

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JULY 6, 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 14 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 Ledbetter explained the two zoning issues and each New Business item on the Regular Meeting agenda to the Board members.

Ms. Rebecca Lanier, owner of Mulligans at Fields Ferry golf course, came before the Board to request that the Board members place an issue on the ballot to authorize Sunday alcohol sales in Gordon County. Ms. Lanier stressed that it has been nearly 10 years since the county residents were asked to vote on the issue of Sunday alcohol sales in the County. The City of Calhoun allows stores to sell on Sunday and it is hurting the small businesses in the County who are missing out on those sales. She said the recent July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday was on Sunday and she turned away so many requests for the purchase of beer at the golf course. She presented to the Board a list signed by local county businesses who sell beer and wine and wish to be able to do so on Sunday. Ms. Lanier said she loses 52 days a year when her license to sell beer is useless. Also, being able to sell on Sundays will bring in more sales tax for the county.

Administrator Ledbetter spoke to the Board about a request from the HOA at the Willow Haven subdivision asking for the County to install three-way stop signs to help with speeder at two intersection locations. Following discussion by the Board members, there was a consensus to add this item to the Regular Meeting Agenda for tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Cunningham 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 5:45 p.m.

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**Annette Berry, County Clerk**

**Becky Hood, Chairman**

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**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 6, 2021**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on July 6, 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 14 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 FOR MONTH OF JUNE**

Commissioner Cunningham read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in July. Commissioner Steward drew the name of Mike Satterfield with Fleet Management as Employee for the Month of July.

**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 June 20, 2021. Commissioner Owens 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 it was a great event being able to start back this year with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks after not being able to have them last year due to Covid. Also reported attended the Development Authority meeting. Commissioner Potts reported that he returned some calls helping with some benefits with DFAS and talked with a citizen about some construction with their driveway that is taking place, asked the guy to move the driveway down if he could. Attended the Georgia General Assembly joint reapportionment and redistricting hearing for redistricting. Met with Sheriff Ralston, Chief Deputy Paris, Major Richie Harris and Lieutenant Chuck Kirby. Met with Mike Satterfield, received a report from Jeff Champion, and talked with Steve Paris who reported on the Henderson Bend project. Reported that he toured the new judicial building and showed some photos from that location.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Zoning. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and all voted aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING****Zoning Application #Z21-11 Devin Oesterle's Request to Rezone from A-1 to Conditional Use**

Administrator Ledbetter read the application for rezoning for Devin Oesterle from A-1 to Conditional Use for dry litter poultry operations. This is for 111 acres and he is proposing to build eight chicken houses, and his residence will be built there also. 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. He would have to reapply if he adds more mega houses in the future.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the rezoning from A-1 to Conditional Use. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Potts, Steward, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

**Zoning Application #Z21-12 OWR, LLC's Request to Rezone from A-1 to I-2 Heavy Industrial**

Administrator Ledbetter read the application for rezoning for OWR, LLC from A-1 to I-2 heavy industrial. This property is owned by the Haulsey Trust and the county did a DRI on other property in the area. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendation for approval. Mr. Terry Brumlow, representing the applicant, spoke to the Board to explain the rezoning request. He explained that this is the culmination of the west side of the Hwy. 41 development that started several months ago. There are some issues with some grave sites and a driveway that they have about gotten worked out. It is OWR's intent to keep the property that they have asked to be rezoned to do a development there that would be consistent with all the other industrial development in the area.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the rezoning from A-1 to I-2 Heavy Industrial. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Owens, Potts, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS****RE-APPOINTMENT OF JIM ROSENCRANCE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING 6/30/2024**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a re-appointment for Jim Rosencrance to the Library Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2024.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Jim Rosencrance to the Library Board for a three-year term ending 6/30/2024. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Cunningham, Potts, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

**QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM GORDON COUNTY TO STANLEY SIMPSON AND JAMES HOBGOOD FOR 0.197 ACRES**

Administrator Ledbetter advised this is a request from Stanley Simpson and James Hobgood for the County to give a quitclaim deed for 0.197 acres. There is a strip of property east of I-75 behind what used to be the Wilco which is now Pilot. There is a pond there and it's behind that, it is the left over road bed of Pine Drive. The quitclaim deed would say that the County has no interest in the 0.197 acres. It is kind of a matter of clearing up their title, they have a buyer for their property and this would be clearing up their title.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the quit claim deed to Stanley Simpson and James Hobgood. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Steward, Potts, Cunningham, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

**RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE PROPERTIES COMMISSION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a rental agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Public Safety Facility which is where the Georgia State Patrol is beside our Fire Station #1.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the agreement with the State Properties Commission. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR A THREE-WAY STOP SIGN AT TWO INTERSECTION LOCATIONS IN WILLOW HAVEN SUBDIVISION**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for Board consideration of approval to install two three-way stop signs at two intersection locations in the Willow Haven Subdivision per the attached drawing. The HOA would be paying for the new stop signs. People drive too fast and hopefully this would slow them down. Steve Parris, Public Works Director, approves of these new stop signs.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the request of the Homeowners Association in the Willow Haven Subdivision for stop signs in two locations. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Before adjournment, Commissioner Owens asked Administrator Ledbetter to explain the process for getting a referendum on the ballot for voting on Sunday alcohol sales. The Administrator explained that it would have to be on a ballot for citizens to vote on requested by the Board of Commissioners and that he would have to research further as to the license holders offering to pay for the election.

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

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

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**Annette Berry, County Clerk**

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**Becky Hood, Chairman**