

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JUDICIAL BUILDING ASSEMBLY ROOM  
AUGUST 2, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK  
MEDIA  
APPROXIMATELY 11 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

County Administrator Ledbetter explained to the Board member the New Business items on the agenda for tonight's Regular meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Ledbetter read the Administrator's Report (copy attached to the Regular Meeting minutes)

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Owens reported that he attended the Council of Chief Elected Officials, the NW Georgia Regional Council, the Development Authority meeting, and the third quarter EMS Council meeting. Commissioner Potts reported that he attended the Fountains anniversary, the Calhoun/Gordon County Keep Gordon County Beautiful meeting, and met the General of CF L, gave the updates for the Public Works and Building and Grounds departments. Commissioner Steward reported that he attended the State of the Industry meeting, and a Finance Committee meeting. Commissioner Cunningham reported that he attended the Finance Committee meeting, the State of the Industry meeting and the Gordon County 4-H Awards Banquet, talked with several citizens and met with Administrator Ledbetter.

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

There being no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**Annette Berry, County Clerk**

**Becky Hood, Chairman**

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**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUDICIAL BUILDING ASSEMBLY ROOM  
AUGUST 2, 2022**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on August 2, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Judicial Building Assembly Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Motion passed.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Commissioner Owens read the names of the employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in August. Commissioner Potts drew the name of Scott Hobbs with the Public Works Department as Employee of the Month for August.

**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 July 19, 2022. Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Steward seconded the motion and Commissioners Owens, Potts, Cunningham, and Steward voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Ledbetter read the report in the Work Session (copy attached).

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Reports from the Commissioners were reported in the Work Session Minutes (see Work Session Minutes for August 2, 2022)

**CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

**AGREEMENTS WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES – COUNTY AND CITY SCHOOL NURSE,  
ARTS COUNCIL, VAC, PREVENT CHILD ABUSE, WINNERS CLUB**

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is agreements for outside agencies. These are the same agreements we have been processing for ten years, except for the date of the fiscal year has changed. These are based on the amounts that were in the budget that was approved by the Board.

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

### LOST NEGOTIATIONS

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the proposed LOST certificate of distribution. This has come about in discussions with Calhoun, Fairmount, Resaca, and Plainville. The percentages have changed based upon the population changed in the most recent census, except the City of Calhoun, according to what we did with HB489 in 2017/2018, is at population plus 6% based upon rules involved in that process.

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

### CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR HYPER REACH

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is a contract renewal for Hyper Reach. They are renewing at the same rate we have been paying for our emergency notices at \$12,000 per year. This contract has Gordon County having jurisdiction in New York. Please approve the contract with striking that portion and making it just for Georgia.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the renewal contract for Hyper Reach. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Potts, Steward, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

### PUBLIC DEFENDER ANNUAL AGREEMENT FOR 2023

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the Public Defender annual agreement for 2023. This is the same agreement that the County has had with them except the budget changes have been made. This is for provision for our indigent defense services which is required by law.

Commissioners Cunningham made a motion to approve the Public Defender agreement for 2023. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, Steward, and Cunningham voted aye. Motion passed.

### BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR ARPA RETENTION PAY

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a budget amendment for ARPA retention pay. This is the pay for essential government workers. Gordon County had budgeted \$1.5 million for

the essential government workers, everyone is calling it retention pay now. This is an incentive for our employees to keep working for us. The budget amendment is for \$116,281.13. This is the second round of payment that was anticipated last year when we received the first ARPA funds. The payment amount is intended to be \$5,000 for essential full time employees that that meet criteria, less the withholding tax. Part time will receive \$2,500 under certain criteria. This was discussed in a Finance Committee meeting.

Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the ARPA Retention Pay. Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Potts, Owens, and Steward 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 6:10 p.m.

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Annette Berry, County Clerk

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Becky Hood, Chairman