

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2018**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 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
13 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 no changes or additions were made to the Agenda.

Mr. Joseph Evans, member of the Harris Arts Center Board, came before the Board of Commissioners to speak about an upcoming project that may need to be brought before the Board in the future. Mr. Evans advised that he is on the organizing committee for the 12th annual String Band Festival. This event is coming up the last weekend in April this year, celebrating this musical heritage in Northwest Georgia. The committee is planning to go to the State and ask them to consider naming the String Band Festival here in Calhoun, Georgia as the official State String Band Festival. The Board of Commissioners would be a stakeholder in this request to have the General Assembly recognize our festival as the official State String Band Festival. The City of Calhoun and Representative John Meadows have also been contacted. They are willing to help in any way that they can.

Mr. Ed Weldon, with the Harris Arts Center, also spoke to the Board. Mr. Weldon spoke concerning The Clean 13 Celebration event to be held March 8, 2018 in Atlanta. Mr. Weldon asked for the Board's support for clean water by giving his group names of interested people or sponsors who would be friends of clean water.

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

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Becky Hood, Chairman

Annette Berry, County Clerk

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2018**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on January 9, 2018 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
12 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 Steward read the names of employees with anniversary hire dates in January. Commissioner Sexton drew the name of Sonya Edward with the Probate Court as Employee of the Month of January.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session December 19, 2017, and the Regular Meeting December 19, 2017. Commissioner Cunningham 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 Ledbetter read the report into the record. (copy attached). Administrator also advised that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be meeting this Friday morning, if anyone is interested in attending that.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF RELEASE OF TRANSCONTINENTAL PIPE LINE BOND

Chairman Hood advised the Board that this is for Board approval for release of the

Transcontinental Pipe Line bond. As advised by the County Administrator earlier, when the work first started in Gordon County, we required Trans Pipe to post a bond in case they did not repair any damage done to any of the right-of-ways or culverts. They have completed the project and any damage that was done has been repaired satisfactorily so we no longer need the bond.

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

BOARD TO SET QUALIFYING FEES FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN GORDON COUNTY

Chairman Hood advised that this requires the Board to set qualifying fees for upcoming elections. As stated by the County Administrator, the Board will be setting the qualifying fees e based upon a formula, as in 3% of the salary amount for certain offices or a fixed fee on others.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the qualifying fees as presented. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE GORDON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 FOR JIMMY BROWN AND RAY DENMON

Chairman Hood advised that this is a request from the Gordon County Hospital Authority Board to re-appoint Jimmy Brown and Ray Denmon for a three-year terms ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the re-appointments of Jimmy Brown and Ray Denmon. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Cunningham, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

JANUARY 2018 COMMUNITY DISASTER AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Chairman Hood advised that this is the January 2018 Community Disaster Awareness and Preparedness Plan put together by Courtney Taylor, Director of Emergency Management. Earlier the County Administrator advised that this plan has to do with dissemination of information to the public, both to prepare for disasters so people will know where to get their information and how to respond, and how we disseminate that information.

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

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR A SERVICE WEAPON

Chairman Hood advised that this is a request from the Sheriff's Department for a declaration of

surplus property for the Sheriff's Department for a service revolver. Administrator Ledbetter had advised earlier that this was Mike Jones' service weapon and when someone retires after many years at the Sheriff's Department, it is a tradition to present the service revolver to the person who carried it. This is a recognition that the Sheriff's Department wants to do.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, Cunningham and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

CHAPLAIN ALLEN ANNOUNCEMENT

Reverend John Allen, Board Chaplain, asked to speak to the Board and made his announcement of retirement from the role of Board Chaplain. Among many protests from Board members wanting to have Rev. Allen remain Chaplain, he explained that next month he will have a big birthday, so next month will be his last time to serve the Board as Chaplain.

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 6:13 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman