

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

September 16, 2025

### FINANCIAL REPORT

- **CASH AND INVESTMENT.** This report is in your material for review.
- **FLOST.** Gordon County citizens have the opportunity to decide whether they will shift a part of their local tax burden from their property to a sales tax through a Flexible Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST). The only purpose of FLOST is to lower the tax rate assessed against property. It is very similar to LOST which rolls back the millage rate from 12.27 to 9.042 which is a 3.23 decrease. In theory, a FLOST could further lower the 9.042 rate to 5.81 mills in a shift from taxation of our property to sales. We anticipate much of the sales tax would be paid by people passing through our county.
- **INSURANCE SAVINGS.** Cigna, the county health insurance provider, has agreed to a \$750,000 contract credit effective July 1, 2025 and paid in quarterly installments. This is a direct savings to the government and taxpayer. This savings is the result of negotiations by Eddie Reeves at Starr Mathews and the county team of H.R. Director, Don Holley and Finance Director, Andrea Bramlett. In consideration of the credit, Gordon County will not change coverage with Cigna in this fiscal year. Employee coverage will not change as a result of this credit.

### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** A developer is currently filing for a DRI study for a speculative industrial development on both sides of Miller Ferry Rd. at the intersection with Highway 41. The conceptual plan shows 4 industrial buildings totaling approximately 1.8 million square feet. The property is currently zoned C-G and would require a zoning change to an industrial category.
- **SENIOR DAY AT THE FAIR.** The Fair Association hosted our seniors for a day of music, food, and fun last Wednesday. Bud and Vicki Owens, Kurt Sutherland and county staff helped serve the seniors on this very enjoyable day.
- **GOVERNOR'S BUS FOR RECOVERY.** Governor Kemp's bus celebrating recovery from addiction passed through Calhoun last week and Chairman Owens read a proclamation on behalf of the BOC.

- **CONTINUING EDUCATION.** I attended continuing education last Thursday and Friday and received updates on best practices for procurement contracts, judicial and legislative updates, annexation, and other topics.

## **PROJECT REPORTS FROM KEITH KING**

### **SPLOST Project Updates**

- **Ranger Community Center and Playground**

- Brick is up, interior doors being installed
- Brick wash and exterior doors and windows are scheduled for next week.
- The playground is almost completed. Still needs canopy over the large set.

- **Multi Purpose Ag Facility**

- Pouring Slab this Thursday
- Beginning to demo out buildings
- Steel delivery scheduled for Monday

- **Mt Olive Dam Replacement**

- Crews have begun clearing trees from the dam
- Erosion control and curtain to be installed after tree clearing.
- Pumps will be onsite next week.

### **Public Works Projects**

- **Pocket Road**

- Crews are actively working on the project and hope to be completed by the end of October 2025
- Setting last pipe today (9/16)
- Concrete forms for late this week or next

### **ACTIVITY**

September 5, 2025 GBI Dedication

September 5, 2025 Meeting at the Fairgrounds

September 9, 2025 Georgia Council for Recovery Tour

September 16, 2025 Calhoun Elementary Buzz Town