

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JULY 11, 2017**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, July 11, 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
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 the items on the Regular Meeting agenda and made no changes or additions.

County Administrator/Attorney Ledbetter discussed the resolution amending the Unified Land Development Code and lifting the moratorium on construction of new poultry operations in Gordon County. Attorney Ledbetter pointed out the changes to that section of the ULDC and how they will affect new applications for permits for poultry operations.

Chairman Hood advised the Board that she had received notification from the Government Finance Officers Association that Gordon County's fiscal year ended 2016 comprehensive annual financial report is awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Chairman Hood asked that a presentation to Mr. Al Leonard, Finance Director, be made at the next Work Session Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, congratulating him on this achievement.

County Administrator Ledbetter presented the Administrator's Report. (copy attached to Regular Meeting minutes)

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the Work Session and go into the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Owens 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
JULY 11, 2017**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, beginning 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
MEDIA
APPROXIMATELY 20 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTION

Chairman Hood introduced Ms. Campbell Govignon, Junior Mayor, and asked her to lead the pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was led by Rev. John Allen. The pledge of allegiance was led by Junior Mayor Ms. Campbell Govignon.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Commissioner Owens read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in July. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Jonathan Parker as County Employee of the Month for July.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session June 20, 2017, the Regular Meeting June 20, 2017, and the Special Meeting July 5, 2017. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator's report was read in the Work Session. (copy attached)

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Owens reported on the Star Spangled Fourth of July Celebration at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Steward attended the Development Authority Meeting at the Chamber. Commissioner Cunningham reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**BOARD CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR DRY LITTER POULTRY OPERATIONS**

County Administrator/Attorney Ledbetter had explained this item in the Work Session. This is a resolution approving the amendment to and the lifting of the Moratorium on new poultry operations. The principal difference in this amendment and our existing law is that this would require a conditional use permit under the same process as for a rezoning.

Commissioner Cunningham commented about his concern regarding the process of having to meet a lot of requirements to get a permit that puts the applicant in a position of having to spend a lot of time and money upfront before he would know the chances of getting his permit.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the resolution approving the amendment and lifting the Moratorium for Dry Litter Poultry Operations. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Sexton, and Owens voted aye. Commissioner Cunningham opposed the motion. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR FRANK SULLIVAN FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM ENDING 6/30/2023**

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for re-appointment of Frank Sullivan to the Board of Assessors for a six-year term ending 6/30/23.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Frank Sullivan to the Board of Assessors. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND GORDON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR STORAGE OF AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAILER

Chairman Hood advised that this is a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Health and Emergency Management for storage of the Emergency Preparedness trailer.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE 2018 SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS

Chairman Hood advised that this is a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the intergovernmental agreement with each municipality for the use and distribution of the proceeds from the 2018 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for capital outlay projects.

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

AGREEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES

Chairman Hood advised that this is an agreement with the Public Defender office for indigent defense services for fiscal year 2016/2017.

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

MALT BEVERAGE WINE LIQUOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES LICENSE APPLICATION FOR CRAZY ACRES BAR & GRILL

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for Board consideration of an application from Crazy Acres Bar & Grill for a malt beverage, wine, and liquor Consumption on the Premises license.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the application from Crazy Acres Bar & Grill. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, and Hood voted aye. Commissioners Sexton and Cunningham opposed the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 FROM NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY ACTION FOR THE SECTION 5311 VAN PROGRAM

County Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is a proposal for public transportation service from North Georgia Community Action for the Section 5311 Van Program. This is an annual renewal. Administrator Ledbetter advised that he had received concerns from a citizen regarding feedback from service recipients that aren't happy with the service they are getting from this program. The Board can table this item and consider this item at the next meeting in one week should you desire to do so. This is a federally funded program.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Commissioners Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Owens, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all voted aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman