

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JULY 21, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the main courtroom of the Gordon County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
APPROXIMATELY 15 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

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

County Administrator King explained to the Board the contract for the update to the hazard mitigation plan. He advised that this is a contract for professional services with North Georgia Consulting Group for the five-year update to the plan; paid for through a grant. This was placed in the budget last fiscal year but the contract was not established until this current fiscal year. This item on the agenda also involves the next item on the agenda for the budget amendment to receive the grant funds to pay for the update.

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that the item for the intergovernmental agreement with the Public Facilities Authority is to arranged for the expedited financing and to simplify the loan process for funds to purchase and renovate the old BB&T building. The Public Facilities Authority has met and approved that agreement.

Barry Hice, Director of Public Works, presented an update on his department to the Board of Commissioners. Director Hice advised that his presentation shows what Public Works is looking at for the future. Public Works is really a department name that encompasses three centers – Chert Pit, Roads, and Fleet Center. Director Hice explained the main areas of responsibility and services of each of these major centers. He also pointed out to the Board that SPLOST for roads is the main funding source for road maintenance, which is about \$1.7 per year. The State LMIG grant is a little over a half million dollars. This is a state grant that comes to the counties for maintenance.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to close the Work Session. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business the Work Session adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
APPROXIMATELY 26 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - Amendment to the ULDC for Poultry Production

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to go into the public hearing for an amendment to the Unified Development Code. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that this hearing concerns an amendment to chapter 4.03.02 of the Gordon County unified land development code by adding a new section entitled Table 4.03.02 (I) standards for commercial livestock, swine and poultry operation. The Board of Commissioners has received comments from the public in meetings beginning last fall. In April, the commissioners found there was a compelling need for public welfare to enact a temporary moratorium for poultry production houses.

In order to amend the code there are several requirements that must be met, one requirement is to advertise and to hold a public hearing for citizen comments. The public hearing has been duly advertised and the hearing is now being conducted in response to that requirement. Attorney Ledbetter read the amendment to the code and a copy is attached. He also suggested adding wording of - "a site plan may be required by planning and development and that landscaping buffers within areas shall be used to screen drives and planning and development may require buffers as needed to protect existing residences located within 200 feet of a driveway".

Attorney Ledbetter advised the Board that no one had signed up to speak at the public hearing. Chairman Hood asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, and Sexton vote aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session July 7, 2015, and the Regular Meeting July 7, 2015. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioners Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Sexton advised that he attended the Public Works Committee meeting and the Council of Chief Elected Officials meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

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

APPLICATION Z15-05 CRIMSON PINHOOK ROAD, LLC

County Attorney Ledbetter read Application Z15-05 Crimson Pinhook Road's request to rezone from A-1 to I-1. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval with the stipulation that the sprinkler system and septic system be brought up to date. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning request.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the rezoning application for Crimson Pinhook Road, LLC. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

APPLICATION Z15-06 RICHARD HENDRIX

County Attorney Ledbetter read Application Z15-06 Richard Hendrix's request to rezone from A-1 to RA-1. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning request.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR POULTRY PRODUCTION**

Chairman Hood advised that this is the amendment to the Unified Land Development Code for the Board's consideration for approval.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the amendment to the Unified Land Development Code by adding Table 4.03.02(I) as presented by the county attorney. I make this motion after receipt of public comment at multiple hearings including those comments presented to the Board of Commissioners in open session as reflected by the minutes of those meetings, public comment by many farmers and residents at a public hearing after implementation of the moratorium, additional public comments during the pendency of the moratorium, recommendations of the planning and development commission, and after a public hearing tonight. It is so moved. Commission Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

LIFT THE MORATORIUM CONCERNING POULTRY PRODUCTION

County Attorney Ledbetter advise that the Moratorium has expired as of tonight and it was expressed by some of the Commissioners that when the amendment to the ULDC for Poultry Production is approved, then the Moratorium should be lifted.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to lift the Moratorium that was put in place regarding poultry production. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Gazaway, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

CONTRACT WITH NORTH GEORGIA CONSULTING GROUP FOR UPDATE TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Chairman Hood advised that this is the contract with North Georgia Consulting Group for their service to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the contract and allow the Chairman to execute the contract on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FROM FEMA FOR FUNDING THE UPDATE TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Chairman Hood advised that this is a budget amendment to accept the grant from FEMA for the funding of the update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is the resolution authorizing the execution of the intergovernmental agreement relating to the Gordon County Public Facilities Authority revenue bond. The Georgia Constitution allows public authorities to be created for the purpose of streamlining the bond process for financing projects such as the purchase and renovation of the old BB&T building. This purchase and renovation project is up to the total price of \$1,800,000. The intergovernmental agreement basically is that the Public Facilities Authority is borrowing the money and Gordon County will pay the Authority back. Attorney Ledbetter recommends to the Board that a motion be made to approve the resolution authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Public Facilities Authority.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the resolution for the intergovernmental agreement with the Public Facilities Authority. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Gazaway, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR A 2000 GRAND PRIX, 2004 CHEVROLET CAVALIER, 1996 GMC TRUCK, 1996 CHEVROLET TRUCK, 2005 SUZUKI FORENZA

Chairman Hood advised that this is a request from the Sheriff's Department for a declaration of surplus property for a 2000 Grand Prix, 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier, 1996 GMC Truck, 1996 Chevrolet Truck, and a Suzuki Forenza.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property for the Sheriff's Department for five vehicles. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cunningham 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