

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
APPROXIMATELY 30 GUESTS
MEDIA**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

Fire Chief Doug Ralston called on Training Officer Nathan Saylor to introduce the 12 new Registered Volunteers and present them their certificate for completion of the Gordon County Fire Rescue Registered Volunteers (see attached list). Chief Ralston then gave an update of his department to the Board.

Mr. Allan Poole, Chairman of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners and Tallatoona Community Action Board Member, came before the Board and introduced other members, and Mr. Scott Gray, the Executive Director of Tallatoona. Mr. Gray spoke about the Tallatoona organization and their wish to partnership with Gordon County. He explained the many services provided by Tallatoona and informed the Board that he did not know the history between the Board and Tallatoona, but their Board and staff wish to start a fresh and new relationship with Gordon County.

The Board discussed each item on the agenda for the Regular Meeting and made no changes or additions. During the discussion on the agenda item for the Letter of Fee Proposal from Pieper O'Brien for several upcoming projects, County Administrator King asked Martin Vaughn with the Purchasing Department to speak to the Board and explain the fee schedule. Also, Administrator King advised that staff has been working with Pieper O'Brien for several week negotiating the fee rates. These are based on good faith intent for Gordon County to continue to maintain a relationship with Pieper O'Brien on future projects; this does not lock us in. This is personal services and does not require bid competition. A representative from Pieper O'Brien was invited to be here but apparently has been held up in traffic. Administrator King advised that this is a Work Session item to let the Board know what we are doing and to make sure that no Board Member has any concerns about it before we proceed. Commissioner Sexton asked about one of the percentage rates that was about 14%, why is it quite a bit higher than the other ones. Administrator King explained that because the overall dollar amount of the project would be much less, and so the total amount for architectural services would be lower. On the courthouse project of \$12 million the overall fee would be greater, even though the percentage is lower.

Commissioner Sexton requested that the Board consider a change to the ordinance concerning farm animals in residential areas. County Attorney Ledbetter read the current ordinance and the Board discussed potential boundary numbers for backyard animals. The courts have found the current ordinance hard to work with in regard to a small bird operation. Commissioner Sexton stated that he thinks the ordinance needs to be changed in order to help the new Ordinance officer. The Board asked Attorney Ledbetter to investigate, and to talk with Greg Bowman and look at other counties' ordinances regarding backyard animals and put together a draft proposal.

Commissioner Sexton spoke to the other Board members regarding asking the County Attorney to develop some ordinance guidelines for businesses such as indoor firing ranges.

Chairman Hood called on Mr. Scott Workman to present his comments regarding his problems with the indoor firing range on Lovers Lane. Mr. Workman presented a written copy of his concerns to the Board (attached) and spoke to the Board about his concerns. Mr. Workman says

the establishment and permitting through the county for the indoor firing range was not handled in an appropriate manner. All of this was done without notification to surrounding neighbors; it was all done under the radar. The hours listed as Monday through Saturday 7:00 to 7:00, are not being done, it is not happening, shooting is happening 7 days a week all hours of the day. If the sound was controlled, the operation of the firing range wouldn't be a problem.

Chairman Hood asked Mr. Marty Carroll, owner of the indoor firing range, who was in attendance, if he would like to say anything to the Board. Mr. Carroll said that he was given permission to build a retail store and an indoor shooting range. He said he did his homework for about three years using the Naval Engineer recommendations. Mr. Carroll said that there is not an ordinance on the sound of detonation of firearms in the County. Also, there are no set hours for his business to be open. He did say that there is some training going on a couple times a month after hours because it's hard to do training when other people are shooting at the same time.

Chairman Hood announced that the time now was after 6:00 p.m. and the Board should start their Regular Meeting, so she suggested that the Executive Session be postponed until the next meeting which will take place in one week. There was agreement to go ahead and close the Work Session and go into the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to close the Work Session. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business the Work Session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 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
APPROXIMATELY 8 GUESTS
MEDIA**

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 October

Commissioner Steward read the list of employees and Commissioner Sexton drew the name of Autumn Lewis with the Tax Commissioner's office as Employee of the Month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session September 15, 2015, and the Regular Meeting September 15, 2015. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Gazaway and Steward voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gazaway reported that he attended the Chamber Cookout on the Corner and the Golf Tournament for education scholarship, also went to Jekyll for the Legislative & Leadership ACCG Conference, and the emergency preparedness at the Ag Center. Commissioner Sexton reported that he attended the Chamber Meet and Greet and the emergency preparedness at the Ag Center. Commissioner Cunningham attended two Chamber events, the Farm Bureau meeting, the Sheriff's luncheon and the Finance Committee meeting, also the emergency preparedness at the Ag Center. Commissioner Steward attended an audit class at Jekyll, and the Finance Committee meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

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

APPL #Z15-08 WILLIAM PETERSON'S REQUEST TO REZONE FROM O-I TO R-1

County Attorney Ledbetter asked if there is anyone here to speak on the zoning request from Mr. William Peterson.

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is a request to rezone from Office Institutional to Low Density Residential 1.53 acres at 2796 Highway 41 South, Calhoun. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. No one has signed up to speak regarding the rezoning request.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**PROCLAMATION FOR OCTOBER AS FLU AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

Chairman Hood advised that this is a Proclamation for the month of October proclaiming Flu Awareness and Prevention Month in Gordon County.

Commissioner Cunningham made motion to approve the Proclamation for Flu Awareness and Prevention Month. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT
TRANSFERRED FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Chairman Hood advised that this is a budget amendment for Ordinance Enforcement Department transferred from the Sheriff's Department. The amendment is for the amount of \$12,425.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT TO RECORD REVENUE FROM GEORGE CHAMBERS FOR THE CDBG PROJECT

Chairman Hood advised that this is a budget amendment to transfer revenue from George Chambers Resource Center for the CDBG project. The project amount is \$43,451.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve the budget amendment to record the revenue from George Chambers Resource Center for the CDBG project. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Steward, Sexton and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

BID AWARD FOR RENOVATION OF THE GEORGE CHAMBERS FACILITY CDBG PROJECT

Chairman Hood advised that this is a bid award for renovation of the George Chambers facility and is a CDBG project.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to award the bid to Momon Construction for the CDBG project for renovation of the George Chambers facility. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

CONTRACT WITH MOMON CONSTRUCTION FOR THE GEORGE CHAMBERS CDBG PROJECT

Chairman Hood advised that this is the contract with Momon Construction for construction of the George Chambers CDBG Project. The amount of the contract is for \$477,091.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the contract with Momon Construction. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Steward 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 6:27 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman