

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

March 4, 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **SPLOST AND LOST.** SPLOST and LOST revenue shown in the report dated January 31, 2025 reflect collections made in January and remitted to Gordon County in February of 2025. For that period, SPLOST collections were \$1,183,587.91 which is a \$24,205.65 (2.05%) increase over the same period last year. LOST collections were \$721,812.27 which is a \$14,612.66 (2.07%) increase over the same period last year.
- **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** SB 285 (LC 56 0343S). This bill Increases the monthly 9-1-1 charges assessed on telephone and wireless services from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per telephone service provided, increases the prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge per retail transaction from \$1.50 to \$2.50, and increases the portion of 9-1-1 charge revenue allocated to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund from 0.75% to 40.75%.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

- **LANDFILL.** We completed Title V air quality reporting and there were no excess emissions.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** The Development Authority met last Tuesday. There are several projects interested in Gordon County:
 - Trimble Hollow Road up to 4 warehouses on property zoned I-2 with conditions requiring road improvements at developer's cost.
 - Project Flamingo for expansion of an existing industry. Possible investment of \$150,000,000 and 100 jobs at an average of \$20.50/hour.
 - Project Amp in an existing facility with a proposed \$45,000,000 investment and 250 jobs.
- **SAFETY COMMITTEE.** Risk Manager, Stacie Long hosted her first Safety Committee meeting. Mrs. Long reported Workers Compensation premium savings of \$620,303 since 2021. In addition, EMS continues to provide employees with life saving training in CPR, narcane administration, stopping bleeding, and choking.
- **PLAINVILLE MEETING.** Keith King, Bud Owens and I traveled to Plainville to meet with Mayor Miller, Councilman Treglown to discuss impacts of HB581, potential expansion of industry in Plainville and community needs.

- **MEETINGS ATTENDED.** Gordon Floyd JDA, Dalton Communications regarding radios, purchasing policy revisions,

KEITH KING'S REPORT

Construction Project Updates

- Salacoa Facilities
 - Construction has resumed on all bathhouses.
 - Expected to be completed before March 1, 2025
 - COMPLETED
- 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
 - Visited future location with Coroner, Buildings & Grounds, and Momon Construction
- 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
 - Received cost estimate for option 4. Need to meet with Admin and Finance
- 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.
 - Momon Construction presented options to the Board of Commissioners on 2/18/2025
 - Planning a Town Hall Meeting
 - Working with Momon to produce the best plan possible.
- 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
 - Met with Chair Owens and Public Works to begin a plan forward
- 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.
 - The Appraiser has met with Rebekah Braswell
- 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
 - Scheduling a meeting with EXP Engineering

Other Projects

- Gordon County as a Career
 - Received an ACCG Grant for an Intern to explore AI opportunities for Gordon County Government.
 - February 26th - Talent Connect Tour of County Departments
 - Shorter University Job Fair on March 24th
- Broadband
 - Beginning to wrap up
 - Planning ribbon cutting
 - Finalizing close out documents for pay-out

Scheduled Activity

February 19, 2025 Meeting with Rebeka Braswell about Mt Olive Dam
 February 19, 2025 Gordon Floyd Joint Development Authority Meeting
 February 20, 2025 Meeting with Dalton Communications
 February 21, 2025 ACCG Legislative Update Zoom Call

February 21, 2025 Meeting to Discuss Surplus Property
February 24-25, 2024 ACCG Capital Connection Conference
February 25, 2025 Development Authority Meeting
February 26, 2025 Talent Connect Tour of County Properties
February 26, 2025 Meeting about Multi-Purpose Ag Facility
February 27, 2025 Meeting with the City of Plainville
February 27, 2025 Chamber's Annual Meeting / Luncheon
February 28, 2025 ACCG Legislative Update Zoom Call
February 28, 2025 Lunch Buddy at W.L. Swain
March 3, 2025 Budget Meeting with Public Works
March 4, 2025 Meeting for Project Flamingo
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
- February 27, 2025 Met with City of Plainville
- 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 certifies "estimated roll-back 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