

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2018**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 5:30 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
BUD OWENS, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter explained the rezonings and discussed with the Board each item on the agenda for the Regular Meeting. There were no changes or additions made to the Agenda.

Mr. Kenny Fuquea and Mr. Levi Higdon, both with Santek, came before the Board to give more information regarding a notification sent to the County about a price increase at the Redbone Ridges Landfill. The notification advised that effective June 1st, the current minimum charge of \$7.00 will go to \$21.00 and effective January 1, 2019 will go to \$37.70 with a one-ton minimum, the pricing at the convenience compactor sites will not change from the current 12 cents per pound. Administrator Ledbetter explained that the contract with Santek gives them the right to establish the fees. Mr. Fuquea told the Board that they had posted the fee increase a few weeks ago at the landfill; the concession that Santek is willing to make, is that the January 1, 2019 increase will not be made, the fee will stay at \$21.00 with a one-ton minimum. There was discussion of setting a per item fee for large items such as a couch; that issue will be left open for further discussion with Santek management.

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that CSX Railroad has made a decision to delay the sidetrack extension in Resaca.

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 6:00 p.m. and the Board adjourned to the Regular Meeting.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2018**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on June 5, 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
BUD OWENS, COMMISSIONER
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

**JIM LEDBETTER, CTY. ADMINISTRATOR
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
14 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was led by Commissioner Owens. The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Hood.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019

No one signed to speak at the public hearing for the proposed budget.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in June

Commissioner Sexton read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in June. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Adam Diskey as Employee of the Month for June.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session May 15, 2018, and the Regular Meeting May 15, 2018. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Cunningham, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Steward commented that he attended the College and Career Academy's Board meeting. Commissioner Cunningham attended the Sheriff's luncheon and made a couple of visits to the construction site of the Animal Control facility.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

Commissioner Owens made a motion to go into the public hearing for zoning. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye.

APPLICATION #Z18-09 PAM SCOTT AND THE ESTATE OF MAX SCOTT REQUEST TO REZONE FROM A-1 TO R-1

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z18-09. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. No one signed up to speak for or against the rezoning.

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

APPLICATION #Z18-11 BENJAMINE KODY TIMMS' REQUEST TO REZONE FROM A-1 TO R-1

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z18-11. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for denial. Mr. Timms came before the Board and explained that he would be fine with rezoning the property to RA-1 since the Planning Commission had denied the rezoning request for R-1. Administrator Ledbetter advised that Mr. Timms wishes to amend the rezoning application from R-1 to RA-1, and that there are four speakers signed up to speak regarding the rezoning to R-1 but they might not want to speak now that Mr. Timms is willing to change to RA-1 zoning. They all indicated that they would be fine with RA-1 zoning and didn't wish to speak.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to amend the application to RA-1, and to approve the RA-1 zoning for Application #Z18-11. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

APPLICATION #Z18-12 CHERYL JOHNSTON AND THE O'SHIELDS ESTATE REQUEST TO REZONE FROM A-1 TO R-1

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z18-12. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. No one signed up to speak for or against the rezoning.

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

APPLICATION #Z18-13 CHERYL JOHNSTON AND THE O'SHIELDS ESTATE REQUEST TO REZONE FROM A-1 TO R-6

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z18-13. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. No one signed up to speak for or against the rezoning.

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

Commissioner Steward made a motion to close the public hearing for zoning. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

CGI COMMUNICATIONS 2018 COUNTY VIDEO PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that CGI Communications would like to make five promotional videos for Gordon County at no cost to the County. All that is required is the County provide a letter of introduction for the program to be used by CGI to obtain local business ads, and to display the County Video link on our website.

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

THIRD AMENDMENT TO AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the third amendment to the Ambulance Service Agreement with Adventist Health System. This is the culmination of a whole lot of work, talk, and negotiation. The principal changes in the agreement are that currently in this year's budget we are spending \$314,000 for ambulance service; under the new contract we will be spending in this next year \$196,500. The savings is derived by cutting the subsidy down to \$117,500, a license fee of \$14,000 and fuel subsidy of \$65,000. Also, under the agreement, commencing July 1, 2019, and in each odd year thereafter, Gordon County will reimburse up to \$100,000 for the actual purchase of an equipped ambulance that will be used for EMS services in Gordon County. Also, the contract is for the benefit of Gordon County and Adventist Health System only and may not be transferred or assigned without the express written consent of both parties.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the amendment to the ambulance service agreement with Adventist Health System. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion. Commissioner Sexton commented that this may be a good deal, certainly better than what was discussed the first time, but we don't know if it's the best deal. We need transparency, I believe these contracts should be bid on and get some competition, we don't have anything to compare it with. The last thing is - fairness. Be fair to everybody that makes a contract with the county, some have to bid and some don't.

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

PILOT AGREEMENT FOR ALADDIN MANUFACTURING CORPORATION FOR BUILDING RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT

Chairman Hood advised that this is a pilot agreement for Aladdin Manufacturing Corporation for their building renovation and equipment. Administrator Ledbetter had advised the Board earlier that this project was a \$7 million investment by Aladdin and would result in creation of jobs and retention of jobs. The jobs will be mostly white collar. The pilot schedule has been approved by the tax assessor's office.

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

EXTENSION OF SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY TO OCTOBER 31, 2018

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for Board approval of extension of the Service Delivery Strategy agreement to October 31, 2018. For the last three months, the County has been negotiating the terms of the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement, we will leave the current agreement as is until October 31, 2018 and we will continue our negotiation of the agreement.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the extension of the Service Delivery Strategy to October 31, 2018. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

PROPOSAL AWARD FOR HARVESTING HAY ON COUNTY PROPERTY

County Administrator advised that the only proposal received for harvesting hay on County property did not meet the proposal requirements, therefore, the recommendation is to deny acceptance of the submitted proposal from Adam Rutledge.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to deny approving the proposal submitted for hay harvesting on County property by Adam Rutledge. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Cunningham, Steward, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. FOR SECTION 5311 TRANSPORTATION OPERATION

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the service agreement with North Georgia Community Action for operation of the Section 5311 transportation van program through June 30, 2019. The amounts in the agreement match what we have budgeted.

Commissioner Owens asked if the service from North Georgia Community Action had improved since they had come before the Board a few months ago to answer complaints about the service they provide. Administrator Ledbetter advised that no complaints had been received against

them since they appeared before the Board.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the service agreement with North Georgia Community Action. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioner Steward, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Commissioner Owens opposed the motion. Motion passed.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF ADAIRSVILLE FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE ON HIGHWAY 41 SOUTH

LG is looking to expand down the south Highway 41. OWR, LLC has obtained the rezoning from Agricultural to Industrial and they have now acquired about 50 acres and have sold about 25 acres of that property to LG conditioned upon LG having sewer service. Our Service Delivery Strategy document currently in existence says that if a developer and the county are willing to pay for sewer, the City of Calhoun will run sewer down there, if available, without regard to annexation. City of Calhoun have refused to provide that, therefore Adairsville is going to provide sewer service.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Adairsville. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR BETTY ANN SURDYKOWSKI FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 1, 2021 - COMMISSIONER SEXTON'S APPOINTEE

Chairman Hood advised that this is re-appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission for Betty Ann Surdykowski for a three-year term ending June 1, 2021, and this is Commissioner Sexton's appointee. Commissioner Sexton added that she has consented to serve another term.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Betty Ann Surdykowski to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS FIREARMS

Chairman Hood advised that this is a request from the Sheriff's Department for a declaration of surplus property for miscellaneous firearms.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property for the Sheriff Department. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, 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 6:30 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman