

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. in the main courtroom of the Gordon County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ANNETTE BERRY, CLERK
MEDIA
APPROXIMATELY 70 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter explained and discussed, for the Board Members, the agenda items listed on the Regular Meeting Agenda and the three zoning applications. Chairman Hood asked if the ordinance amendments on the agenda would be voted on by the Board after the second reading. Administrator Ledbetter advised that the two ordinance amendments would be considered for approval by the Board after the reading at the Regular Meeting.

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

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on February 25, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the main courtroom of the Gordon County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT

**BECKY HOOD, CHAIRMAN
CHAD STEWARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN
NORRIS SEXTON, COMMISSIONER
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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.

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF ADULT LEADERSHIP CALHOUN/GORDON COUNTY CLASS

Commissioner Owens welcomed the Adult Leadership Calhoun/Gordon County Class to the meeting and asked them all to stand and introduce themselves and tell who they represent. The class leaders were also asked to stand and introduce themselves. Commissioner Owens commented that the Board would be available after the meeting is adjourned for the class members to stay and ask questions or make comments.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in February

Commissioner Steward read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in February. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Jared Robison with the Gordon County Fire Department as employee of the month of February.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session February 4, 2020 and the Regular Meeting February 4, 2020. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ledbetter read the report. (copy attached)

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Owens commented that he attended public legislative meetings at the Capitol, and along with the Leadership Calhoun/Gordon County group went to the State Capitol, attended the State emergency services public health Council, Commissioners Planning Session, and Public Safety Meeting. Chairman Hood reminded everyone of the Chamber's State of the County on Friday, February 28th at Belmont Church.

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

A. Application #Z20-01 Ronald & Dorothy Ledford's Request to Rezone from R-6 to RA-1

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z20-01 Ronald and Dorothy Ledford's request to rezone from R-6 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 Steward made a motion to approve the application #Z20-01 for Ronald and Dorothy Ledford. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Owens, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

B. Application #Z20-02 Sammy L. Truax Sr.'s Request to Rezone from A-1 to R-6

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z20-02 Sammy L. Truax Sr.'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 approval. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the application #Z20-02 for Sammy L. Truax, Sr. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Sexton, Owens, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

C. Application #Z20-03 OWR, LLC's Request to Rezone from A-1 to I-2 heavy industrial

Administrator Ledbetter read application #Z20-03 OWR, LLC's request to rezone from A-1 to I-2 heavy industrial. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. The application will involve up to 36.6 acres. Mr. Terry Brumlow, representing the applicant, came before the Board and explained the rezoning. He advised that there is a change to the application that involves an acreage change to 29.0 acres after the setback changes, instead of 36.6 acres. Mr. Brumlow asked that Mr. Williams explain the change. Mr. Steve William, representing Ms. Alberta Jones, came before the Board to explain the situation. Mrs. Jones lives on Trimble Hollow Road which is on the south side of the property that Mr. Brumlow is speaking about. The rezoning applicant is now asking for 29.0 acres to be rezoned, due to the variance setbacks being granted. He advised that Ms. Jones opposes the change in zoning to heavy industrial, and that the variance passed approving the setbacks that goes along with the rezoning, is going to be appealed.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

County Administrator Ledbetter read the amendment to the Fire Protection Ordinance and advised the Board that this was the second reading of the ordinance and it is now before the Board for consideration of approval.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS FOR RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS OF PAWNBROKERS –SECOND READING

County Administrator Ledbetter read the amendment to the Licenses and Business Regulations for Record of Transactions of Pawnbrokers and advised the Board that this was the second reading of the ordinance and it is now before the Board for consideration of approval.

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

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

REAPPOINTMENT OF DEWAYNE BOWEN TO THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA RC&D COUNCIL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING 12/31/2020

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a re-appointment for Mr. DeWayne Bowen to the Northwest Georgia RC&D Council for a one-year term ending 12/31/2020.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the reappointment of Dewayne Bowen to the Northwest Georgia RC&D Council. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Owens, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING A UNITED WAY GRANT APPLICATION

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is a request from Don Holley, the Director of the Gordon County Parks and Recreation Department, to submit a United Way Grant application.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to allow the Gordon County Parks and Recreation Department to submit a United Way Grant application. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

BID AWARD FOR THE HVAC REPAIR AT SONORAVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a bid award for repair of the HVAC at the Sonoraville Parks and Recreation. Gordon County solicited for bids from qualified vendors and six vendors responded. The recommendation from staff is to award the bid to WJ O'Neil Company in the amount of \$135,520 as the low bidder. An additional contingency of \$13,000 is recommended due to the complex repairs for a total of \$148,520. Funding will come from the Landfill.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve awarding the bid to WJ O'Neal for \$148,520.00. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Sexton, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR \$2,696.75 FOR ADDITIONAL LINEAR FOOTAGE OF ELECTRICAL LINE AND CONDUIT FOR THE TRANSFORMER AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACILITY

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is change order #4 for Pro Construction of Georgia, LLC for \$2,696.75 for the new Health Department for additional linear footage of electrical line and conduit for the transformer. Once everything was laid out and the building was framed up we needed to move the transformer a little bit away from the building, the contract gave us 50 ft. and this is 80 ft. away, so this change order will give an additional 30 ft.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve change order #4 for the Health Department facility. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Owens, Cunningham, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

CHANGE ORDER #5 FOR \$4,349.25 FOR INSTALLING UNDERGROUND CONDUIT FOR THE FUTURE MONUMENT SIGN AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACILITY

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is change order #5 for Pro Construction of Georgia, LLC for \$4,349.25 for installing underground conduit for the future monument sign at the Health Department. The general contractor thinks they can do the monument sign for \$40,000 and we think we can do the monument sign for a good deal cheaper, so we want to go ahead and install the conduit now.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve change order #5 for the Health Department facility. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

CONTRACT WITH GREAT SOUTHERN RECREATION FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPLASH PAD AT SONORAVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

Administrator Ledbetter advised that the Board approved the bid award to Great Southern Recreation for the design and construction of the splash pad at the Sonoraville Parks and

Recreation. Now, this is the contract with Great Southern Recreation. The total contract price would be up to \$148,500 and a 10% contingency of \$14,850, so the total contract price would be up \$163,350.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the Great Southern Recreation contract and to allow the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Sexton, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Commissioner Owens read the Resolution into the record.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman