Meeting June 16, 2015. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioners Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Steward, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AMEND THE MOTION TO APPOINT JEFF RUDELL AND CHARLES HALL TO THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE TERMS OF SERVICE

Chairman Hood advised that this is an amendment to a previous motion to appoint Jeff Ruddell and Charles Hall to the Public Facilities Authority. The previous motion did not include the terms of service for the two appointees. Chairman Hood asked for a motion to amend and to appoint Jeff Ruddell to a three-year term ending 7/1/18 and Charles Hall to a two-year term ending 7/1/17.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to amend the motion and approve the terms for the two appointees to the Public Facilities Authority. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF A SERVICE FEE AT THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT AND AN AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENT STATUS FORM

Administrator King advised that this is for Board approval of a \$20 service fee that takes the place of the euthanasia fee, and an Affidavit of Indigent Status form for anyone not able to afford paying the service fee. Sue Henson, Director of the Animal Control Department, advised that the service fee would apply to all owner surrenders of animals.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the service fee and the use of the Affidavit of Indigent Status Form for anyone not being able to afford the fee. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Gazaway, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

BID AWARD FOR PAVING 6.5 MILES OF DEWS POND ROAD

Chairman Hood advised that this is a bid award for the paving of 6.5 miles of Dews Pond Road. The low bidder is Northwest Georgia Paving. Public Works Department Director, Barry Hice advised that the 6.5 miles is the whole road from Curtis Parkway to Cash Road.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to award the bid to Northwest Georgia Paving. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

AUTOMATIC FIRE AND EMERGENCY AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN BARTOW AND GORDON COUNTY

Chairman Hood advised that this is an agreement with Bartow County for automatic aid for fire and emergency response.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the Automatic Fire and Emergency Aid Agreement with Bartow County. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Steward, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

CONTRACT WITH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 SECTION 5311 OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Chairman Hood advised that this is a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the fiscal year 2016 Section 5311 Operating Assistance Program for the vans.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Gazaway, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES FOR 2016

Chairman Hood advised that this is for Board approval of a contract with the Public Defender's office for indigent defense services for 2016.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the contract with the Public Defender's office. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

CONTRACT WITH FELLOWSHIP HEALTH RESOURCES, INC. FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Chairman Hood advised that this is for Board approval of a contract with Fellowship Health Resources, Inc. to supply mental health services to Gordon County and use of the mental health building.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the contract with Fellowship Health Resources for mental health services. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Cunningham, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR RE-APPOINTMENT OF FRED PINNICK FOR TERM ENDING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND APPOINTMENT OF JIM GENTRY FOR TERM ENDING JANUARY 1, 2018

Chairman Hood advised the Board that this is the re-appointment of Fred Pinnick for a three-year term ending January 1, 2018, also an appointment for Jim Gentry for a three-year term ending January 1, 2018.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the appointments to the Library Board. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

REQUEST THE SHERIFF TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT OF THE CURRENT ORDINANCE OFFICER AND THE COUNTY HIRES A REPLACEMENT

Chairman Hood asked for a motion to request the Sheriff to continue to provide ordinance enforcement temporarily until current officer retires and the County hires a replacement.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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 6:25 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman