



## GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 19, 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, and Kurt Sutherland; County Administrator and Attorney Jim Ledbetter, County Clerk Hollis Barton, Courtney Taylor, Greg Ralston, Ron Chance, Blake Silvers, Brandi Owzyczarz

#### WORK SESSION

Mr. Ledbetter gave an overview of the agenda items. EMA Director Courtney Taylor presented his department report to the Commission.

#### REGULAR SESSION

- I. **Call To Order** - Chair Owens called the meeting to order.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** - Commissioner Steward led the invocation, while Commissioner Sutherland led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda** - Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** - Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 4-0.
  - A. Adopt minutes of Work and Regular Session of September 5, 2023
- V. **Special Recognition**
- VI. **Public Participation**
- VII. **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Ledbetter presented the report to the Commission.
- VIII. **Commissioner's Report**
  - A. **Vice-Chair Cunningham**

Stated he had spoken with several citizens.
  - B. **Commissioner Steward**

No report.

**C. Chair Owens**

Stated he has been busy with the fair this past week and that he hosted the Quality of Life Committee today.

**D. Commissioner Sutherland**

Stated on 9/7 he chaired the Public Works and Facilities Committee meeting with Public Works Director Steve Paris, Building and Grounds Director Jeff Champion, Mr. Ledbetter and Mr. King; stated he had been busy with the fair as well.

**IX. First Reading**

**X. Public Hearing**

**Chair Owens asked Mr. Ledbetter to give an overview of the Public Hearing procedures and asked for a motion. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to enter into Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.**

- A. Rezoning Application Z23-24 by Global Alliance, LLC; Request to rezone from I-1 (Light Industrial) to I-2 (Heavy Industrial); Property Owners: Plymouth 1099 Dobbs GA, LLC; Property Address: 1099 Dobbs Ave SE, Adairsville, GA 30103; Location: Map 059-010B, Land Lot 213, 15th District, Section 3; The Planning Staff recommended approval with conditions. The Planning Commission voted 4-0 to approve. - Mr. Ledbetter gave an overview of the item to the Commission.**

**Zora Gill and Nathan Rick with Global Alliance, Applicants:** Spoke in favor of the application. Mr. Ledbetter asked if there would be any environmental concerns. Mr. Gill stated there would not be any chemicals, fumes, or gasses. Commissioner Sutherland inquired about the waste management as it stated on the report that there was no history of septic or City sewer access available. Mr. Rick stated he was unsure on that answer due to the existing bathrooms in the facility that have to be going somewhere, and stated they would maintain the existing system available on site. Commissioner Sutherland asked about access roads required around the building and the structure needing to be brought up to current code. Mr. Gill stated they were in negotiations with the realtor at this time and would address any concerns.

Mr. Ledbetter addressed the Planning conditions in order for the applicant to obtain a certificate of occupancy and stated while that would not interfere with the Zoning process tonight, that they would have to meet the conditions in order to obtain that certificate and asked the applicant if they were aware of those requirements listed on the report in order to occupy the building. Mr. Rick stated they were and it would not be a problem.

Seeing no one further to speak in favor or opposition, Chair Owens asked for a motion. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 4-0.

- B. Rezoning Application Z23-25 by Joey English; Request to rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-1 (Low Density Residential); Property Owners: Joey English; Property Address: 166 Fog Road Resaca, GA 3035; Location: Map 051-104, Land Lot 268, District 13, Section 3; The Planning Staff recommended approval. The Planning Commission voted 4-0 to approve. -** Mr. Ledbetter presented the item to the Commission. Seeing no one to speak in favor or opposition, Chair Owens asked for a motion. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 4-0.
  
- C. Rezoning Application Z23-26 by Joey English; Request to rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to RA-1 (Residential Agricultural District); Property Owners: Joey English; Property Address: portion of 166 Fog Road Resaca, GA 30735; Location: Map 051-104, Land Lot 268, District 13, Section 3; The Planning Staff recommended approval. The Planning Commission voted 4-0 to approve. -** Mr. Ledbetter presented the item to the Commission. Seeing no one to speak in favor or opposition, Chair Owens asked for a motion. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 4-0.
  
- D. Rezoning Application Z23-27 by Rechel Properties, LLC; Request to rezone from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-4 (High Density Residential); Property Owners: Rechel Properties, LLC / Eric Greeson (rep); Property Address: 104 Azalea Drive Calhoun, GA 30701; Location: Map 056-143, Land Lot 238, District 14, Section 3; The Planning Staff recommended approval. The Planning Commission voted 4-0 to approve. -** Mr. Ledbetter presented the item to the Commission. Seeing no one to speak in favor or opposition, Chair Owens asked for a motion. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 4-0.

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

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

- A. Consideration to appoint someone to the Board of Assessors. This will be a six-year term that will expire June 30, 2029. -** Mr. Ledbetter presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Steward made a motion to appoint Mr. Nick Sonato, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 3-1, with Commissioner Sutherland being the nay vote.

- B. Consideration to surplus obsolete firefighting equipment and to donate this equipment for the use of non-live-fire training purposes in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association 1851. - Mr. Ledbetter presented the item to the Commission. Vice-Chair Cunningham made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland. The motion carried 4-0.**
- C. Consideration to approve a Service Level Agreement and Statement of Work from Locality Media, Inc. dba First Due in the amount of \$24,824.75. - Chair Owens presented the item to the Commission. Commissioner Steward made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Cunningham. The motion carried 4-0.**
- D. Consideration to approve a Bid Award for Janitorial Services for the Courthouse and Judicial Building to Gordon County Cleaning Services in the amount of \$52,000. - 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. Consideration to Adopt a Resolution establishing the 2023 Gordon County Millage Rate. - Mr. Ledbetter presented the item to the Commission, acknowledging there was a reduction included in the County Government Operations rate in the amount of 3.781 mills attributed to the 1% Local Option Sales Tax. Mr. Ledbetter suggested a motion to incorporate the Resolution as specifically stated. Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to roll back the County Government Operations Millage Rate to 9.042 and County School Operations Millage Rate of 16.343 mills, with a total Millage Rate of 25.406 and incorporate the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Steward. The motion carried 4-0.**
- F. Consideration to adopt an ACCG Resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly of Georgia to continue efforts to reform and improve mental health services for the citizens of Georgia. - 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 Sutherland made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Steward. The motion carried 4-0.