



## GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 15, 2023

### Judicial Building Assembly Room

Work Session - 5:00 PM

Regular Session - 6:00 PM

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**PRESENT:** Commissioners M.L. “Bud” Owens, Chair, Kevin Cunningham, Vice-Chair, Chad Steward, Bruce Potts, and Kurt Sutherland; County Administrator and Attorney Jim Ledbetter, County Clerk Hollis Barton, Executive Assistant Keith King, Derron Brown, Greg Bowman, Allie Griner, Ashley Bailey, Angie Gillman, Courtney Taylor, Greg Ralston, Heath Derryberry, Andrea Bramlett, Joseph Dunnaway, William Dunnaway, William Parish, Kylie Hurd, Katie Reynolds, Bailey Williams, Hannah Jones, Andres Celedon, Atiyah Kennedy, Bill Thompson, Blake Silvers, Brandi Owczarz

#### WORK SESSION

Mr. Ledbetter gave an overview of the agenda. Building Inspection Director Derron Brown presented his report to the Commission. 4-H Agent Allie Griner presented the year end report for 4-H and those students who were awarded. Andres Celedon and Atiyah Kennedy from Comcast provided an update regarding Broadband and stated the MyTown website should be live and Gordon County should be able to access it.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 5-0. Upon exiting the Executive Session, Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Potts. The motion carried 5-0.

#### REGULAR SESSION

- I. **Call To Order** - Chair Owens called the meeting to order.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** - Vice-Chair Cunningham, Commissioner Steward
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - Commissioner made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner. The motion carried 5-0.
  - A. Adopt minutes of Work, Executive, and Regular Session of August 1, 2023
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda** - Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to amend the agenda, striking item C from New Business, and adding an Executive Session after New Business. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Potts and carried 5-0.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Steward. The motion carried 5-0.

**V. Special Recognition**

**VI. Public Participation**

**VII. Administrator's Report**

Mr. Ledbetter presented the report to the Commission.

**VIII. Commissioner's Report**

**A. Commissioner Sutherland**

Participated in online LLA class on the 11th; answered various concerns from citizens.

**B. Commissioner Potts**

Stated on August 2nd, completed ACCG course on Debt Financing; August 4th attended a lunch meeting with Jim Croft; August 7th, attended a Ribbon Cutting at National Guard Armory; attended lunch session with Representative Greene and State Representative Barton; August 8th attended Town Hall meeting at Georgia Northwestern Technical College; August 11th, completed pathway class for ACCG Demographics and Diverse Perspectives; provided an update from the Senior Center.

**C. Chair Owens**

Stated he had several calls regarding taxes, millage rate, and traffic concerns; August 8th, virtually attended the Quality Review Committee and Public Safety Committee meeting; August 10th, attended the ACCG Health and Human Services South GA Policy meeting in Vidalia; and will be speaking at the North GA Policy meeting in Cumming tomorrow.

**D. Commissioner Steward**

Attended Resaca City Council meeting and invited them to attend the upcoming ribbon cutting at the Court House.

**E. Vice-Chair Cunningham**

Stated he spoke with several citizens regarding various concerns.

**IX. First Reading**

**X. Public Hearing**

## **XI. Consideration of Unfinished Business**

- A. Recommendation to appoint someone to fill an unexpired term replacing Chris Craig to the Airport Authority. This term will expire June 30, 2024.** - Mr. Ledbetter presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to appoint BJ Meadows, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 5-0.

## **XII. Consideration of New Business**

- A. Request from Board of Assessors to Appeal Sales Ratio Findings from State Department of Audits.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Mr. Ledbetter stated the Board would authorize an appeal of the audit findings and authorize Chair Owens to sign the appeal. Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 5-0.
- B. Consideration of PILOT Agreement between Development Authority of Gordon County, Momeni and Sons, Inc. and Gordon County.** - Mr. Ledbetter presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 5-0.
- C. Request from Finance to approve the FY23 budget amendments to the General Fund in the amount of \$238,378; and ARPA in the amount of \$761,979.** - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 5-0.
- D. Recommendation from Purchasing to award bid for Debris Monitoring for Emergency Management to Debris Tech LLC. This will be at no cost to the County.** - Mr. Ledbetter presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Potts. The motion carried 5-0.

## **XIII. Executive Session**

Commissioner Steward made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 5-0.

Upon exiting the Executive Session, Commissioner Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Steward. The motion carried 5-0. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

## **XIV. Adjourn**

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