

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**BECKY HOOD, CHAIRMAN
CHAD STEWARD, COMMISSIONER
BRUCE POTTS, COMMISSIONER
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, COMMISSIONER
M. L. BUD OWENS, 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 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel, real estate, and legal matters. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed. Executive Session began at 5:41 p.m.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to close the Executive Session and go back into the Work Session. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and all voted aye. Executive Session adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to close the Work Session. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and all voted aye.

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

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2021**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on June 1, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Commissioner Owens made a motion to go into the Budget Public Hearing. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Potts, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 GORDON COUNTY BUDGET

Administrator Ledbetter announced that this is the Public Hearing for the County's 2021/2022 budget. No one signed up to speak during the public hearing.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Budget. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Owens, Potts, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR MONTH OF JUNE

Commissioner Steward read the list of employee with anniversary hire dates in June. Commissioner Owens drew the name of Melody Lee with the Probate Court as Employee for the Month of June.

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 May 18, 2021. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Potts, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ledbetter read the Administrator's report. (copy attached).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Owen commented that he chaired the State of Georgia Emergency Services Advisory Board and the Calhoun College and Career Academy Board, attended the Gordon

EMS Quality Review Committee Meeting, attended the Colonial Pipeline meeting, hosted the Administration Committee and he showed a video of those in attendance and commented that we have some wonderful Department Heads. Attended a meeting at the Gordon County Historical Society Office, the Development Authority Meeting, reported that the Star Spangled Celebration will be held at the Fairgrounds this, the Fair will be back this year and also the Christmas Parade.

Commissioner Potts reported on projects being done at Public Works and Fleet Management and about different problems on various roads.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST BY LANDOWNER TO VACATE THE ZONING IN APPLICATION #Z20-21

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a request from a landowner to vacate a zoning that was heard and approved by the Board on Application #Z20-21 back in January, 2021. CHL Capital Group came and presented to the Board that they wanted to build storage buildings at Maplewood Drive and Hwy. 53; they were represented by Terry Brumlow. That matter did not close; CHL disavowed their right to purchase the property and did not close. The Wyatt's here want to change the zoning from CG back to A-1. There were some discrepancies in the zoning, the property owners were listed as Pamela Shea Wyatt and they had transferred the property into Haynes Wyatt, LLC. Ms. Wyatt says she did not sign the consent for the rezoning, and if you look at the signature on that of recorded instruments, it's obviously different. It's causing them now some hardship since the property didn't close. This would just like restore the zoning back into what it was back in January.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to vacate the zoning on Application #Z20-21 from C-G and restore the zoning to A-1. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Potts, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF LARRY ROYE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING 5/31/2025

Administrator Ledbetter advised this is the re-appointment of Larry Roye to the Development Authority for a four-year term ending 5/31/2025. He has been the Board of Commissioners appointee since the 90's and he's willing to continue to serve.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Larry Roye to the Development Authority. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Potts, Cunningham, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CITY OF CALHOUN'S APPOINTMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR DAVID SCOGGINS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING 5/31/2025

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for Board approval of the City's appointment of David Scoggins to the Development Authority.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the City's Appointment to the Development Authority for David Scoggins. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER CRAIG TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING 6/30/2024

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the appointment of Christopher Craig to the Airport Authority for a three-year term ending 6/30/2024.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the appointment of Christopher Craig to the Airport Authority. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR A LIST OF AUTOMOBILES, MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS, AND UNIFORMS

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a declaration of surplus property for the Sheriff's Department for some automobiles, miscellaneous electronics, and uniforms to be disposed of by public auction on GovDeals.com.

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

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS FOR A MISCELLANEOUS LIST

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a declaration of surplus property for Buildings & Grounds for a miscellaneous list to be added to the next County auction.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus for Buildings & Grounds. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Cunningham, Steward, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

REQUEST TO MODIFY MAIN COURTHOUSE PLANS TO LOCATE ELECTIONS ON FIRST FLOOR AND APPROVE PROPOSED RE-DRAW FEE SUBMITTED BY CARTER WATKINS

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a request to modify the main courthouse plans to locate Elections on the first floor of the courthouse and approve a re-draw fee submitted by Carter Watkins. Juvenile Court will be located to the Adjust Building on New Town Road and move Probate Court to the third floor of the courthouse. Then Magistrate Court would go to the second floor and Elections to the first floor. Elections would be in a secured facility then and Juveniles would not be mingling with adults coming to court. The re-draw fee is based on a percentage of the job.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the request to modify the main courthouse plans and locate the Elections on the first floor and approve the re-draw fee by Carter Watkins. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioner Cunningham, Steward, Owens, and Potts voted aye. Motion passed.

AGREEMENT TO HIRE AL LEONARD AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TO ASSIST WITH THE AMERICAN RELIEF FUNDS ADMINISTRATION

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is an agreement to hire Al Leonard as an independent contractor to assist with the American Relief Funds administration. Gordon County has received the first allocation of the American Relief Plan funds and Al Leonard has been working on this for Gordon County. He has negotiated his price down, from \$200 an hour; he is now at \$175.00 an hour. This is a very simple contract with Al Leonard so that we can justify paying his fee out of the ARP funds.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the agreement to hire Al Leonard as an independent contractor to assist with the administration of the ARP funds. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Potts, Owens, and Cunningham 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 6:30 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman