

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2021 AT 5:45 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

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

Vice Chairman Steward called the meeting to order.

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

Mr. Brent Davis spoke to the Board and explained his efforts to form and expand his support group for those who are battling mental health problems and/or drug and alcohol dependency. The support group is called "Coping through Connections". Right now the support group is on Peters Street at Grace Church for anyone with mental health and substance abuse dependency. Mr. Davis told the Board that he had some of those problems himself and that there are no support groups in Gordon County for himself and others to rely on. He said he also plans to open a regional facility to provide people with as much support as possible for these illnesses. He wanted to let the Board know exactly what he is trying to do and to gain the Board's support. He will be doing some fund raising in the future and is organized as a non-profit. All the Board members wished Mr. Davis much success, and commented that there is a real need for this type service, they expressed their approval for these plans of Mr. Davis. He also said he will have to bring in a license therapist for CVT services.

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

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Chad Steward, Vice Chairman

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2021**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on August 3, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Vice Chairman Steward called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

Vice Chairman Steward read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in August. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Scott Hobbs with the Public Works Department as Employee for the Month of August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Steward asked if there are any additions, omissions, or deletions to the Minutes for the Work Session and Regular Meeting of July 20, 2021. Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Potts, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Owens commented that he attended the Georgia Workforce Development team program and the Region One M S Council, met at the Chamber with public service agencies and others to plan the Patriots Day Parade, also attended a Strategic Planning Meeting and met with a Chatoga County commissioner, he also welcomed Wendy Saylor to the Emergency Management Department to work with Director Courtney Taylor. Commissioner Potts advised that he attended the Rotary Club meeting and met with Rep. Matt Barton, attended an ACCG class for Federal and State Relationships, attended CERT training, attended the Chamber State of the Industry Summit, attended the CAFO meeting at the Masonic Lodge, he also reported on Buildings and Grounds Department, Fleet Management and Public Works Departments, and spoke with DOT about Hunts Gin and Redbud Road. Commissioner Steward reported that he met with the Finance Committee, and he toured the Momon Construction work sites.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**MANAGECAST CLOUD BACKUP PROPOSAL FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVERS**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the Managecast Cloud Backup proposal for information technology services. This is the onsite and offsite backup to protect our information from disaster, hack, and ransom ware. This is a three-year contract for \$2,270 per month.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the Managecast proposal. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Potts, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

AGREEMENT WITH PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION FOR GORDON COUNTY FLYOVER

Administrator Ledbetter advised this is an agreement with Pictometry International Corporation for our flyover. This is actually purchasing two flyovers, one this winter and then one in five years, we will have prepaid for our second flyover. These are extremely important for our GIS and the cost for the two flyovers is \$73,501 each.

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

MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VERISTOR CAPITAL FOR HP SERVERS & STORAGE

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the Master Lease agreement with Veristor Capital for HP servers and storage. This is for our onsite hardware; it's connected to the Managecast Cloud backup. We are replacing a bunch of old Dell servers; HP is having a better product. This is a lease to purchase, leasing for five years with an annual payment of \$50,563, and the purchase is \$1 dollar at the end of the lease.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the Lease agreement with Veristor Capital. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

AGREEMENT WITH R. M. DOBBS & COMPANY FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6/30/2021

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is for our annual audit contract with R. M. Dobbs for this fiscal year. There has been an increase in price of \$11,000 because of the amount of money we are receiving from the Federal Government on Covid and ARPA funds.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the Agreement with R. M. Dobbs for audit services. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, and

Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FROM THE IT DEPARTMENT

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is a list of surplus property from the IT Department for worn out IT Department equipment.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property from the IT Department. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Cunningham, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Chad Steward, Chairman