

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

July 15, 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **CASH AND INVESTMENT.** This report is in your material for review.
- **OPIOID SETTLEMENTS.** We have two Opioid settlements pending with Purdue/Sackler and Sandoz. We do not have the data on the amount to be received by Gordon County yet. The balance in the opioid fund on June 30th was \$243,032. Gordon County budgets the opioid funds for counseling in the Drug Court program.
- **FLOST WEBINAR.** I attended an ACCG webinar on the Floating Local Option Sales Tax recently allowed by HB 581. These are the key points as they pertain to Gordon County:
 - Currently Gordon County citizens pay 7% sales tax. 4% goes to the State, and 1% goes to LOST, SPLOST, and ESPLOST respectively. By special vote (referendum) Gordon County citizens could consider a FLOST or TSPLOST of up to 1% each.
 - The FLOST requires an agreement with Cities.
 - If approved in May of 2026, collections would not begin until September of 2026 and would be applied against the millage rate in 2027. If approved in November of 2025, collections would accrue for all of 2026 resulting in a major reduction of the millage rate in 2027.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** Properties on Highway 41 South and Trimble Hollow continue to receive interest from new industries and investors. With various projects continuing to express interest in the Thor Building. The Development Authority has a project interested in its property on McDaniel Station Road.
- **BROADBAND.** Comcast will host an event called the Gordon County Expansion and Lift Zone Launch on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at Noon. This event celebrates the launch of a broadband lift zone at the Boys and Girls Club and marks the expansion of broadband in Gordon County.
- **PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY.** The Gordon County Public Facilities Authority met last week to receive a report on the Comcast Broadband Expansion project. We expect to receive a final report from Comcast on the total project investment, miles of fiber installed and number of new addresses with available broadband service.

- **WASH OUT ON LOVE BRIDGE ROAD.** A thunderstorm lingered over the Love Bridge area last week and caused localized flash flooding. Damage included a wash out of a culvert on Love Bridge Road resulting in a temporary road closure. Public Works repaired the damage and the road is open.
- **JOHNSON LAKE ROAD.** Phase one repairs to Johnson Lake Road at Buc-ee's were completed Sunday night. Phase two will take place overnight this Thursday or Friday.
- **GDOT SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM.** GDOT has announced a safety program that will award Gordon County approximately \$400,000 and require a 30% local match that can come from existing budgeted funds. Possible uses of the funds include guardrail repair and anti-skid paving at key intersections and striping