

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 3, 2016**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, May 3, 2016 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
MEDIA
30 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.

Mr. Barry Hice, Director of Public Works, came before the Board to give an update for his department. Mr. Hice talked about the items that his department is currently working on; he talked about the Covington Bridge Road project and advised that the base is down and the asphalt will be the next phase; on Brookshire Road, the County has received the notice that gave the ok to start this project on May 23rd. He spoke about the proposed paving list for the next paving season, and the 2016/2017 LMIG list to be submitted. He has applied for a state grant for an off-system safety program for about \$190,000. A federal grant for a safety program such as stripping, raised pavement markers or signage is also a possibility. He is involved with the people putting in the high pressure natural gas line that is coming across the county for right-of-way and easements to give access to property and permits for about seven roads that it will cross. On replacing road signage, they are about 2/3 through the project, about 550 completed of 700 county roads, and this is a federal mandate to replace signs every twelve years. The purple-heart county signs have been ordered and the state has given the permission to erect those signs.

Mr. Richard Cooper, Director of Gordon County Emergency Management, came before the Board to explain about a new program called HyperReach, which is a mass notification system. Pending the county attorney's investigation of the current agreement with CodeRed, Mr. Cooper would like to switch over to the new program. It is a much better program and will save the county some money; it has quite a lot of capabilities that the CodeRed program does not offer.

Mr. John Meadows, with Starr-Mathews, came before the Board to present his proposal for the Gordon County employees' health insurance renewal. Mr. Meadows gave the Board good news about the County's claims for the past year and explained that the lower amount of claim numbers has really helped the County with projection for the renewal. Mr. Meadows asked the Board for approval of his proposal for Cigna Health Care to continue to furnish the employee health insurance for fiscal year 2016/2017. All Board members reached a consensus to allow the renewal to continue with Signa Health Care.

Fire Chief Doug Ralston came before the Board along with Operations Chief Byron Sutton. Sutton called up the newest promotion to Sergeant, Mr. Brandon Williams, and presented him to the Fire Chief. Operations Chief Sutton read the role of a sergeant and Chairman Becky Hood pinned his Sergeant pin and administered the oath to Mr. Williams.

Mr. Don Holley, Director of Parks and Recreation, came before the Board and asked the three new Battlefield Park attendants to come forward to be introduced to the Board. Mr. Holley introduced Mr. Randy Wheat, Mr. Tony Patton, and Mr. Jerry Holmes. Mr. Holley commented that all three bring with them, knowledge of history and the civil war; in particular, the Battle of Resaca. Mr. Holley reported on the soft opening of the Battlefield the past weekend and stated that he looks forward to the Ceremonial opening in about ten days.

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 5:50 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2016**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 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
10 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 May

Commissioner Steward read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in May. Commissioner Sexton drew the name of Susie Schendel 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 April 29, 2016, and the Regular Meeting April 29, 2016. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cunningham 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 General Administration Committee meeting. Commissioner Sexton attended the ACCG Annual Meeting in Savannah. Commissioner Steward attended the Development Authority meeting and the ACCG Annual conference; and Commissioner Cunningham attended the Georgia Cumberland Academy Groundbreaking and Reception, and the Gordon County Historical Society Board meeting; Commissioner Hood attended the Tom Graves Rally. Commissioner Cunningham also commented that he wanted to recognize the Gordon County Animal Control and the good job that they do.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 FOR NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY ACTION TO OPERATE THE SECTION 5311 VAN PROGRAM

County Administrator King advised that this is for Board approval of the proposal and the service agreement to operate the Section 5311 van program.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the proposal and service agreement for North Georgia Community Action for the van program. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

PILOT AGREEMENT FOR ALADDIN MANUFACTURING FOR FIXTURES, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is the proposed PILOT agreement from the Development Authority for Aladdin Manufacturing. This has a commencement date of 2017. Mr. Bill Thompson and Kathy Johnson with the Development Authority are here to explain further and answer questions should the Board ask any.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the PILOT agreement for Aladdin Manufacturing. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Becky Hood, Chairman

Annette Berry, County Clerk