

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **SPLOST AND LOST:** SPLOST and LOST revenue shown in the report dated July 31, 2022 reflect collections reported for that month. For that period, SPLOST collections were \$1,312,673.59 which is a \$346,704.44 increase over the same period last year. LOST collections were \$831,715.21 which is a \$221,523.91 increase over the same period last year.
- **TAX DIGEST:** We held the first hearing on the millage rate this morning at 11:00. The second hearing will be at the 6:00 meeting this evening and the third will be held on September 20 at the 6: p.m. meeting. The proposed millage rate is 9.515 which is the same as last year and the lowest in over 10 years. The law requires the county to advertise the same millage rate as a tax increase because property values have risen. Thus, the same millage rate generates more revenue. If the millage rate remains at 9.515, the amount of tax you owe will be roughly the estimated tax on the notice of assessment that went out in June.
- **LOST:** The renegotiated LOST certificate required by the State has been filed and accepted by the Department of Revenue.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

- **PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Emergency Management Agency and Gordon County Fire Department sent personnel and equipment to assist with flood relief in Chattooga and Floyd Counties this weekend. Also, EMA conducted a full scale emergency preparedness drill today.
- **COURTHOUSE RENOVATION:** The project remains on time and is within budget including the use of some contingencies. The first floor is 90% framed, the second floor HVAC install is underway, and third floor framing is underway. Gordon County hosted a project meeting on August 31. Afterward, Judge Richie

Parker, Judge Crissy Davis, Judge Pat Rasbury and Elections Director, Shea Hicks, toured the facility.

- **BOARD PLANNING SESSION:** The BOC met at the Ag Center on Saturday, August 27, 2022. The topics covered will be reflected in the minutes from that meeting.
- **TRIMBLE HOLLOW ROAD:** Work is underway that will transform a portion of Trimble Hollow Road on the West side of I-75 into an industrial grade road to handle significant growth of warehousing and logistics centers in the area. The developer, not Gordon County, is paying for this road upgrade.
- **REDBONE RIDGES:** We filed the Title V semiannual air quality report and groundwater reports that were due at the end of August.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** The Gordon Floyd JDA met in Rome on August 17 and discussed interest from a potential buyer for a portion of the property. The Gordon County Development Authority met on August 23rd.
- **PERMITTING PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:** The Building Inspector, Derron Brown, continues to make improvements to the office including online permitting and reducing plan review turnaround from 15 days to 3.
- **CAMPERS AND RV'S:** Gordon County Codes do not allow people to live in campers or RV's unless they are in an approved campground. The State Environmental Health Department requested a meeting with County officials because people using campers as their residence have become a growing problem in the county. There a number of reasons this could be a growing concern. Some people have sold their homes while prices are high and are living in campers in hopes the cost to build will come down. It also underscores the need for affordable housing in the county.
- **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** This committee met on August 18th.
- **SENIOR CENTER RENOVATIONS:** The SPLOST funded renovations to the senior center are continuing this month. Senior Center services continue to be provided by Gordon County at the Calhoun Rec.

- **JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT:** Calhoun and Gordon County held an initial public meeting on August 30 to introduce the planning process. The County then held a county stakeholders meeting on September 2nd to prepare for the next meeting to be held on September 15.
- **STATE OF THE COUNTY:** The Chamber of Commerce hosted the State of the City and County address on August 26 with Mayor Palmer and Commissioner Owens giving the reports.