The scheduled Called Meeting of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, June 20, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners, Sherry Miley, Melissa Chevers, Mike Jones and Buck Rigdon. Commissioner Hester was out.

Chairman Thompson called to order the Called Business meeting of the Tift County Board of Commissioners at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Thompson opened the scheduled Public Hearing to hear any comments on the proposed 2011-2012 Operating Budget for Tift County.

**Public Hearings:**

**A. Presentation of 2011-2012 Proposed Operating Budget:*** Leigh Jordan, Finance Director and the County Manager advised the Board that the budget is balanced. The Finance Director went through the power point presentation on the budget in the areas of expenditures and revenues, the budget comparison by fund and the millage rate structure explaining the reason for the increase in taxes for city residents. The County Manager said we need to be prepared for statements to clarify the reason for the increase because of the City’s request to dissolve many of the Interlocal Agreements for joint provided services. The County Manager advised that he will be meeting with the City Manager tomorrow. It was advised that there is no cost of living increase provided for County employees. The Finance Director explained the increase in Countywide tax millage from 10.39 to 12.183 and the decrease in the Special Tax District Rate, which is now only for fire, from 2.103 to .31. An example was given of a $100,000 home taxable at 40% the taxes would calculate as: County Taxes - $40,000 @ .012183 = $487.32; City Taxes - $40,000 @ .006759 = $270.36 for a Total Tax of $757.68
The increase from FY 2011 = $71.72 which is a 10.45% increase.

There were no comments from the Public concerning the 2011-2012 Tift County Operating Budget.

Sheriff Vowell was present at this meeting and asked how the City was going to spend this some $900,000 that the County is absorbing. He was advised that we have been told some of it will be raises for their employees and among other things it will be spent in the police department. He reported to the Board as a matter of record that the Sheriff’s Department is providing more services with less people and without any more money. They are not going to be happy.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Set the 2011 Tentative Millage Rate for Tift County**: The County Manager and the Finance Director announced that the Budget has been balanced and the Board needs to adopt the tentative millage rate. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to set the 2011 Tentative Millage Rate Countywide at 12.183 mils and .31 mils in the Special Tax District, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Executive Session for personnel**. Motion to go into Executive Session for personnel was made by Commissioner Miley, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Commissioner Miley, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Miley, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7
Vice Chairman, Robert Setters, District 3

absent
Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Sherry Miley, District 4
Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, Dist. 5

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____________________________
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
6/20/2011 Meeting