



## GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 6, 2023

### Judicial Building Assembly Room

Work Session - 5:00 PM

Regular Session - 6:00 PM

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**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Chair M.L. "Bud" Owens, Vice-Chair Kevin Cunningham, Bruce Potts, and Kurt Sutherland; County Administrator and Attorney Jim Ledbetter, County Clerk Hollis Barton, Executive Assistant Keith King, Finance Director Andrea Bramlett, Chief Appraisers Dana Burch and Ashley Bailey, Human Resources Director Don Holley, Richard Parris, Greg Ralston, Heath Derryberry, Angie Gillman, Paige Nipper, Brandi Owsczarz

**NOT PRESENT:** Commissioner Chad Steward

#### WORK SESSION

Mr. Ledbetter gave an overview of the agenda. Chief Appraiser of Real Property Mr. Bailey presented the Tax Assessor's Office report. Paige Nipper with Comcast gave an update regarding Broadband.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.

#### REGULAR SESSION

- I. **Call To Order** - Chair Owens called the meeting to order.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** - Commissioner Potts
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.
  - A. **Adopt minutes of Budget Work Session and Executive Session of May 16, 2023 and Work, Regular, and Executive Session of May 16, 2023**
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda** - Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 4-0.

## V. Special Recognition

A. **June Employees Years of Service** - Chair Owens presented the names and Vice-Chair Cunningham drew Scott Brooks's name for the extra vacation day.

1. Building, Planning, and Development
  - a) Denise Glass, 25 years
  - b) Deron Brown, 1 year
2. E-911
  - a) Deidra Daniel, 27 years
3. Fire Department
  - a) Scott Brooks, 26 years
  - b) Greg Hasty, 20 years
  - c) Adam Diskey, 18 years
4. Juvenile Court
  - a) Tatiana Kirkland, 2 years
5. Magistrate Court
  - a) Charity Hall, 7 years
6. Probate Court
  - a) Melody Lee, 26 years
7. Tax Assessors Office
  - a) Jackson Bishop, 3 years
8. Road Department
  - a) Shane Hall, 31 years
  - b) Phillip Gilbert, 21 years
  - c) Charles Hall, 2 years
9. Sheriff's Office
  - a) Dayln Pulliam, 14 years
  - b) Benjamin Fox, 9 years
  - c) Eric Bergen, 7 years
  - d) Storm Carnes, 6 years
  - e) Dylan Payne, 3 years
  - f) Mason Hill, 2 years
  - g) Zachary Jackson, 2 years
  - h) Case Collins, 1 year
  - i) Anthony Hiles, 1 year
  - j) Ryan Rynshall, 1 year
10. Tax Commissioner's Office
  - a) Martha White, 16 years

## **VI. Public Participation**

- A. **Steven Mashburn, Resaca**: Addressed the Commission regarding Animal Control and the need for additional support.

## **VII. Administrator's Report**

Mr. Ledbetter presented his report to the Commission.

## **VIII. Commissioner's Report**

### **A. Vice-Chair Cunningham**

Stated he attended the Town Hall that Administration held for the Ranger community; completed two (2) courses of training this past week with ACCG. Vice-Chair Cunningham then made a statement recognizing Memorial Day.

### **B. Chair Owens**

Stated on May 18th attended Council of Elected Officials meeting as well as the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission held in Chatsworth; on May 19th, attended ribbon cutting and open house for Republic; on May 22nd, spoke with ACCG Chair Henry Craig on initiatives for the year; on May 30th, met with Gabriel Carter with ACCG and responded to several concerned citizens.

### **C. Commissioner Potts**

Stated on May 24th, attended ribbon cutting held at Suncom for Mobile Cricket Wireless; presented the monthly report from the Senior Center and upcoming events.

### **D. Commissioner Sutherland**

Attended the ribbon cutting and open house at Resaca; attended training with Vice-Chair Cunningham and Mr. King; has spoken with Public Works regarding Mt. Olive Church Road; no report from Fleet; presented Building and Grounds updates.

## **IX. First Reading**

## **X. Public Hearing**

**Commissioner Potts made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 4-0.**

- A. **FY24 Budget** - Mrs. Bramlett gave a brief overview on the current financials. Mrs. Bramlett thanked everyone for their efforts and planning that went into the budget this year. Mrs. Bramlett then presented the FY24 to the Commission.

**Diane Kirby, 125 Willow Creek Drive, Fairmount:** Addressed the Commission regarding the growth in Gordon County and how she believes the County needs to invest in a County Attorney and separate the current structure.

Mr. Ledbetter stated the budget is set to be adopted on June 20, 2023.

Chair Owens asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to close, seconded by Commissioner Potts. The motion carried 4-0.

## XI. Consideration of Unfinished Business

- A. **Application Z23-16 requesting rezoning from Agricultural (A-1-) to Conditional Use located at first drive past Pleasant Hill Ext. on Redbud Rd, Calhoun, Georgia 30701; Gordon County Tax Parcel 095-059. The Planning Commission voted 4-0 to approve.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission and asked for a motion to take the item off the table. Commissioner Potts made a motion to reconsider the item, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.

Chair Owens then asked Mr. Ledbetter to give a brief overview of the item in question. Mr. Ledbetter detailed the specifics regarding the application and the ULDC pertaining to it.

Chair Owens asked the applicant, Mr. Rogers if he would be residing on the property as a family farm. Mr. Rogers confirmed that he would not.

Chair Owens asked for a motion. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 3-1, with Chair Owens being the nay vote.

## XII. Consideration of New Business

- A. **Request from the State Properties Commission to approve option for Tenant to extend Term agreements with the Department of Public Safety for the property located at 402 Belwood Road SE for a period of one (1) year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.

- B. Request from the State Properties Commission to approve option for Tenant to extend Term agreements with the Department of Public Safety for the property located at 1166 Lovers Lane SE for a period of one (1) year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve, second by Commissioner Potts. The motion carried 4-0.
- C. Request to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Gordon County Schools regarding parking at Sonorville Rec.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.
- D. Request to approve proposal with Momon Construction for new construction for Evidence Building. This will be budgeted using 2018 SPLOST funds.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.
- E. Request to approve ACCG Defined Benefit Plan.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. Commissioner Potts stated he thinks the involvement with ACCG and utilize their resources. Chair Owens seconded Commissioner Potts comments. The motion carried 4-0.
- F. Request from Finance to award bid to purchase copiers for Gordon County offices through MSA for Canon in the amount of \$142,453. This will be budgeted using excess LOST funds.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.

### **XIII. Adjourn**

Commissioner Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.