

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MAY 2, 2017**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**BECKY HOOD, COMMISSIONER
CHAD STEWARD, COMMISSIONER
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER
M. L. BUD OWENS, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ATTORNEY
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
18 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 Regular Meeting agenda later in the meeting.

County Attorney and interim Administrator Jim Ledbetter explained each item on the Regular Meeting agenda.

The item for the First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance for Concentrated Poultry Feeding Operations was discussed at length between Attorney/Administrator Ledbetter and the Board members. The suggested timeline submitted to the Board to meet the zoning procedures law and to meet the notice and hearing requirements was accepted by the Board. No changes were made to the proposed ordinance at this time. The hearing dates will be announced via a notice delivered to the newspaper before the adoption of the ordinance.

County Attorney Ledbetter advised that there is a request to put a name to two roads as indicated by attached maps and descriptions. The suggested names for the roads are Public Safety Drive and Mission Drive. There was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the Regular Meeting Agenda.

County Attorney Ledbetter advised the Board that SBA, who leases the cell phone tower on Highway 53 and other cell towers from Gordon County, wants to extend their contract. They currently lease the Highway 53 cell tower from us and sublease out to AT&T or Verizon. The lease amount is about \$20,000 per year and the lease expires in 2024, and according to cell phone tower standards, now is not too soon for them to renew, since most phone services prefer to have leases at least 10 years out. They propose to buy it out at about \$280,000 or extend the lease for ten 5-year periods. Attorney Ledbetter spoke with someone that can evaluate the value of our lease for \$2,500 on that tower and \$1,000 each for the other four towers. There was a consensus of the Board to proceed with getting out an RFP or RFQ for this type service so that the county can get an evaluation of the cell towers.

County Attorney Ledbetter spoke to the Board about the search process for filing the County Administrator position. There is a copy of the proposed ad that he would like to go ahead and submit to be run in the paper and other outlets usually used. In discussions with the Chairman, the ad should include experience with project management, also economic development experience was added to the ad, otherwise it is the same ad used the last time the position was open. There was a consensus to have Human Resources proceed with advertising the position.

Mr. Kenny Padgett came before the Board and updated the Board members on the recent visit of a paranormal investigative team that visited the Resaca Battlefield site. Mr. Padgett submitted photos of paranormal activity and played audio of two instances of paranormal activity presented as the result of the investigation by that team.

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.

Becky Hood, Chairman

Annette Berry, County Clerk

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2017**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 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
M. L. BUD OWENS, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

**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.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Commissioner Owens read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in May. Commissioner Steward drew the name of County Employee of the Month Sue Henson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session April 18, 2017, and the Regular Meeting April 18, 2017. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Interim County Administrator Ledbetter read the report (copy attached). He also announced that the proposed 2018 SPLOST projects were furnished to the Board and he called attention to the dollar figures that have gone up due to the trend in increased SPLOST revenue. The SPOST projection for the 2018 SPLOST has gone up to \$48,606,000.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Owens reported that he attended a Georgia Emergency Management Training Conference, toured the airport to look at the hangers and future plans for the airport, attended the ACCG Annual Conference in Savannah where he attended a core class there. Commissioner Owens recognized some special guests in attendance, the Boy Scout Troup 22. Commissioner Sexton commented that he attended the meeting of County Chief Executive Officers and North Georgia Regional Commission meeting. Commissioner Steward attended the Chamber of Commerce Development Authority meeting, the ACCG Annual Conference in Savannah, and also completed the last class in the Georgia Academy of Economic.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

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

Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is a malt beverage, wine, liquor license application for Gordon County Veterans, Inc. Commissioner Owens asked to confirm that the distance requirements are met on the location. Attorney Ledbetter confirmed that the requirements have been met.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the license application for Gordon County Veterans, Inc. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Owens and Chairman Hood voted aye. Commissioner Cunningham and Sexton opposed the motion. Motion passed

AGREEMENT WITH CARTER WATKINS ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Chairman Hood advised that this is an agreement between Gordon County and Carter Watkins Architects for architectural services and serve as architects for Gordon County.

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FAIRMOUNT AND GORDON COUNTY FOR USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE

Attorney Ledbetter advised that this is a memorandum of understanding between the City of Fairmount and Gordon County for use of a public safety vehicle. The City of Fairmount approved the memorandum of understanding at their council meeting last evening.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with the City of Fairmount. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

BID AWARD FOR A FIRE PUMPER APPARATUS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chairman Hood advised that this item is a bid award for a fire pumper apparatus for the Fire Department. Staff recommended awarding the bid to the highest bidder Smeal Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$332,419.00. The difference in price is justified by the inconsistencies and deviations in the analysis of Fireline's proposal. Commissioner Steward commented that the reason the consideration is for the highest bidder, is because the other bidders, during the bid process did not meet the specifications, Smeal Fire apparatus was the most responsive bidder and the only bidder that did meet the specifications.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to award the bid to Smeal Fire Apparatus. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

FIRST READING OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR CONCENTRATED POULTRY FEEDING OPERATIONS

Attorney Ledbetter announced that the Board reviewed this item in the work session, copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Administration Building and available on the website posted with this agenda. The proposed ordinance is incorporated by what is posted publicly by reference rather than reading the full ordinance. The second reading will be presented at the next Board meeting on May16, 2017.

APPROVAL OF NAMING OF TWO STREETS, ONE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVE AND ONE FOR MISSION DRIVE

Chairman Hood advised that this is for Board consideration of naming two roads, the one headed east on to Highway 53 from Outlet Center Drive would be Public Safety Drive, and the other one that is from the intersection of Union Grove Road and the new section of Belwood Road would be Mission Drive.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the naming of the two road . Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

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 6:22 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman