

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MAY 5, 2020**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. via teleconference.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter explained each item on the Agenda for the Regular Meeting.

The Board next discussed the County's Covid-19 policy in light of the Governor's last Executive Order. The governor extended the state of emergency to June 12. Governor extended the shelter in place for high risk individuals to June 12 at midnight. Under the Reviving a Healthy Georgia order. That order is effective until May 13 at midnight. Under that order we are to continue social distancing, and no gatherings of more than 10 people 6ft apart which does not apply to critical infrastructure, the 17 measures which we are already doing except taking temperatures. Public access to county buildings will continue to follow restrictions until May 13, unless there is a new Executive Order by the Governor. The Senior Center will have to stay closed until June 13. Parks are open to walking. Other government offices will remain open with restricted access until May 12 at midnight. Court systems are following the Order of the Georgia Supreme Court restrictions until June 12 at midnight.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate matters. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session began at 5:55 pm. Commissioner Owens made a motion to close the Executive Session and go back into the Work Session.

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 6:02 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  
MAY 5, 2020**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on May 5, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held via teleconference with the Board of Commission Members except Commissioner Cunningham was present in person. County Administrator Ledbetter, County Clerk Berry, and Administrative Assistant King were present in person.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMIN.  
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK  
KEITH KING, ADMIN. ASSISTANT**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Commissioner Owens.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION** – Employees with anniversary hire dates in May

Administrative Assistant Keith King read the list of employees for the month of May. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Dylan Blalock as Employee of the Month for May.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Regular Meeting April 21, 2020. Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Ledbetter read the report. (copy attached)

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Steward commented that he attended the Finance Committee meeting. Chairman Hood attended the Covid-19 Task Force call meeting.

**CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR A 1993 F350 BOX TRUCK  
VIN#1FDKF38M4PNA79178**

Chairman Hood advised that this is a request for a declaration of surplus property for a 1993 F350 box truck from the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff is requesting that the vehicle be declared surplus and turned over to the Sheriff of Chattooga County, Georgia for official use.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the Declaration of Surplus Property the 1993 F350 box truck. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Owens, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

#### AGREEMENT ON REAL ESTATE SALE

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the real estate sale agreement for property of two and one third acres located next to the fairgrounds on Calhoun-Rome Highway 53 and Liberty Road. The price that has been offered to the County to use in conjunction with the multi-purpose facility project and to enhance access to that project, and to benefit the fairgrounds is \$145,000. The contract also includes \$1,500 in earnest money. We are aware that this property used to be a service station and the County will conduct environmental studies to be sure that there is no contaminants in the property and no issues with storage tanks that would make these costs prohibitive for the County to acquire the property. The County will make sure to inspect the building to make sure there are no conditions of asbestos and such in the building, and make sure property is suitable for our purposes with our architects, and make sure we are paying a fair price, we can only pay fair market value for the property. We have 90 days under the contract to make a determination that this property will be suitable for our purposes.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the agreement for real estate sale and move forward with it. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Steward, Owens, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

#### CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER ON THE GOVERNMENT PLAZA BUILDING SECOND FLOOR FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$60,316 DEDUCT

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the final contract change order on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Government Plaza building. That project was originally budgeted at \$669,542.50, this change order will bring the project in at less than that. The final bill will be \$609,226.50. That is \$60,000 under the budgeted contract amount.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the contract change order. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Cunningham, Sexton, and Steward 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 6:25 p.m.