

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022 AT 5:45 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**BECKY HOOD, CHAIRMAN  
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 13 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter explained the agenda items under New Business on the Agenda for the Regular Meeting.

Administrator Ledbetter advised that the Parks and Recreation Director, Craig Sparks, has requested the Board consider a request from the Gordon Central High School's Construction Team. The Construction Team wishes to place Little Free Library stations at the Ooky Faith Park. The construction team wants to build these library stations and install them at the Ooky Faith Park. Since Mr. Sparks was unable to attend the Board meeting, Board members wanted to get more information before making any decision on the request.

Commissioner Owens requested to add an item to the agenda for an appointment to the Gordon County Health Department to fill an unexpired term. Commissioner Owens submitted the name of Dr. Joseph Joyave, to replace Dr. Howard Ashley and stated that he highly recommends Dr. Joyave to fill this unexpired term ending December 31, 2022. There was a consensus of the Board to add this as an item to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Potts 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 5:58 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  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on February 2, 2022 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  
BRUCE POTTS, 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. 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 January 18, 2022. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Potts, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Ledbetter read the report (copy attached).

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Owens reported that he attended the Chief Elected Officials meeting for Commissioner Hood, Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, and the Development Authority meeting.

Commissioner Potts reported that he attended the Hamilton Physicians Group ribbon cutting, visited a Solid Waste Facility in Tennessee, met with some staff at the Administration Offices, attended the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Fire Department banquet, our firefighters saved seven or eight lives performing life saving procedures. Visited a homeless camp and took some food, did not go as a Commissioner but just wanted to bring attention to the need for a church or church ministry. Reported on his Committee departments and the work they are presently involved in.

Commissioner Steward reported that he spent some time with Mr. Ledbetter and staff at the Administration Building, attended the recent weather briefing and toured the new Judicial Building.

**CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THREE AUTO CLEAR X-RAY MACHINES**

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is a request for a Declaration of Surplus Property for the Sheriff's Department for three Auto Clear X-Ray Machines. The Sheriff's Department has advised that they are outdated, obsolete, and no longer of any use to the Sheriff's Department.

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

**GORDON COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS DRAFT MAP TO BALANCE THE DISTRICTS**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the Commission Districts draft map. Every ten years the local governments take a look at districts as a result of the census to make sure that the districts are balanced and people are fairly represented. The map was drawn by the State Legislative Office. Under the new numbers, District 1 Commissioner Owens and District 2 Commissioner Steward do not change. District 3 Commissioner Potts and District 4 Commissioner Hood will drop territory and numbers and District 5 Commissioner Cunningham will increase a little territory and numbers. This gets all within acceptable numbers.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Commission Districts Map. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Potts, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

**MOMON CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR GORDON COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROJECT**

Administrator Ledbetter advised that the Board set the guaranteed maximum price for the second phase of the Courthouse project at a previous meeting. This is to formalize that by stating it in the agreement. This reflects the guaranteed maximum price of \$6,345,672.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the Momon Construction Agreement Amendment. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING 12/31/2022 FOR DR. JOSEPH JOYAVE**

Chairman Hood advised that this item was added to the agenda in the Work Session at the request of Commissioner Owens to appoint Dr. Joseph Joyave to the Board of Health for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2022.

Commissioner Owens made the motion to appoint Dr. Joyave to the Board of Health for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2022. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and

Commissioners Owens, Potts, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

**AJOURNMENT**

Before adjournment, Commissioner Owens recognized two guests in attendance from the Youth Leadership class. Commissioner Owens asked the youth to introduce themselves and tell what school they attended.

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 6:33 p.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman