

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2021 AT 5:45 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

The Board of Commissioners met for the Work Session in the Conference Room of the Administration Building at 5:45 p.m.

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator explained each item on the Regular Meeting agenda to the Board members.

Administrator Ledbetter requested that the Board table an item on the Regular Meeting Agenda for an Amendment to the Ambulance Service Agreement with Adventist Health System of Georgia until he could get some more information.

Commissioner Owens asked Fire Chief Ralston did his Department seek the grant from Firehouse Sub for two Lucas Chest Compression Systems. Fire Chief Ralston advised that his guys did seek that grant and Commissioner Owens commends that Department for doing that, and added that this is an exceptional way to invest some dollars and the Fire Department will see lives saved because of that equipment. That is probably the most important and the most successful device that has ever been invented to provide consistent, constant, accurate CPR.

Commissioner Potts spoke about live streaming of the Board's meetings and advised that Keith King would have to do some work if the Board wants to do the live streaming. Keith King advised the Board that he would have to get a camera at an approximate cost of \$700.

Emergency Management Director Courtney Taylor explained the request for updating and confirming the Emergency Operations Plan. He advised that this Plan should be updated every four years and will not have to be updated until 2022 but they have come out with a new template so they are rewriting the whole plan. He wants to make sure they are in line with the way the Board members want the succession of government who is going to be in charge if the Chairman of the Board is not available.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to close the Work Session. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye.

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2021**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on April 13, 2021 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
BRICE POTTS, COMMISSIONER**

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in April

Commissioner Potts read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in April and Commissioner Steward drew the name of Cody Baldwin with the Sheriff's Department as Employee of the Month.

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 March 16, 2021 and the Special Meeting and Planning Session March 27, 2021. Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Potts, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ledbetter read the report. (copy attached).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Owens advised that he attended the Council of Chief Elected Officers and the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, also attended the Board of Commissioner Retreat and Planning Session, met with the EMA Director regarding strategic planning. Also met with the Administrator and Momon Construction to get some location assessment advice on the potential location for the Ag. Center. Commissioner Potts advised that he made contact with Jeff Champion with Buildings and Grounds, Mike Satterfield with Fleet Management where several major repairs are needed but they are waiting on parts, and Steve Paris with Public Works who is working on different locations in town regarding the flood where they had received 250 plus calls of flooding and damaged culverts. He also toured the new facility being constructed, attended the Health Department meeting and the DEFAC meeting as the liaison. Commissioner Steward reported that he spoke with Judge Parker and discussed his request for an Associate Judge Position.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**REQUEST TO CONSIDER ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION FOR PROBATE COURT**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that Judge Parker has requested approval to name an Associate Judge position for Probate Court, due to Covid and the Court being so busy that he needs to have someone available as an Associate Judge. Funding of that position will be in that Court's budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve establishing the position of Associate Judge in the Probate Court. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Potts, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR RADAR UNIT TO DONATE TO CITY OF ADAIRSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a request from the Sheriff's Department for a radar unit to be declared surplus and to donate it to the Adairsville Police Department.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property for the Sheriff's Department for a radar unit to donate to the Adairsville Police Department. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Steward, Cunningham, and Potts voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR A 1995 CHEVROLET K1500 TAHOE VIN#1GNFK16K9SJ310025 WITH PROCEEDS TO SHERIFF'S ASSET FORFEITURE ACCOUNT

County Administrator Ledbetter advised this is a request from the Sheriff's Department for a declaration of surplus property for a 1995 Chevrolet K1500 with the proceeds to go to the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Account. The County would sell this at auction and the funds would go into the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Account that they use to make purchases of items that the Department might need.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property for the 1995 Chevrolet K1500 and proceeds to go to the Asset Forfeiture Account. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM OF GEORGIA FOR RENEWAL JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the third amendment to the Ambulance Service Agreement. Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that he has had some questions come up and he requested that the Board table this item so that he could get more information.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to table this agenda item until the May 4, 2021 Board Meeting. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Potts, Cunningham, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDED TO GORDON COUNTY FIRE RESCUE FOR TWO LUCAS CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEMS WITH POWER SUPPLIES

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a budget amendment to accept a donation from Firehouse Subs for two Lucas Chest Compression Systems with power supplies.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the budget amendment and acceptance of the grant awarded to Fire Rescue. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion. Commissioner Owens commends the Fire Chief and his Department for securing this grant and advised that this is the most important and most successful device that has ever been invented to provide consistent, constant, accurate CPR and that lives would be saved with this device. Commissioners Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Potts, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

BID AWARD FOR RADIO SYSTEM AS A MANAGED SERVICE

County Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for a bid award for a requested proposal for the radio system as a managed service. Dalton Communication was the only responder with a proposal and the only one in the region that provides the radio system as a managed service. Request proposals were sent out after a year's worth of extensive study and meeting with different radio professionals. The staff recommendation is to accept Dalton Communication's proposal and then move forward with the contract phase.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to accept the proposal from Dalton Communications. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioner Cunningham, Potts, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF HIRING A MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVER AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for Board approval of hiring a Meals On Wheels driver for the Senior Center. This is consistent with the County's Covid Policy that replacement of open positions will be put before the Board for approval. The Meals on Wheels driver quit during Covid and with the Governor's Executive Orders opening up, we will be able to start meal delivery service again and need to hire that driver.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve hiring a driver for the Meals On Wheels at the Senior Center. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Cunningham, Steward, and Potts voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Potts 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 6:25 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman