

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
APPROXIMATELY 8 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter explained each item on the Regular Meeting agenda.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to go into Executive Session for Legal matters. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Executive Session began at 5:47 p.m.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to go back into the Work Session. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Executive Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 6:00 pm

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on October 20, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Commissioner Owens. Chairman Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hood asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session and Regular Meeting of October 6, 2020. Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ledbetter read the report. (copy attached)

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Owens commented that he wanted to commend Steve Parris, Director of Public Works. Mr. Paris was very prompt and helpful in taking care of a citizen complaint that had come in to Commissioner Owens and he passed on to Director Parris. Commissioner Owens said he was commending Director Parris for his quick and responsive action to the complaint. Further commented that we should be proud of all our Department Heads, they do a tremendous job.

Chair Hood commented that she had attended the Covid-19 Meeting and she thanked Courtney Taylor, Director of EMA, for conducting those meetings.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM THE GORDON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO FILL FOUR VACANT POSITIONS

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a request from the Fire Department to fill four vacant positions. Three of those positions are our trainees that didn't make it through the course and one vacant position is to replace a retiring firefighter.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the request to fill the four vacant positions. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

BID AWARD FOR JANITORIAL SERVICE AT THE AGRICULTURE CENTER

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a bid award for janitorial service at the Ag Center. The low bid is the current janitorial provider at the Ag Center, but the reason we put this out to bid, they were not getting the job done to our satisfaction and not to the satisfaction of our lessees. We are recommending the second lowest bid which is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at \$9,000 per year from ICS Cleaning Service.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to award the bid for janitorial service at the Ag Center to ICS Cleaning Services. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

REQUEST FROM MAGISTRATE COURT FOR BOARD TO APPOINT A LOCAL AUTHORIZED AGENT

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a request from the Magistrate Court to appoint a local authorized Agent for declaring mobile homes either derelict or intact. This is allowed under Georgia law and would be the Ordinance Officer, Jim Bradford. The only obligation to the county would be Bradford's time. A landowner can request Mr. Bradford assess the condition of an abandoned mobile home that would be located on the landowner's property. This might be a mobile home that came with the purchase of the land and has a junky mobile home that came with the land, and we don't know who owns it. Mr. Bradford would go and declare if it's intact then it would get sold at the landowner's expense. If it is not intact and derelict it would be disposed of by the landowner at the landowner's expense. The County would be in the position of providing a little due process and assessment for the Magistrate Court on behalf of the landowner.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to appoint Jim Bradford as the Local Authorized Agent for the Magistrate Court. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

SUSPEND LICENSE #2020-1014 FOR RAINBOW CORNER TO SELL BEER AND WINE

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for the Board to consider suspending Rainbow Corner's License #2020-1014 to sell beer and wine.

Commissioner Owens read the attached motion to temporarily suspend the license (see attached). Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, Cunningham and Hood voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

Motion to Suspend License to Sell Beer and Wine

Re: License Number, 2020-1014

License Holder, Krupal B. Patel

Location, Rainbow Corner, 4594 Dews Pond Road, Calhoun, Gordon County, GA

I make a motion to suspend license number 2020-1014 for the retail sale of beer and wine that was issued to Krupal B. Patel d/b/a Rainbow Corner on December 17, 2019 for a period of seventeen days or until further hearing on this matter before the Gordon County Board of Commissioners whichever occurs first. This suspension is authorized by the Gordon County Code of Ordinances § 7-121 d. This suspension is authorized by the following conduct which constitutes a violation of Gordon County Ordinances and State Law: Furnishing Alcohol to persons under the age of 21 in violation of County Ordinance 7-107(c)(1) and Georgia Code § 3-3-23; Selling Tobacco related products to a person under age 21 in violation of Georgia Code §16-12-171; and, allowing a person to work in the licensed business who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to criminal violation of a State law classified as a felony involving moral turpitude to wit: Aggravated Child Molestation and Sexual Battery against a child under 16 years of age.

I move that this license be temporarily suspended effective at Noon on Wednesday October 21, 2020 in order for the Ordinance Officer to have time to lawfully serve the suspension on the license holder. I further move that the license holder be served and appear at a hearing before the Gordon County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6 p.m. at 201 North Wall Street to show cause why the license should not continue to be suspended or revoked.