

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

February 17, 2026

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT.** You have this report in your material. The General fund is up about \$4 million compared to last January. However, that could just be due to the timing of receipts and expenditures.
- **FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER REPORTS.** These reports are also available for review.
- **FLOST.** We will receive a report on the first full month of FLOST Collections at the end of February and I will include that in the Administrator's report. Sales tax collections on the FLOST have begun as of January 1 and will accrue in 2026. Those accrued revenues will be held until 2027 when the revenue will be used for the sole purpose of rolling back the millage rate paid by property owners. The FLOST will continue for 5 years with each year of collection applied to reduce the millage rate in the following year.
- **HR 1114 and HB 1116.** The 2026 Georgia Legislature is proposing major changes to ad valorem taxation by eliminating ad valorem tax on homestead property. Approximately forty per cent of the ad valorem tax revenue received by Gordon County and the Gordon County School District is funded by revenue collected from homestead property. If this legislation passes without a means to make up for that revenue elsewhere, Gordon County will have an eight to ten million dollar shortfall in revenue.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITY

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** The Gordon Floyd JDA will meet tomorrow.
- **HEALTH INSURANCE.** We met with our agents at Starr Mathews last week to review efforts to mitigate rising health insurance costs. As we have reported, Starr Mathews came on board last summer and quickly saved the county \$750,000. We are now scrutinizing ways to slow increasing costs while maintaining a great plan for our employees.
- **BOARD OF ASSESSORS.** The Tax Assessors Office invited me to brief them on the budget process which I did last week. The BOA and staff, led by Ashley Bailey do a great job for our community and I thank them for their service to Gordon County. Likewise, the Board of Commissioners has given them the resources to accurately and uniformly appraise property and provide excellent customer service.
- **ACCG RISK ASSESSMENT.** Representatives from ACCG and Marsh visited Gordon County last week and were hosted by Risk Manager, Stacy Long. ACCG has taken over for LGRMS and will be assisting with risk reduction policies, claims and education previously conducted by LGRMS.
- **REDBONE RIDGES.** We have recently filed quarterly and annual Title V reports with no problems noted.

- **CALHOUN AND GORDON COUNTY.** Chairman Bud Owens, Mayor Jimmy Palmer, Paul Worley, Keith and I met on February 4th to discuss items of common interest in our community, economic development and to maintain our excellent relations between Calhoun and Gordon County.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY.** The EMS Quality Review Committee and Public Safety Committees met last week. Representatives from all community public safety providers attended. Advent Health presented a report on ambulance services and response times. Subsequently, we held a round table discussion regarding needs, operations etc. Calhoun P.D. discussed how its system of FLOCK cameras has helped solve some criminal cases quickly. Gordon County currently does not have any FLOCK cameras. Representative from the GCSO and I met with a FLOCK rep yesterday to evaluate cost and need. There is no doubt we could benefit from FLOCK cameras at certain locations. The cost for ten cameras would be approximately \$36,500 in year one and \$30,000 per year thereafter.

- **SPLOST PROJECT UPDATES**
- Morgue
 - Sitework has begun.

- Community Events Center. Flooring installation is underway.

- Sugar Valley Fire Station
 - Getting close to a schematic design completion

- Belwood, Lovers Lane, Boone Ford, Dews Pond, Harmony Church

2018 SPLOST –

Lovers Lane and Boone Ford Intersection

- Looking at ROW acquisition.

2024 SPLOST

- Lovers Lane and Dews Pond Intersection
 - A roundabout is the best option for the future growth. Gordon County has submitted a letter to GDOT concerning additional funds for this corridor.

- Salem Road Bridge
 - Utilities continue to delay the project.

- LED Lights for Sonoraville Parks & Recreation
 - Lights have been installed on the tennis courts. Baseball fields should be complete at the end of the month.