

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 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  
M. L. BUD OWENS, COMMISSIONER**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK  
MEDIA  
APPROXIMATELY 10 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter spoke to the Board regarding the Agenda for the Regular Meeting and explained the rezoning application noting that the Planning Commission recommended denial of the rezoning. Ursula Richardson with the Planning Department explained that it was denied for several reasons, including past problems with illegal activities at some of the other mobile homes nearby.

Administrator Ledbetter explained the other items on the Agenda, and Chairman Hood gave her recommendations to the Board for the appointments to the Hospital Authority for Matt Barton and Liza Allen.

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 6:45 p.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman

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**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on February 26, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the main courtroom of the Gordon County Courthouse

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**JIM LEDBETTER, CTY. ADMINISTRATOR  
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK  
MEDIA  
APPROXIMATELY 35 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**RECOGNITION AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Owens welcomed the adult class of 2019 Leadership Gordon County to the meeting and asked each participant to stand and introduce themselves. Commissioner Owens also recognized the leaders of the class, and announced that after the meeting adjourns, the Board would be available to hear from the class members with any questions for the Board members.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MINA LUSK'S RETIREMENT**

Commissioner Owens asked Mrs. Mina Lusk and her family to come forward, her husband, children and grandchildren joined Mrs. Lusk. Commissioner Owens welcomed them all and read and presented a Proclamation from the Board of Commissioners recognizing Mrs. Lusk for her service on the Gordon County Board of Elections & Voter Registration.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session February 5, 2019 and the Regular Meeting February 5, 2019. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Owens and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Ledbetter read the Administrator's Report into the record. (copy attached)

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Owens commented that he had chaired the College & Career Board meeting, attended a meeting with the architects for the multi-facility project, had the Leadership Education session, attended the QRC Committee Meeting, Georgia EMS Council, and was with the Leadership group at the Capitol, also attended the Development Authority Breakfast and State of the County address, and the Development Authority of Gordon meeting today, he also had several meetings with some citizens regarding animal control ordinances, the multi-purpose ag center to get ideas, and some water issues.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING**

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

**APPLICATION #Z19-01 BRIAN BAXTER'S REQUEST TO REZONE FROM A-1 TO R-6**

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z19-01 Brian Baxter's request to rezone from A-1 to R-6. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for denial. Administrator Ledbetter requested to incorporate the entire rezoning package of material by reference into the record.

No one signed to speak concerning the rezoning application except the applicant Mr. Brian Baxter. Mr. Baxter came before the Board to explain the rezoning application and to answer questions. Mr. Baxter reported he has 9.86 acres with a barn and a workshop and two mobile homes, he said he kept the place and the yards real neat and has spent a lot of money on remodeling and painting. In answering questions from the Board, he said he is going to put two brand new mobile homes in and will have their own driveways. He said he didn't understand why the Planning Commission turned him down. He said he had in the past, had one bad renter and has now learned to do better screening of his renters. Mr. Baxter assured the Board that he knows the requirements mentioned in the Environmental Health's departmental review have to be met if this rezoning is approved. He said he hopes to sell the mobile homes if the rezoning comes through, if not, he will rent them.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the rezoning from A-1 to R-6 contingent upon the applicant meets all environmental requirements from Environmental Health. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Owens, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS****AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE FLOYD/GORDON JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement for the Floyd/Gordon Joint Development Authority. The Authority was formed back in the 1990's and acquired real estate in Floyd County, of about 66 acres. Floyd County bought about 4 of those acres. This is amending the intergovernmental agreement from the 1990's that would roll the proceeds from any sell over into investment in Gordon County and have another joint investment with Floyd County. The intergovernmental agreement proposes that instead of rolling over and investing in Gordon County, we would cash out, such that Floyd County would take its net share and use it according to its discretion and we would do the same thing with the Gordon County share. It also adjust, in a manner favorable to Gordon County, the expenses of sale.

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

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS ENDING 12/31/21**

Chairman Hood advised that this is for Board approval of appointments to the Hospital Authority for three-year terms ending 12/31/21, and the two names are Matt Barton and Liza Allen.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the appointments to the Hospital Authority. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioner Owens, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham 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 6:44 p.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING - STRATEGIC PLANNING  
MARCH 2, 2019**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting and Strategic Planning Session at 8:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of Sage Cottage in Adairsville, Georgia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK  
KEITH KING, ASSISTANT TO ADMINISTRATOR**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to open the Strategic Planning Session. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to open the Strategic Planning Session. Commissioner Owens seconded and Commissioners Sexton, Owens, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye.

Administrator Ledbetter advised that the purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Strategic Planning for the Board of Commissioners. He then asked if anyone has a topic they wish to cover during this session. Commissioner Steward had mentioned he wanted to discuss what could be done about dilapidated homes and properties. Commissioner Cunningham commented that he wished to cover Shirley Road, and Commissioner Owens said he wished to cover the Animal Control Department.

Administrator Ledbetter gave an in-depth Administrator's report. Topics covered included the budget process going on right now and what the Board can anticipate going in to this next fiscal year's budget. First being department's personnel needs and requests, and equipment.

Other topics covered were review of the SPLOST schedule and SPLOST projects. 2012 -2018 SPLOST for the Courthouse, Brookshire Park, Health Department and the Senior Center expansion, and 2018-2024 SPLOST for the Plaza 2nd Floor, Mt. Olive Church Road, Evidence Building & Morgue. Schedule Revisions were the Splash Pad and Records Retention Building.

Commissioner's requested topics discussed were the proposed multi-purpose facility, dilapidated homes and properties, Shirley Road, and Animal Control Department.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Real Estate. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Executive Session began at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to close the Executive Session and go back into the Strategic Planning meeting. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Following the lunch break, the Board's next topic for discussion was Economic Development, and Administrator Ledbetter reported on Taylor English Decisions' Report on Gordon 25.

Administrator Ledbetter asked the Board to think about topics discussed and what positive steps they should take away from this Planning Session. Topics mentioned and positive steps were customer service, team work, moving forward with economic development, moving forward with meetings with municipalities, multi-purpose facility designed to be self-sustaining or income producing, and hold the budget.

**Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that he felt Gordon County has really good Department Heads in the County's Departments, and also other County employees. One Department mentioned by a Board member was the Public Works Department Director, Steve Paris. Comment made was, "he does a good job and is always on top of things".**

**The Board discussed re-scheduling the March 5th meeting to March 19th. There was a consensus of the Board to have the Clerk send a media notice out announcing that the March 5th meeting will be re-scheduled to March 19th.**

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

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.**

**Annette Berry, County Clerk**

**Becky Hood, Chairman**