

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

February 18, 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT.** This report is in your material for your review
- **SECOND QUARTER FINANCIALS.** This report is available for your review. I will give some highlights from the notes to the Second Quarter Financials.
- **BUDGET PLANNING.** Budget planning season has begun for F/Y 2026. Budget Packets have been delivered to all Departments, Elected Officials and Agencies. The packets are due to be completed and returned by March 5th and then Finance will analyze them in preparation for budget meetings in April.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** Several subdivision projects are underway with about 1,300 homes or apartments anticipated. Likewise, Industrial Development activity is increasing with discussions in place that could bring an additional couple of million square feet into the county.
- **EMS QRC AND PUBLIC SAFETY.** These committees met at noon today.
- **BROADBAND.** Comcast is winding up the broadband project and we will be moving to the closing phase in the next couple of months.
- **EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING.** Keith and I met with many of our Department Heads and reviewed their current projects, activities and concerns.
- **PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE.** This committee met last week and was facilitated by Commissioner Abernathy. Public Works handled 554 work orders last quarter. Pipe has come in for Snake Creek at Pocket Road and head walls will be required for installation. Soda Creek needs a new culvert upgrade to a box drain. Public Facilities reports that the Courthouse Elevator repair is complete, the Plaza Elevator repair is complete pending inspection, and Georgia State Patrol seeks to make upgrades to the building it leases from us at the State Patrol's cost.

- **JOINT MEETING WITH CALHOUN AND GORDON COUNTY.** We met to continue planning and coordination of the Calhoun Curtis Parkway/Dews Pond project and County Lovers Lane/Dews Pond project. The goal is to coordinate engineering to have the best designs to move traffic as efficiently as possible.
- **MULTI PURPOSE FACILITY.** Planning continues on the multi-purpose building/Agricultural Arena approved by the voters in the 2018 SPLOST.
- **DELIVERY OF NEW FIRE ENGINE.** Gordon County Fire and Rescue took delivery of a new fire engine at the Ranger Fire Station. Keeping with tradition, we had a “pushing in ceremony” to place the truck in its new bay. In addition, Gordon County Fire received a new engine last week and it is now being outfitted for service. These engine are paid for with your SPLOST pennies.

Activity Report for Keith D. King

From February 4, 2025 through February 18, 2025

Construction Project Updates

- Salacoa Facilities
 - Construction has resumed on all bathhouses.
 - Expected to be completed before March 1, 2025
- Morgue
 - Temp Morgue is under construction
 - Reviewing quotes for a cooler
 - Beginning design phase for the new morgue
 - Visited Floyd County Morgue on December 9, 2024
 - Site work will begin at the end of February 2025
- Sugar Valley Community Center & Fire Station
 - Met with the Sugar Valley Community Club
 - Beginning design phase
 - Placed the order for Geo-Hydro and Surveying
 - Received preliminary budget costs
 - Awaiting additional information from the contractor
- Ranger Community Center and Playground
 - 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
 - Approving the GMP Construction Agreement on January 7, 2025

- January 21, 2025, we received information that there was more rot, water damage, and other structural issues than anticipated.
- We are still awaiting the results of the survey but have heard that there are concerns with the property lines and the railway right-of-way.
- Currently working with Momon Construction to consider options to move forward. It is our intent to provide these options at the Board of Commissioners' meeting on February 18, 2025.
- Salem Road Bridge Project
 - The BOC has approved the Design / Supply Agreement
 - Awaiting engineering drawings, designs, and/or plans from Matt Bailey
 - Preparing Bid Documents for installation
- Multi Purpose Ag Facility
 - Beginning Design Phase
 - Scheduling site feasibility
 - Placed the order for Geo-Hydro and Surveying
 - Met with Momon Construction on January 7, 2025
 - Began architectural designs
- Mt Olive Dam Replacement
 - Working on permitting
 - Filed for an EPD Buffer Encroachment permit
 - Buffer credits have been purchased
 - Working on land acquisition
 - Received Appraisal and our attorneys are reaching out to the property owner's representation.
 - Meeting with the west side neighbor over the next few weeks
- Belwood, Lovers Lane, Boone Ford, Dews Pond, Harmony Church
 - 2018 SPLOST - Lovers Lane & Boone Ford Intersection
 - Meeting scheduled for February 12, 2025
 - 2024 SPLOST - Belwood and Union Grove
 - Meeting scheduled for February 12, 2025
 - 2024 SPLOST - Lovers Lane and Dews Pond Intersection
 - Meeting scheduled for February 12, 2025

Other Projects

- Gordon County as a Career
 - Received an ACCG Grant for an Intern to explore AI opportunities for Gordon County Government.
 - Coordinating with Shorter University for a Work Fair and to interview potential interns
 - February 26th - Talent Connect Tour of County Departments

- Broadband
 - Beginning to wrap up
 - Planning ribbon cutting
 - Finalizing close out documents for pay-out

Scheduled Activity

February 6, 2025	Push-in Ceremony Ranger Station
February 6, 2025	Lunch Buddy at W.L. Swain Elementary
February 10, 2025	Team meeting with staff
February 11, 2025	Meeting with Fleet Management
February 12, 2025	Belwood, Lovers Lane, Boone Ford Meeting
February 12, 2025	Grand Jury Facilities Inspection
February 12, 2025	Lunch with Vice-Chair Cunningham
February 12, 2025	NextRequest Zoom Call
February 13, 2025	Public Works & Facilities Committee Meeting
February 13, 2025	Lunch Buddy at W.L. Swain Elementary
February 14, 2025	Meeting to discuss Multi-Purpose Ag Facility
February 18, 2025	Meeting to review Morgue location
February 18, 2025	EMS / Quality Review Committee Meeting
February 18, 2025	175th Anniversary Commemoration

HB 581 / Taxes / Millage Rate

● January 3, 2025	Met with Mayors about HB581
● January 9, 2024	Meeting with Tax Commissioner & Tax Assessor
● January 13, 2025	GAAO Workshop
● January 24, 2025	GC BOC Planning Session
● January 24, 2025	Meeting with all taxing authorities
● February 24-25, 2025	ACCG Capital Connection
● March 1, 2025	Last day to opt out of HB581
● April 1, 2025	Last day to file tax returns
● May 6, 2025	Budget Works Session at 3pm
● May 6, 2025	BOC approves/certifies estimated rollback rate
● May 20, 2025	BOC receives a copy of the recommended budget
● May 23, 2025	Tax assessment notices are mailed
● June 3, 2025	Budget Public Hearing
● June 17, 2025	Consideration to approve the budget
● July 7, 2025	Last day to appeal assessment notices
● July 15, 2025	Hold two public hearings for Millage Rate
● August 5, 2025	Hold third public hearing for millage rate
● August 5, 2025	Adopt a resolution to set the millage rate

- September 1, 2025 Submit the tax digest
- October 2025 Tax bills are mailed out
- December 2025 Tax bills will be due