



GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 5, 2023

Judicial Building Assembly Room

Work Session - 5:00 PM

Regular Session - 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners M.L. "Bud" Owens, Chair, Kevin Cunningham, Vice-Chair, Chad Steward, and Kurt Sutherland; County Administrator and Attorney Jim Ledbetter, Executive Assistant & Interim Clerk Keith King

WORK SESSION

Mr. Ledbetter gave an overview of the agenda.

Building and Grounds Director Jeff Champion presented a department report.

REGULAR SESSION

I. Call To Order - Chairman Owens called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Kurt Sutherland open the meeting with an invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of the Agenda - Chairman Owens asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item F. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item F. Commissioner Chad Steward seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Adopt minutes of Work, Executive, and Regular and additional Executive Session of August 15, 2023 - Chairman Owens asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kurt Sutherland made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice-Chair Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

V. Special Recognition

A. September Employees Years of Service - Vice-Chair read the names of employees with hire dates in September. Commissioner Steward drew the name of Jesse Hollisgworth with the Public Works Department.

VI. Public Participation - None

VII. Administrator's Report

A. Administrator Ledbetter presented his report. Copy attached.

VIII. Commissioner's Report

- A. Vice-Chair Kevin Cunningham stated that he had several conversations with Administration as well as with Commissioner Steward and with Chairman Owens. Vice-Chair Cunningham also stated that he attended the August 25th Courthouse ribbon cutting ceremony.
- B. Commissioner Steward stated that he also attended the courthouse ribbon cutting and thanked Executive Assistant Keith King for his work on both the Courthouse and Judicial Building. Commissioner Steward also attended the State of the City/County and stated that Chairman Bud Owens did a great job at the event.
- C. Commissioner Kurt Sutherland stated that he attended the State of the City/County. Commissioner Sutherland also participated in an ACCG Core class for Govt Finance and attended the Courthouse ribbon cutting.
- D. Chairman Owens, stated that he attended the State of City/County, the Courthouse ribbon cutting, and numerous ACCG policy events. Chairman Owens also announced the upcoming fair and presented all the attractions that the attendees will be able to see.

IX. First Reading - None

X. Public Hearing

Chairman Owens called for a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. Commissioner Steward second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

- A. Application Z23-23 requesting rezoning from Agricultural (A-1) to General Commercial (C-G) located at 115 and 117 Boone Ford Road, Calhoun, GA 30701; Gordon County Tax Parcels 057A-113 and 057A-112. The Planning Staff recommended approval. The Planning Commission voted 4-0 to approve.

No one signed up to speak. Chairman Owens asked for a motion concerning the rezoning application for Z23-23. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve the rezoning application Z23-23. Vice-Chair Cunningham second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Owens called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Steward made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Vice-Chair Cunningham second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

XI. Consideration of Unfinished Business - None

XII. Consideration of New Business

- A. Consideration to un-surplus a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria with VIN 2FABP7BV7BX183428

Chairman Owens called for a motion. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve the agenda item. Commissioner Steward second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

- B. Consideration to surplus old IT equipment

Chairman Owens called for a motion. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve the agenda item. Commissioner Steward second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

- C. Consideration of renewal agreement for Cyber Security Support with Sylint, LLC

Chairman Owens called for a motion. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the agenda item. Commissioner Sutherland second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

- D. Consideration to approve an Independent Contractor Agreement with DebrisTech, LLC

Chairman Owens called for a motion. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve the agenda item. Commissioner Steward second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

- E. Consideration of renewal agreement with Asher Group Services for Hyper-Reach

Chairman Owens called for a motion. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve the agenda item. Commissioner Sutherland second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

- F. Consideration to readdress three parcels on Gideon Cemetery Road

Removed during the approval of the agenda.

- G. Consideration to appoint a Commissioner to serve as the Gordon County Commission voting delegate to the ACCG 2023 Legislative Leadership Conference

Chairman Owens called for a motion. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to appoint Vice-Chair Cunningham as the voting delegate. Commissioner Steward second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

- H. Consideration to approve FY2023 and FY2024 Budget Amendments

Chairman Owens called for a motion. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the agenda item. Vice-Chair Cunningham second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

- I. Consideration to announce the intent of the Board of Commissioners concerning the FY23 Millage Rate

Chairman Owens asked Administrator Ledbetter to explain the agenda item. Mr. Ledbetter stated this agenda item is only announcing the intent of the Board and that the media will be presented with a notice for the next Board meeting where the millage Rate will officially be set. Mr Ledbetter stated that the matter before them tonight was a recommendation from the Administrator for the Board of Commissioners to announce their intent to take a full roll back on the millage rate to 9.042 and that we will set that rate on September 19th.

Chairman Owens called for a motion to accept the Administrator's recommendation. Commissioner Steward made a motion to accept the recommendation. Vice-Chair Cunningham second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

XIII. Adjourn

Chairman Owens called for a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Steward second the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.