

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

November 5, 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **SPLOST AND LOST.** SPLOST and LOST revenue shown in the report dated September 30, 2024 reflect collections made in September and remitted to Gordon County in October. For that period, SPLOST collections were \$1,263,854.24 which is a \$20,685.77 (1.64%) increase over the same period last year. LOST collections were \$770,973.64 which is a \$12,188.12 (1.61%) increase over the same period last year.
- **TAX BILLS.** Gordon County tax bills have been mailed and are due on December 31, 2024.
- **DOAA APPEAL.** The Chief Tax Appraiser has appealed the State Audit Findings. The State now asks for a letter from the BOC that we support the appeal. The DOAA continues to contend that Gordon County does not place a high enough value on its real property for tax purposes. As I stated previously: "According to the DOAA study, we should assess the values higher in the following categories: Residential 20% higher; Agricultural 27% higher; Commercial 7.6% higher."
- **EARLY VOTING.** 17,730 votes were cast in Gordon County during early voting. We appreciate Shea Hicks, the Board of Elections and Voter Registration, poll workers, volunteers and representatives of both parties for their hard work and dedication in making this a smooth process. Also, thanks to the BOC for providing a safe and central location for our elections office.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

BARKTOBER. The event was a success with 7 dogs and 3 cats adopted. The County received a donation of 28 acoustical panels from Animal Rescue League acquired by Jeff and Myra Hewlett. Also, we received many bags of pet food and cash donations. Animal Control also took some dogs to Swain Elementary so teachers and students could distress after testing resulting in 5 dogs and 3 cat adopted and many happy teachers and students.

Construction Project Updates

- Salacoa Facilities
 - Construction has resumed on all bathhouses.
- Morgue
 - Temp Morgue is under construction
 - Reviewing quotes for a cooler

- Beginning design phase for the new morgue
 - Scheduling site feasibility
- Sugar Valley Community Center & Fire Station
 - Met with the Sugar Valley Community Club
 - Beginning design phase
 - Placed the order for Geo-Hydro and Surveying
- Ranger Community Center and Playground
 - October 1, 2024 - OWNER issues RFP
 - October 18, 2024 - Mandatory Pre-proposal Meeting On Location
 - October 18, 2024 - ADDENDUM A Issued (Revised Schedule of Events)
 - October 18, 2024 - Posted to the Georgia Procurement Website
 - November 8, 2024 - 2nd Pre-proposal Meeting On Location (If Needed)
 - November 15, 2024 at 5:00pm - Deadline for questions
 - November 22, 2024 at 5:00pm - OWNER provides responses to questions
 - December 4, 2024 at 2:00pm - Deadline for submission of Request for Proposals
 - December 5-12, 2024 - Committee Evaluations & Interviews as needed
 - December 13, 2024 - Committee Decision
 - December 17, 2024 - County Administrator recommends the CMAR to the Board of Commissioners for approval
- Salem Road Bridge Project
 - The BOC has approved the Design / Supply Agreement
 - Preparing Bid Documents for installation
- Multi Purpose Ag Facility
 - Beginning Design Phase
 - Scheduling site feasibility
 - Placed the order for Geo-Hydro and Surveying
- Mt Olive Dam Replacement
 - Working on permitting
 - Working on land acquisition
- Belwood at Union Grove
 - Finishing Surveying in Q3
- Lovers Lane / Boone Ford Intersection
 - Surveying is still underway

Scheduled Activity

- EMS/QRC and Public Safety Committees met today
- Multipurpose facility planning session with stakeholders
- Met with representatives from GCBE and Commissioners
- Development Authority and project Pioneer
- Met new Ag Extension agent, Mckenzie Wheeler.
- Barktober Event
- Met with Representatives from the Poultry business to discuss construction permit fees.
- Legislative Appreciation dinner hosted by the 7th Judicial District.

- Flu Shots provided by Health Department.

Assistant Administrators Scheduled Activity

- October 16, 2024 Legislative Dinner
- October 21, 2024 SPLOST meeting with Public Works
- October 22, 2024 Provided lunch for Senior Center
- October 22, 2024 Development Authority Meeting
- October 23, 2024 Poultry House Meeting
- October 24, 2024 Flu Shots
- October 24, 2024 Lunch Buddy at W.L. Swain Elementary
- October 25, 2024 Chamber Booster Breakfast
- October 25, 2024 BOC/BOE Luncheon
- October 25, 2024 1987 Hometown Menswear Ribbon Cutting
- October 28, 2024 Multi-Purpose Ag Facility Meeting
- October 31, 2024 Lunch Buddy at W.L. Swain Elementary
- October 31, 2024 Gave out candy for Halloween
- November 1, 2024 Meeting with the new Ag Agent
- November 1, 2024 SPLOST Projects Meeting
- November 3, 2024 Eagle Scout Ceremony
- November 5, 2024 Community Taskforce Meeting
- November 5, 2024 EMS/QRC & Public Safety Meeting