

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

June 18, 2024

### FINANCIAL REPORT

- **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT.** This monthly report is in your material for review
- **BUDGET.** The Board of Commissioners will have the opportunity to adopt the budget in a few minutes. The Budget process started in February with the distribution of budget request packets. All of the elected officials, departments and agencies returned this material to the Finance Department for analysis and clarification. Then, the Finance Director and Administrator studied the material in preparation for budget meetings that were held over the first couple of weeks in April. After budget planning sessions with the Board of Commissioners, The proposed budget was presented to the public in May and we held a public hearing two weeks later.
- **CHERT SALES AND DRIVEWAY PIPE.** Gordon County is proposing changes to Chert Sales Driveway Pipe Sales and Installation as shown on the memo that I have attached to this report. The BOC will be asked to consider official adoption of these changes at the July 2, 2024 meeting.

### *SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY*

- **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**
  - Public Works
    - This project should be completed in August.
  - Administration Building
    - We are back in the building.
  - Brookshire Park. Picnic tables, disk golf and grills are ordered and we expect completion before July.
- **MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH ROAD DAM REPLACEMENT.** The contractor has begun mobilization to acquire necessary permits, obtain a source of proper fill material and prepare for construction.
- **OPIOID LITIGATION.** We have received the material necessary to receive settlement payments from Kroger. The settlement funds we have received from other corporate

defendants are being used to fund additional services in the Superior Courts Drug Treatment program in lieu of taxpayer funds.

- **SECOND FLOOR OF GOVERNMENT PLAZA.** The Finance Department, Building Inspection, and Fire Inspection are moving to the second floor of the Government Plaza at the end of this week. This is the culmination of a project that started in 2015 when Gordon County purchased the building for \$1,090,000 to provide swing space while the Judicial Building and Courthouse SPLOST projects were completed. During this time, the building has permanently housed the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessor. In addition, Probate Court, Magistrate Court, Superior Court, Elections and Administration have been temporarily located in the building while those offices were renovated. This has saved the county many thousands of dollars versus renting substantial temporary space and has kept those services downtown during renovations. Now, Building Inspection, Fire Inspection, GIS Services and the Tax Assessor will be in the same building and have plenty of parking spaces for more accessibility and convenience.
- **BROADBAND.** Commissioners Owens and Cunningham facilitated a meeting with Comcast to review progress on the Broadband project and address citizen requests for service. So far, 226 miles of fiber have been installed and 1821 locations have received the opportunity for accessibility. About 50% of the geographic areas to be served (“housings”) have been completed and the number of people signing up for service has been high compared to other counties. The project deadline for completion is December 31 and Comcast predicts completion in November.
- **MISCELLANEOUS.**
  - Keith King conducted interviews of student participants in the Talent Connect program and as a result we have a new student intern.
  - Assisted Public Works with an entrance issue for the City of Calhoun subdivision at Boone Ford Road. Discussions and design work are still in process with public safety being the primary county concern.
  - The Government and Community Affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce met last week. This group is chaired by our Tax Assessor, Ashley Bailey.