

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, September 20, 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**

OTHERS PRESENT

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
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 or additions.

Attorney Ledbetter explained the rezoning application for Mickey Moore and the rezoning application for Joseph A. Hopper. Attorney Ledbetter also advised that the Board would hear the second reading of the Resolution requesting strict regulation of extreme methods of oil and gas extraction including hydraulic and acidic fracturing, and that the resolution would be presented for Board consideration of approval. Attorney Ledbetter explained the first reading of the ordinance amendment for Electrical Wire to delete Sec. 4-5(d) (3).

County Administrator explained the Declaration of Surplus Property for vehicles from the Sheriff's Department and a list of miscellaneous items from various county departments to be sold at auction; also two appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission and one appointment to the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council Board.

Mr. Don Holley and Attorney Ledbetter discussed the acceptance of a donation of property on Knight Bottom Road from Knight Bottom Holdings and Southeast Trust for Parks and Land. They are seeking to donate 164.86 acres of property in Gordon County that lies along Salacoa Creek. They would present a deed to Gordon County that will have a conservation easement and would limit our use of the property. Knight Bottom Holdings would have the land appraised and that would be the fair market value and then they would have the land appraised subject to the conservation easement which will limit the use of the property. They subtract the value of the property as conservation use from fair market value and they would get a federal tax break for property to Gordon County. Gordon County gets 164.86 acres of land that can be used for a passive park, like walking trails, and so forth. All development rights would be extinguished except for those that are passive park related facilities. The property is planted in pines and with the conservation easement we could not timber it but there could be select cuts. Recreation Director Don Holley said the property could be used for walking trails, but parking lots could not be paved, we wouldn't put in ball fields and such, the County would not disturb anything that would not need to be disturbed. Administrator King commented that it gives the county another possible access to the proposed comprehensive countywide trail plan that the County is seeking a grant to have drawn.

Mr. Matt Hibberts with Momon Construction reported to the Board the update and progress being made on the renovation of the Gordon County Government Plaza building.

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 5:50 p.m.

Becky Hood, Chairman

Annette Berry, County Clerk

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 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**

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session September 13, 2016, and the Regular Meeting September 13, 2016. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, 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 Northwest Georgia Regional and Chief Elected Officials meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

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

REZONING APPLICATION #Z16-15

County Attorney Ledbetter read rezoning application Z16-15, Mickey L. Moore's request to rezone from A-1 to CH. 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.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the rezoning application. Commissioner

Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

REZONING APPLICATION #Z16-17

County Attorney Ledbetter read rezoning application Z16-17, Joseph A. Hopper'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. Mr. Terry Brumlow, representing the applicant David and Karen Tinsley, came before the Board to explain the rezoning request. No one signed to speak in opposition to the rezoning.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is the second reading of the Resolution. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon are in attendance, they are proponents of the resolution and will answer any questions that the Board may have. Attorney Ledbetter read the Resolution by title. Commissioner Sexton commented that he hopes the State will make the regulations as stringent as they possibly can under the guidelines of the State and Federal government.

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

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS PER LIST; AND FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOUR 2008 CROWN VIC VIN#4188, VIN#4183, VIN#4199, AND VIN#4194

County Administrator King advised that the Sheriff's Department had sent a request for a declaration of surplus property for four 2008 Crown Victoria vehicles. Also included in the Declaration of Surplus Property is a list of miscellaneous items and another vehicle, a 1989 Chevrolet pickup VIN#1285 to be sold at auction.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property for the Sheriff's Department and a list of miscellaneous items. Commissioner Cunningham seconded

the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS GRANT FROM GEORGIA
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY AND A
PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

County Administrator King advised that this is a Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency Emergency Management Preparedness grant and Performance Partnership Agreement.

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

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE SERVICE DELIVERY AUTOMATIC
AID WITH WHITFIELD COUNTY**

County Administrator advised that this is an Intergovernmental Agreement with Whitefield County for automatic aid for the sharing of certain services for the safety, health, benefit and general welfare of the citizens of Whitfield and Gordon Counties.

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

**RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION –
COMMISSIONER STEWARD’S APPOINTMENT OF JEFF HENDERSON FOR A TERM
ENDING 6/7/19; AND COMMISSIONER SEXTON’S RE-APPOINTMENT OF BETTY ANN
SURDYKOWSKI FOR A TERM ENDING 6/7/18**

Chairman Hood advised that this is re-appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Steward’s re-appointment of Jeff Henderson for a term ending 6/7/19 and Commissioner Sexton’s re-appointment of Betty Ann Surdykowski for a term ending 6/7/18.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the re-appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF ANN CROSS TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD FOR A
THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING 9/30/19**

Chairman Hood advised that this is for Board consideration of appointing Ann Cross to the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council Board for a three-year term ending 9/30/19.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the appointment of Ann Cross. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE FOR ELECTRICAL WIRE TO DELETE SEC. 4-51(D) (3) – FIRST READING

Chairman Hood advised that this is an amendment to the Ordinance for Electrical Wire to delete Sec. 4.51(D) (3). Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is the first reading of the amendment and there will be no action by the Board at this first reading.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cunningham 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 6:20 p.m.

Becky Hood, Chairman

Annette Berry, County Clerk