

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JULY 21, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADM.
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK**

Vice Chairman Steward called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter explained the one rezoning application on the agenda and the New Business items.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to close the Work Session. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, Sexton, and Steward vote aye.

There being no further business, the Work Session was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2020**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on July 21, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held via teleconference with the Board of Commission Members. County Administrator Ledbetter and County Clerk Berry were in attendance in the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Commissioner Sexton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session and Regular Meeting July 7, 2020. Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Sexton 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

None

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

Application Z20-11 Rusty and Joyce Maddox's Request to Rezone from A-1 to R-1

Administrator Ledbetter read the application for Rusty and Joyce Maddox's request to rezone from A-1 to R-1 and advised that this is a 1.46 acre tract that Mr. and Mrs. Maddox are requesting to bring into compliance with zoning. 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 application.

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

Commissioner Owens 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**BOARD CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FILLING A VACANT POSITION**

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for Board consideration for approval to fill a vacant position at the Public Works Department. The administrative assistant has retired, and under the County's Covid-19 rules, the Board needs to approve keeping that position open and filling it.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve filling the vacant position at the Public Works Department. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, Sexton, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

APPLICATION FOR MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE FOR OWENS GROCERY

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is an application from Owens Grocery for a malt beverage and wine license. This is for a new owner and all paperwork is in order.

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

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE I T DEPARTMENT FOR A MISCELLANEOUS LIST OF EQUIPMENT

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a declaration of surplus property for a miscellaneous list of equipment in the I T Department. The equipment is obsolete, of no use to Gordon County, and we wish to dispose of it. The equipment will be destroyed for security purposes and sold for scrap.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to approve the Declaration of Surplus Property from the I T Department. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Sexton, Steward, Owens, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

ANNUAL AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the annual agreement for the Public Defender's office. Gordon County is required to supply indigent defense and this has been budgeted in the 2020/2021 budget.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the annual agreement for the Public Defender's

Office. Commissioner Sexton seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Sexton, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

AGREEMENT WITH AT&T FOR SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is an agreement with AT&T for services and equipment. This is for our phones and backup internet on the downtown campus and internet service for the Redbud Fire Station. We will no longer have to pay long distance charges on our network. This agreement is a cost savings of \$716 per month.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the Agreement with AT&T for services and equipment. Commissioners Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, Sexton, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE LLC

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a lease-purchase agreement with De Lage Landen Public Finance, LLC. This is the leasing company and is for switches. The switches that we currently have are obsolete and we have been having to find spare parts where we can, due to their being obsolete. This is a 3-year lease, at the end of the lease the County will buy it out for \$1 and keep the equipment.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the lease-purchase agreement with De Lage. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Owens, and Sexton voted aye. Motion passed.

CHANGE ORDER FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROJECT FOR \$35,767.19

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a change order at the new Health Department facility for \$35,767.19 for sitework on the parking area due to poor soil that was under the slab of the old building.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the change order for the Health Department project. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, Steward, and Sexton 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 6:24 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman