

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JUDICIAL BUILDING ASSEMBLY ROOM
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

**JIM LEDBETTER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ANNETTE BERRY, COUNTY CLERK
MEDIA
APPROXIMATELY 24 GUESTS**

Chairman Hood called the meeting to order.

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

Mr. Andy Macke, V. P. of Comcast came before the Board to update the Broadband Project. Mr. Macke advised the Board that the completion of the design has been done and they are working on the permitting for the project. There is a funding gap of approximately \$4.4 million that the State of Georgia says is eligible for funding. The State will make a decision on this by October.

Chairman Hood requested that the Board go ahead and hear the Administrator's Report in the Work Session and that the Board Members give their reports also in the Work Session.

Administrator Ledbetter read the Administrators Report (copy attached).

Commissioner Owens reported that he had attended the Floyd/Gordon Development Authority meeting, also the 9/11 Fair Parade Planning Meeting, the Development Authority meeting, the Chamber Breakfast and State of the County, the Commissioners Special Meeting and Planning Session, and the Public Hearing for the millage rate and a meeting with the Calhoun Mayor and the Administrator. Also, several calls from citizens, commended the Emergency Management and Fire Staff for providing assistance to Chatooga County during the flooding they experienced.

Commissioner Potts gave his department reports for Fleet Management, Public Works, and Building Maintenance, attending a ribbon cutting, hosted Public Works Committee meeting, attended the Keep Calhoun Beautiful Board meeting, attended a meeting about a potential development with the Public Works Director, Calhoun/Gordon County Development Authority, attended a meeting about a potential project. Attended the City/County Breakfast. Also, the Board's Planning Session. Recognized the Gordon County Fire and Rescue, they completed a 6-hour course and received 106 certifications.

Commissioner Steward reported that he attended the Commissioners Special Meeting and Planning Session. Commissioner Cunningham reported that he attended the Commissioners Special Meeting and Planning Session and the State of the City/County Chamber Breakfast and a construction meeting for the renovation of the courthouse, and the joint Comprehensive Plan planning meeting.

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 5:54 p.m.

**GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUDICIAL BUILDING ASSEMBLY ROOM
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on September 6, 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 30 GUESTS**

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.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Millage Rate. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion and all vote aye.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

No one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Millage Rate. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Potts, Owens, Cunningham and Steward vote aye. Motion passed. Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Commissioner Steward read the names of the employees with Anniversary Hire Dates in September. Commissioner Potts drew the name of Wayne Chasteen 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 August 16, 2022 and the Special Meeting of August 27, 2022. Commissioner Owens 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 in the Work Session (copy attached).

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Reports from the Commissioners were reported in the Work Session Minutes (see Work Session Minutes for September 6, 2022)

CONSIDERATION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CLERK OF COURT, FINANCE, JUVENILE COURT, AND BUILDING & PLANNING TOTALING \$149,859**

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is a budget amendment totaling \$149,859 for the Clerk of Court, Finance, Juvenile Court, and the Building & Planning Department. After the Budget was approved, a law came into effect that requires the Clerk of Court to make an expenditure for software upgrades 42,400, in Finance we use Munis Accounting Software and we now have to upgrade it \$18,585, Juvenile Court needs some drug testing kits \$1,200, and Building and Planning has been without a soil and erosion person and that's a positions that's very much needed.

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

APPOINTMENT TO THE GORDON COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY FOR CHRIS PIERCE AND RICHARD HUIE

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is two appointments to the Gordon County Public Facilities Authority for Chris Pierce and for Richard Huie. This was originally created by the Georgia Legislative for any legal purpose. The assets for the Broadband deal will be placed in the Public Facilities Authority and administered through it.

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

APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR FLIPPER MCDANIEL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Administrator Ledbetter advised the Board that this is an appointment to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for Flipper McDaniel for a one-year term beginning September 6, 2022.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the appointment of Flipper McDaniel to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and Commissioners Cunningham, Potts, Steward, and Owens voted aye. Motion passed.

UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT – First Reading

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is the First Reading of the Unified Land Development Code Amendment. The Second Reading of the amendment to the ULDC will be presented to the Board at the September 20, 2022 meeting for consideration of approval. This is to adopt Chapter One of the International Code Commission codes.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR SIX VEHICLES VIN#'S 83511, 83504, 83421, 83506, 83498, AND 83501

Administrator Ledbetter advised that this is a Declaration of Surplus Property for the Sheriff's Department for six vehicles.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Annette Berry, County Clerk

Becky Hood, Chairman