

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 5:30 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  
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; one item was added to the agenda later in the meeting.

Mr. Ron Dobbs, with the Airport Authority, came before the Board to make a request of the Board to partner with the City of Calhoun to fund the expansion of the hangers at the airport to try to attract the aviation industry to Calhoun/Gordon County. He commented that we don't have the facilities, we have the infrastructure and runways and approaches and a great location, but we need the larger hangers to attract the companies and the jobs they bring into the County as well as the tax revenue that a \$15 million jet would bring in. There are a lot of benefits that we could derive if we get those folks to come in to our City and County.

Mr. Phil Eberty, with Lead Edge Design Group, who is working with the Airport Authority to design a plan for the new hangers, came before the Board. Mr. Eberty advised that the airport was studied by the D.O.T. several years ago and it estimated that 5 years in the future the airport, if it does well, would have 75 based aircraft, we actually are tied currently for 7<sup>th</sup> place in our category in the entire state of Georgia and have 107 based aircraft. Mr. Eberty said that the airport is doing great and there is a state project funded by D.O.T. and FAA going on there right now, it is a project for a parallel taxiway. He pointed out on a site map the location that would be available for new hangers and urged the City and County to share in the funding for this project.

The Board discussed several voluntary board vacancies that need to be re-appointed or name new appointees to. The Board was asked to contact their appointees to the Historic Preservation Commission. Other vacancies will be addressed by the Board at later meetings. The Library Board had requested that Amy Beason be reappointed to that board and there was a consensus of the Board of Commissioners to add that reappointment to the Agenda.

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 5:55 p.m.

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Becky Hood, Chairman

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 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**

Commissioner Steward read the name of the employees with anniversary hire dates in September. Commissioner Gazaway drew the name of Wayne Chasteen as Employee of the Month for September.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR MILLAGE RATE**

Commissioner Steward made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the millage rate. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye.

County Attorney advised that no one has signed up to speak at the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Sexton seconded and all voted aye.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session August 16, 2016, and the Regular Meeting August 16, 2016. Commissioner Sexton 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 Sexton reported that he attended the North Georgia Regional meeting, a Public

Works Committee meeting, Business after Hours, and the ACCG Service Delivery Strategy meeting. Commissioner Steward attended the Chamber Development meeting. Commissioner Cunningham attended a construction meeting for the Government Plaza renovation. Chairman Becky Hood attended a meeting with the Airport Authority and met with the Mayor of Calhoun to talk about SPLOST.

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

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

#### APPLICATION #Z16-14 CON-ONLA FARM, LLLP REQUEST TO REZONE FROM A-1 TO I-2

The County Attorney had previously advised the Board that a request from Terry Brumblow the attorney for zoning application Z16-14 Con-onula Farms had submitted a letter asking for the application to be tabled until the October 11, 2016 meeting.

Chairman Hood asked for a motion to table Application Z16-14 Con-onula Farms until October 11, 2016. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to table the rezoning application. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Gazaway voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton and Gazaway voted aye.

#### CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2016 TAX LEVY

County Administrator King advised that the Board needs to approve the Resolution to set the new millage rate at 9.853 for the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Gordon County.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the Resolution setting the millage rate at 9.853. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Gazaway, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Steward advised that this is a rollback from last year. Chairman Hood commented that the Board has lowered your taxes.

**ACCEPTANCE OF FY2016 HOMELAND SECURITY SUB GRANT FOR \$62,800 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY**

Chairman Hood advised that this is for acceptance of the fiscal year 2016 Homeland Security sub-grant for \$62,800 in equipment from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security Agency. Chairman Hood advised that the Board had received a letter from Governor Deal notifying Gordon County of the awarding of the grant to Gordon County.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to accept the grant. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LIST OF ROADS UPDATE FOR THE SPEED DETECTION DEVICE PERMIT TO GORDON COUNTY**

Chairman Hood advised that this is for Board approval and to submit to the Georgia Department of Transportation the list of roads update for the speed detection device permit to Gordon County.

Commissioner Gazaway made a motion to approve and submit the list of roads. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Gazaway, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – ONE FORD CROWN VICTORIA VIN4206 TO DONATE TO CHATTOOGA COUNTY AND ONE 2003 FORD MUSTANG VIN5009, ONE 2007 PASSAT VOLKSWAGEN VIN2044, AND ONE 1996 TOYOTA AVALON XL VIN7028**

Chairman Hood advised that this is a request from the Sheriff's Department for a declaration of surplus property for four vehicles. The Ford Crown Victoria VIN#4206 to be donated to Chattooga County. County Attorney added that the donation to Chattooga County is a government to government donation and will serve a legitimate public purpose.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property for the four vehicles. Commissioner Gazaway seconded the motion and Commissioners Gazaway, Steward, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING STRICT REGULATION OF EXTREME METHODS OF OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION INCLUDING HYDRAULIC AND ACIDIC FRACTURING**

Chairman Hood advised that this is a resolution requesting strict regulation of extreme methods of oil and gas extraction including hydraulic and acidic fracturing. Commissioner Gazaway read the resolution by title. Chairman Hood announced that this is the first reading and the second reading will be at the next Board meeting on September 20, 2016 at which time it would be considered by the Board for approval.

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF AMY BEASON TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR A TERM  
ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

Chairman Hood advised that this is a re-appointment of Amy Beason to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2019 as requested by the Library Board.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cunningham 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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Becky Hood, Chairman

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Annette Berry, County Clerk