

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday November 5, 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  
BUD OWENS, COMMISSIONER**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
ANNETTE BERRY, CLERK  
MEDIA  
APPROXIMATELY 7 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter explained the two rezoning applications to be heard during the public hearing for zoning; and including all the other items on the agenda. There were no changes or additions made to the agenda.

Mr. Jason Everts spoke to the Board concerning a request to add one foot to a sidewalk width being laid at the back of his building on Piedmont Street adjacent to some county property. This would help with drainage coming to his property from county property. There was a consensus of the Board to allow one foot to be added to the sidewalk width at the back of Mr. Everts' building. Mr. Everts will submit documents and drawings later.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal matters, personnel, and real estate matters. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye. The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:49 p.m. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to go back into the Work Session. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye.

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 5:58 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  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on November 5, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the courtroom of the Gordon County Courthouse

**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 ADMIN.  
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK  
MEDIA  
APPROXIMATELY 60 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 student Sara Beth Vaughn.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLASS**

Commissioner Owens welcomed the students from the Youth Leadership Class and asked each one to stand and introduce themselves and tell what school they attend. Each class sponsor also introduced themselves. Commissioner Owens commented that we have students here representing all of the high schools in Gordon County and City of Calhoun.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Commissioner Steward read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in September. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Teresa Rice with the Juvenile Court for Employee of the Month of November.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session October 15, 2019, and the Regular Meeting October 15, 2019. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Ledbetter read the report (copy attached). Administrator Ledbetter asked the Board members about planning a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Health Department facility and they all agreed on the date of November 19th at 5:00 pm or 5:15 pm, just before the Board meeting. The Administrator also introduced Tim Cochran and announced his promotion as Director of the Information Technology Department.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Owens commented that he met with Santek, he toured the College and Career Academy with Representative Rick Jaspers and Matt Barton, attended the Development Authority meeting, the Chamber Booster lunch, and Georgia Northwestern Technical College, he had a citizens meeting regarding real estate, attended Orientation for Calhoun/Gordon Leadership adult class. Chairman Hood advised that she had a Gordon 25 Committee meeting.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to go into the Public Hearing for Zoning. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and all voted aye.

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

##### Application #Z19-16 Frank Eugene Wilson, Jr.'s Request to Rezone from A-1 to RA-1

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z19-16 Frank Eugene Wilson, Jr.'s request to rezone from A-1 to RA-1. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve Application #Z19-16 for rezoning. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Owens, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

##### Application #Z19-17 Cary Gentry's Request to Rezone from A-1 to RA-1

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z19-17 Cary Gentry's request to rezone from A-1 to RA-1. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve Application #Z19-17 for rezoning. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Cunningham 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

#### DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a slide, swings, and a whirler located on the grounds of the Sugar Valley Community Center. This equipment is old and not safe and needs to be disposed of, no one knows who actually owns the equipment and placed the equipment there in past years, so the County wants to declare it surplus and dispose of it.

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

#### PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS COUNCIL CONTRACT EXTENSION FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is an extension of the Prosecuting Attorneys Council's contract for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The total contract is for \$ 402,549.19, and Gordon County's part is \$179,831.60.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the contract extension for the Prosecuting Attorneys Council. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$10,000 SAFETY GRANT AWARDED BY ACCG**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a budget amendment for a \$10,000 safety grant from ACCG. This is \$5,000 for Parks and Recreation and \$5,000 for Public Works Department.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the budget amendment for accepting the \$10,000 Grant from ACCG to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Cunningham, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$1,400 RECREATION GRANT AWARDED BY ATLANTA HAWKS**

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is a budget amendment for a \$1,400 recreation grant awarded by the Atlanta Hawks for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the budget amendment for accepting the \$1,400 Grant from the Atlanta Hawks. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Sexton, Cunningham, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

**RE-APPOINTMENT FOR COURTNEY TAYLOR TO THE REGION ONE EMS FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING JANUARY 2022**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a re-appointment of Courtney Taylor to the Region One EMS for a two-year term ending January 2022.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Courtney Taylor to the Region One EMS. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY THE CITY OF CALHOUN REGARDING ERWIN STREET**

The Administration advised that this is for Board consideration of a request from the City of Calhoun regarding Erwin Street and the triangle owned by Gordon County. This street goes from Highway 41 to Peters Street and is about 3/10 of a mile, and the triangle is about 0.24 acres. Gordon County received a request from the City of Calhoun, they want to take ownership of Erwin Street and go straight through the triangle, curb and gutter the street and straighten out the curve there at Peters Street to improve it. Our Public Works Director is in agreement with letting the City take over and maintain Erwin Street.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the request from the City of Calhoun. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF LMIG LIST FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR 2020/2021**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for approval of the Local Management Improvement Grant list for 2020/2021 from the Public Works Department. This amounts to 14.67 miles and the State's portion is \$881,395.86 with the County's portion being \$278,392.13. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the LMIG list from the Public Works Department. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Sexton, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

**PILOT AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR LG HAUSYS AMERICA FOR VIATERA PLANT #3**

This is a PILOT agreement with the Development Authority for LG Hausys America. This is a \$52 million project that will bring the total investment of LG in bonded projects to \$212 million. This agreement will have the same abatement schedule as other Viatera plants, so that in year one through year five it would be 100% abatement, year 6 and year 7 at 50% abatement, and then year eight and thereafter would be taxable at 100%.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the PILOT Agreement for LG Hausys America for the Viatera Plant #3 and the abatement schedule. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman