



**Gordon County Board of Commissioners**

**Planning Session Minutes**

**Friday, March 10, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Gordon County Administration Building Conference Room**

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**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Chair Bud Owens, Vice-Chair Kevin Cunningham, Chad Steward, Bruce Potts, and Kurt Sutherland; County Administrator and Attorney Jim Ledbetter, County Clerk Hollis Barton, Executive Assistant Keith King, Finance Director Andrea Bramlett; Blake Silvers, Brandi Owczarz

**I. Call to Order** - Chair Owens called the meeting to order.

**II. Order of Business**

**A. Discussion of Potential Collections**

Mr. Ledbetter gave an update on 2018 SPLOST collections. Stated the collections will end on April 30, 2024, and there will be a referendum in November 2023 in the upcoming election to continue collections on May 1, 2024.

**B. SPLOST Distributions**

Stated the finalized numbers for the referendum will follow discussions with the City of Calhoun. Chair Owens asked if the discussions would address all of the requests, Mr. Ledbetter stated that it would. Stated he will be recommending \$80 million for this upcoming SPLOST. Mr. Ledbetter then provided an overview on various infrastructure needs throughout the county.

**C. Review Current Department Needs**

Mr. Ledbetter gave an overview of departmental needs to the Commission. Stated there are more needs than money and aging infrastructure, as well as population growth that need to be addressed. Stated his estimate to best address these needs would be around \$50 million. Mr. Ledbetter highlighted the requests and line

items from various departments. Mr. Ledbetter stated these needs total an estimated \$67 million dollars altogether, with around \$57 million to spend, which is subject to change with economic changes. Stated it would best serve the County for the upcoming SPLOST to be infrastructure focused as opposed to special projects.

Mr. King stated we have received the proposal from Momon Construction for the concession stand building at Salaco Park in the amount of \$51,200 and the tennis court facility upgrades in the amount of \$157,800. Stated this will be budgeted using overages from ARPA. Mr. King stated Momon would like to begin work as early as next week. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve the proposals, seconded by Commissioner Potts. The motion carried 5-0.

### **III. Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation, or real estate.**

Commissioner Potts made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland.

Upon exiting the Executive Session, Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Steward. No action was taken.

### **IV. Adjourn**

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by common consent.