

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUDICIAL BUILDING ASSEMBLY ROOM
APRIL 12, 2022**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on April 12, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Judicial Building Assembly Room.

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 16 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order announced that this is the first meeting being held in the new facility of the Judicial Building.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in April

Commissioner Steward read the list of employees with anniversary hire dates in April. Commissioner Cunningham drew the name of Jeff Champion as Employee of the Month for April.

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 15, 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 meeting of the Council of Chief Elected Officers and the Northwest Georgia Regional Council meeting, also the Development Authority meeting, facilitated the Leadership Health Section for Leadership Calhoun/Gordon County, the Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the Judicial Building, he also thanked the people at Momon Construction for the job they did on the Judicial building, also thanked Keith King for the work he did on this project, also attended the College and Career Board training session, the Leadership Economic Session, and the Open House at Gordon E911.

Commissioner Potts reported that he spoke to the Cub Scouts at the Fairmount First Methodist Church, met with Judy Petersen and Beth Vaughn with Keep Gordon County Clean, met with Jim and Keith for a questions session, attended Rotary to hear Secretary of State speak, attended the open house and ribbon cutting of the Judicial Building, attended the Planning and Zoning meeting, attended the Open House at E911 facility, he also gave the department reports for Building & Grounds, Public Works, and Fleet Management.

Commissioner Steward reported that he attended the Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the Judicial Building, also took several phone calls from citizens.

Commissioner Cunningham reported that he attended the Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the Judicial Building. Also recognized all the agencies and volunteers involved with helping out during the event at Calhoun Health Care where the patients had to be evacuated due to a fire danger, especially the Crane Eater Church and their CERT team for the very timely help during the evacuation and helping handle of logistics that were handled so efficiently.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING

A. Appl. #Z22-01 Rechal Rentals, LLC's Request to Rezone from A-1 to C-G General Commercial

Administrator Ledbetter read Application #Z22-01 Rechal Rentals, LLC's request to rezone from A-1 to C-G General Commercial. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval with the following stipulations: Follow the guidelines set forth in the ULDC regarding the site design standards for a self-service facility and leave existing vegetation on the perimeter of the property. This is to build some mini storage facilities on the west side of the County. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the rezoning application with stipulations. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Cunningham, Owens, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

B. Appl. #Z22-02 Jeffrey Scott Lunsford's Request to Rezone from A-1 to C-G General Commercial

Administrator Ledbetter read Application #Z22-02 Jeffrey Scott Lunsford's request to rezone from A-1 to C-G General Commercial. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. Mr. Lunsford is wanting to expand the fireworks store. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning.

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

C. Appl. #Z22-03 Brian & Pam Long's Request to Rezone from C-G General Commercial to A-1

Administrator Ledbetter read Application #Z22-03 Brian and Pam Long's request to rezone from C-G General Commercial to A-1. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. This property is less than the require 5-acres for A-1 zoning, however, they are attaching it to a 12 acre parcel and they plan to have some cows on the property. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the rezoning application. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Steward, Potts, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

D. Appl. #Z22-04 Stephen Ware's Request to Rezone from A-1 to RA-1 Residential Agricultural

Administrator Ledbetter read Application #Z22-04 Stephen Ware's Request to Rezone from A-1 to RA-1 Residential Agricultural. This comes to the Board of Commissioners from the Planning Commission with their recommendations for approval. Mr. Ware is dividing up some farmland into a couple of tracts in order to build two affordable houses on. No one signed to speak for or against the rezoning.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the rezoning application. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

REAPPOINTMENT TO THE REGION ONE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL FOR COURTNEY TAYLOR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING 1/1/2025

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a reappointment to the Region One Emergency Medical Services Council for Courtney Taylor for a three-year term ending 1/1/2025.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Courtney Taylor to the Region One Emergency Medical Services Council. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Potts, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

BID AWARD FOR A GENERATOR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a bid award for a Generator for the Fire Department at Resaca that has given out and we need the generator for emergency purposes. This was put out for bid by the County and the recommendation for the bid award is to Fairmount Poultry and Building Supply in the amount of \$45,547.54. The funds will come from the Fire Department Budget, repair and maintenance machinery for FY2023 due to the generator being on back order.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the Bid Award to Fairmount Poultry. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Steward, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS LIST OF RADIO EQUIPMENT

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a miscellaneous list of radio equipment from the Fire Department that they are requesting to be declared surplus property. This is old outdated radio equipment that is no longer needed.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve declaring the list of radio equipment from the Fire Department as surplus property. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Cunningham, Steward, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT FOR A MISCELLANEOUS LIST OF EQUIPMENT

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is a list of miscellaneous equipment no longer used or needed by the Emergency Management and they are requesting that it be declared as surplus property.

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

CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT WITH OWR, LLC FOR TRIMBLE HOLLOW ROAD

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a construction easement and agreement with OWR, LLC for Trimble Hollow Road. In February of 2021, OWR came to the Board with the rezoning and as a condition of that rezoning and out of concern for public safety; this Board made it a condition of the rezoning that OWR will build out Trimble Hollow Road in a certain distance for industrial traffic. This construction easement and agreement is formalizing that deal. Some of the things in the agreement are a 100% payment and performance bond, also if they are closing the road they need to give the County two weeks' notice so we can notify citizens, school buses, emergency responders, etc. There is an LMIG State of Georgia grant that has been supplied to this project but the project is not contingent upon that and we don't guarantee the LMIG funds. There are two attachments to the exhibit, one of them would be the six page set of plans as drawn by the civil engineer for the project, and the other is a copy of February minutes expressing the requirement for the build out of the road.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Cunningham, Steward, and Owens voted aye.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman