

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2017**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 5:45 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
M. L. BUD OWENS, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
16 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter discussed with the Board each item on the Agenda for the Regular Meeting and made no changes. Two items were added to the Agenda later in the meeting.

Administrator Ledbetter explained that this will be the second reading of the amendment to the Malt Beverage, Wine, Alcohol ordinance. This amendment is to clarify how we measure the distance from public parks, public schools and churches. After the second reading, the Board can approve the amendment at the Regular Meeting.

Administrator Ledbetter spoke about the 2018 LMIG paving projects list that the Public Works Director has put together. Following discussion with the Board, Administrator Ledbetter requested that the list be added to the agenda for Board approval. There was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the Regular Meeting agenda for Board consideration.

Ms. Louise McGowen with Dobbs & Company, the county auditors, came before the Board to present the Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year ended 6/30/16. Ms. McGowen explained the highlights of the audit and advised that after the Board members have a chance to study the report she would be available and welcomed any questions and comments.

Administrator Ledbetter also spoke to the Board about an item that needs to be added to the Regular Meeting agenda for emergency purchase of a new spreader/hopper that broke down during the recent snow storm for \$27,000, and repairs to the motor grader for \$30,000. There was a consensus of the Board to add this item to the Regular Meeting agenda.

Administrator Ledbetter discussed the EMS Contract with the Board. The main decision for the Board to decide is, if they want to bid out the ambulance services, or renew the contract with Gordon Hospital. The County pays an annual subsidy and a fuel subsidy to the Hospital. The Hospital representatives submitted a list of their contribution to the community such as benefiting the county by providing the ambulance service and providing other services such as benefits to the underprivileged, and seniors, and investment in infrastructure and capital improvements. Ledbetter advised the Board regarding research of subsidies paid or not paid by local counties, and surrounding county, for ambulance services.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and all voted aye.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Becky Hood, Chairman

Annette Berry, County Clerk

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2017**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on December 19, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
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 December 5, 2017, and the Regular Meeting December 5, 2017. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Sexton, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ledbetter read the report into the record. (copy attached).

Administrator Ledbetter reported that the Public Works Department did a great job during the recent snow and ice storm. During that work by this department, a spreader broke down and one of the motor graders is also broken down. He asked the Board to add to the agenda and approve purchase and repair of these two equipments. Steve Paris, Director of Public Works also spoke to the Board regarding this request.

Administrator Ledbetter also requested to add to the agenda, Board approval of the LMIG list to the Georgia D.O.T. for 2018.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Owens commented about the successful Christmas Parade and congratulated Debbie Vance, Director of E-911 for her and her departments' team representing Gordon County and winning the best float in the parade. Commissioner Owens also thanked Courtney Taylor, Director of Emergency Management for his help with the parade. Chairman Hood commented that she and the County Administrator and others had a very good economic development meeting with LG.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING**Application #Z17-20 Flipper McDaniel's Request to Rezone from A-1 to O-I**

County Administrator Ledbetter read the rezoning application from Flipper McDaniel to rezone from A-1 to O-I. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval and with the stipulations that they must meet the requirements from the Fire Department for the requirement that the building have a sprinkler system and also a fire hydrant will be required.

Mr. McDaniel came before the Board to explain the rezoning request and to answer any questions by the Board members.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve Rezoning Application #Z17-20 Flipper McDaniel's request to rezone from A1 to O-1 and to include the stipulations as read by the County Administrator. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Cunningham, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**AMENDMENT TO THE MALT BEVERAGE WINE AND LIQUOR ORDINANCE - 2nd Reading**

County Administrator Ledbetter read the ordinance by name only and recommended that the Board approve and adopt the amendment (copy attached).

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the amendment to the Malt Beverage Wine and Liquor Ordinance. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Owens, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACCG-IRMA SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL, ACCIDENT, AND DISABILITY FUND TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THOSE RISKS IMPOSED UPON THE COUNTY BY STATE LAW**

Chairman Hood advised the Board that this is a resolution authorizing the county's participating in the ACCG-IRMA supplemental medical, accident, and disability fund to provide coverage for those risks that are imposed upon the County by the State for firefighters' cancer coverage benefits.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the county's participation in supplying firefighters with cancer coverage benefits. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

AGREEMENT WITH VERISTOR CAPITAL FOR \$22,800 IN INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR VMWARE HORIZON SOFTWARE

Chairman Hood advised that this is an agreement with Veristor Capital for installment payments for the VMWare Horizon Software.

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

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE IT DEPARTMENT

Chairman Hood advised that this is a request from the IT Department for a declaration of surplus property that is no longer useful to the county.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the list to be declared surplus property for the IT Department. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Cunningham, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR HIGHWAY EXPRESS

Chairman Hood advised that this is a malt beverage and wine license application for Highway Express. This location has had the license for several years and this is merely a change of ownership.

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

MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR RALSTON'S CORNER

Chairman Hood advised that this is a malt beverage and wine license application for Ralston's Corner. This location has had the license for several years and this is merely a change of ownership.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the application. Commissioners Owens, Steward, and Hood voted aye. Commissioners Cunningham and Sexton opposed the motion. Motion passed.

MALT BEVERAGE, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR 2018

Chairman Hood advised that this is the renewal applications for malt beverage, wine and liquor license for 2018. All application have been submitted and all paperwork is in order.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the renewal license applications for malt beverage, wine and liquor for 2018. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and

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

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY REPAIR TO MOTOR GRADER FOR \$30,000 AND PURCHASE OF SPREADER/HOPPER FOR \$27,000

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that Public Works has an emergency need for repair to the motor grader for \$30,000 and purchase of spreader/hopper for \$27,000. The Department has excess money in this year's paving budget, asking to move those funds to the equipment purchase and maintenance fund for these two items.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the budget amendment for emergency equipment repair and purchase for the Public Works Department. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, Steward, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF 2018 LMIG PAVING PROJECTS TO GEORGIA D.O.T.

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the 2018 LMIG paving project list that the Director of Public Works has prepared for the Board.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the LMIG projects list. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Steward, Cunningham, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman