

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2017**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**BECKY HOOD, COMMISSIONER
CHAD STEWARD, COMMISSIONER
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

**JOHN KING, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
16 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.

Representatives from Santek Waste Services, Ms. Cheryl Dunson and Mr. Kenny Fuquea, came before the Board to give an update on the management and services at the Redbone Ridges Landfill. Ms. Dunson spoke about the waste volumes and the landfill's life, also the satisfactory State inspection reports at the landfill and the convenience center improvements that have been made.

Mr. Marvin Garner, a local veteran, came before the Board requesting the Board's permission to place a war memorial to all service men from Gordon County who lost their lives in any war or conflict. Mr. Garner told the Board that most counties have a memorial placed on the site of their courthouse with such a memorial. He and others plan to raise the money to purchase such a war memorial. His group wishes to move forward with their plans but needs to get a confirmed commitment from the Board of Commissioners for permission to place the memorial on the courthouse grounds. There was a consensus of the Board to allow a war memorial to be placed at the courthouse.

Administrator King advise the Board of all the activities going on within the County by all the different departments that were and are involved in the recent fire destruction of the Animal Control facility. Administrator King thanked each department and all outside responders that helped during and after the fire, including the City of Calhoun Animal Control Department for taking in the animals that were saved from the fire. Also including the animal volunteer groups that took in animals. Administrator King advised the Board that he is working with different departments to determine the best plan for continuing service from the Animal Control Department until a new facility can be completed. Animal Control Department Director, Sue Henson, came before the Board and offered her heartfelt thanks to all the public safety responders, volunteers and neighbors that came to help during and after the fire. Director Henson announced that all dogs that were being housed at the facility were saved from the fire and only two cats were lost due to being inside the facility that was engulfed by flames which prohibited anyone from entering to perform a rescue. All the dogs have been placed in homes or temporary homes except one.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all voted aye.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2017**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 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
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session April 11, 2017, and the Regular Meeting April 11, 2017. Commissioner Sexton 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 advised that he has submitted his report to the Board and if there are no questions he would let the written report stand (copy attached).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Sexton reported that he attended the Public Works Committee, the Board of Health and the E-911 Banquet.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

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

APPLICATION #Z17-04 D & D INVESTMENTS REQUEST TO REZONE FROM A-1 TO R-5

County Attorney Ledbetter read application Z17-04 D & D Investments request to rezone from A-1 to R-5. 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 application.

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

APPLICATION #Z17-06 DONNY RAY REQUEST TO REZONE FROM R-1 TO R-6

County Attorney Ledbetter read application Z17-06 Donny Ray's request to rezone from R-1 to R-6. 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 application.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS REGARDING NEW OR EXPANSION OF EXISTING COMMERCIAL POULTRY OPERATIONS**

Commissioner Steward made a motion to extend the Moratorium on the acceptance of applications for new or expansion of existing commercial poultry operations for another 60-day period. Chairman Hood asked for a second and Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion. Commissioner Cunningham asked if the Board has to have a moratorium in order to change the zoning. Attorney Ledbetter advised that you do not have to have a moratorium to change the zoning. Commissioner Cunningham commented that this affects more than just the chicken growers. There are three poultry houses in Fairmount, also the suppliers of the equipment for chicken houses will be affected by a moratorium. Commissioner Cunningham asked that the Board consider those others who would be affected by another moratorium on building of new facilities or expansion. There was some discussion of changing the motion to include lifting the 60-day moratorium sooner if the Board was able to finally have the hearing and come up with an ordinance. However it was pointed out that the Board could lift the moratorium at any time they chose to do so anyway, so there was no reason to change the motion.

Chairman Hood asked for a vote on the motion. Commissioners Steward, Sexton, and Chairman Hood voted aye. Commissioner Cunningham opposed the motion. Motion passed

BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ADVANCE FUNDS TO THE 2012 SPLOST TO CONSTRUCT NEW ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING

County Administrator King advised that since the county would not be able to begin the actual SPLOST collections for funding the construction of a new animal control facility until June 2017 to be completely collected by April 2018, the county needs to accelerate the starting of the

project; this is a way to do that by advancing funds to the 2012 SPLOST.

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

MALT BEVERAGE, WINE, LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR GORDON COUNTY VETERANS, INC.

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that the applicant has asked that the application be tabled until some additional paperwork can be submitted with the application.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to table the application until the Board's next meeting on May 2, 2017. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

BID AWARD FOR A VIBRATORY SOIL COMPACTOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS

Administrator King advised that Gordon County solicited sealed bids for a vibratory soil compactor for the Public Works Department. After receiving the bids, they were opened and evaluated and the recommendation from Public Works Department is to award the bid to Borders Equipment with the lowest responsive bid of \$92,500.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to award the bid to Borders Equipment. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS GORDON COUNTY PROJECTS

Administrator King advised that Gordon County solicited sealed bids for qualifications from architectural firms and sealed written qualifications were received from several firms. A committee evaluated the qualifications and chose three top firms who came before the Board of Commissioners and made their presentations for architectural services.

Chairman Hood advised that the recommendation from the County Administrator and the committee is to hire Carter Watkins Associates Architects to serve as architects for Gordon County.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve hiring Carter Watkins as architects for Gordon County. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Hood voted aye. Motion passed.

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING FUNDING AGREEMENT FROM FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION FOR A GRANT TO THE GORDON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Doug Ralston had advised the Board at the Work Session that this is an agreement

with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for their awarding the Gordon County Fire Department a grant for \$19,464 to be used to purchase three thermal imaging cameras per our grant request.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the memo of understanding agreement with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for a grant. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioner Cunningham, Sexton, Steward, and Hood voted aye. Executive Session began at 6:20 pm.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to close the Executive Session. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Cunningham, Steward and Hood voted aye. Executive Session adjourned at 6:30 pm.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Chairman Hood advised that County Administrator King has turned in his letter of resignation to the county. Chairman Hood commented that this is under no ill terms, the Board hates to see Administrator King go but wants him to be happy, and it has been a pleasure serving with John. Chairman Hood asked for a motion to accept the letter of resignation from John King.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Cunningham, Steward, and Hood voted aye. Motion passed.

John King commented that he appreciated the opportunity that this Board had given him and he had really enjoyed working with them.

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 6:33 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman