The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, December 10, 2011, at 6:30 P.M. in the Gym at the Multi-Purpose Building located on Victory Drive. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Rigdon, Commissioners Robert Setters, Sherry Miley, Donnie Hester, Melissa Chevers and Mike Jones.

Chairman Thompson asked Commissioner Jones to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of December 7, 2010 Workshop Session, and December 13, 2010 Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

Ronald Nixon, 2700 South Park Avenue, addressed the Board concerning the maintenance of the Neighborhood Service Center located at 2737 South Central Avenue constructed in 1986 has been a very useful building for Tift County. Under the previous County Manager, the maintenance of this facility was taken out from under the Community Development Department and Mr. Darrell Wiggins and put under the normal county maintenance department. In the last couple of years with everything else this department has to do, they have not been able to keep up the building and keep the appearance as it should be. He has spoken with Mr. Carter and Commissioners Hester and Chevers about this issue. At this time, the building should revert back to Community Development because they have more time to see about the building and the needs there. County maintenance has done a fairly good job but the building needs a facelift. This building was one of Mr. Wiggins’ pride and joy and he has done such a good job with Community Development. Our community development program has been used as a model plan for other counties and communities and Darrell has gotten Tift County lots of grants through the CDBG Program. If you all will take a good look at this issue, I will appreciate consideration of this request.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

A. **Appointment of Vice Chairman:** Commissioner Hester made a motion for the nomination of Robert Setters to serve as Vice Chairman for the next two years, seconded by Vice Chairman Buck Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

B. **Appointment of County Attorney:** Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to appoint Anthony Rowell as the County Attorney for another year, seconded by Vice Chairman Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

C. **Appointment of County Clerk:** Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to appoint Glynda Hemby as County Clerk for another year, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

D. **Tax Refund for Henry Ross Pittman, Jr./Ara D. Pittman Family Trust:** The County Manager advised the Board that this item was previously tabled in order to secure and opinion on Georgia Law from the Attorney General. That information has not been obtained yet and would like for the Board to consider tabling this item until the next meeting. Motion to table was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

E. **Swimming Pool Ladder & Deck Repair – Baldwin Drive Pool:** Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to accept and approve Option # 1 in the amount of $8,167 to be paid from SPLOST IV funds for the swimming pool ladder and deck repairs at Baldwin Drive Pool, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

F. **Request from Ambrose King for use of Recreation Facility for MLK Day:** Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the County Resource Agreement request from Tifton/Tift County Branch NAACP for the use of Mott-Litman Field and Gym for January 17, 2011 and waive fees associated with this event, seconded by Vice Chairman Rigdon. Motion
G. Interact E-911 CAD System Upgrade: Scott Bowers explained that this is an upgrade of three major components to the CAD System. He and Al Stephenson have worked together to save the county some money on the upgrade. This charge will be paid from the 911 Surcharge money. Commissioner Miley commended Scott and Al for working together to save the county money on the upgrade system. Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to approve the E911 System upgrade in the amount of $89,436.17, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Commissioner Jones asked for discussion concerning the funding and asked if it was a budgeted item. The County Manager that this money is collected from the payment of phone bills and there are certain things you can spend those funds on and this is a sanction item that you can spend those monies on. The Finance Manager explained that it is a revenue item in a separate bank account and not considered in the overall operating budget of the County and there is only certain things the money can be spent on. The Chairman then called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Bridge and Culvert Repairs: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the 10 Bridge and Culvert repairs as present by staff as the most pressing of the total of 62 that have deficiencies, in the amount of $198,320 to be paid from SPLOST IV, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Rate Increases for Tift County EMS: The County Manager advised that we are a good bit below the state average and have not had an increase since 2002. We are basically leaving collectable money on the table. The fee schedule is as follows:

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Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the Tift County EMS rate increases as presented, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

J. New Excavator Lease: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to enter into a lease agreement with Yancy Brothers for a new excavator in the amount of $1,938.49 per month, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Interlocal Agreement & Resolution for SPLOST V: This item was moved from the Regular Agenda to the Joint Government Meeting that was held prior to this meeting. (See Joint Meeting Minutes dated January 10, 2011.)

County Manager Items:
- The County Clerk reminded the Board of the MLK Breakfast on Monday, January 17th and the Chamber Banquet on Thursday, January 27th
- Mr. Carter stated that he would like to take this time to thank staff for all the hard work they put in on working on the SPLOST V referendum and to commend the commissioners on taking the stand that each of you took on it and handled it in a professional manner
- He advised the Board that Hayward Becton, an employee in the Tax Assessor’s office lost their home by fire and the Commissioner Jones’s oldest daughter had back surgery today and asked that we all keep these folks in our prayers

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Chevers stated that she thought staff did an awesome job on the SPLOST V referendum and thanked Commissioner Setters for explaining some things to her. She is new at this issue but all of her questions were answered. She would like to get with the County Manager concerning the Community Service Center. She advised of the next drive she is planning; Sock it to them with Love – Sock Drive. It will be from January 3rd to February 11th. There are a lot of people in our community in need.

Commissioner Miley thanked the staff or the work done on SPLOST V. She asked about the activities for MLK on Friday, January 14th and was not aware. The flyer in front of you is what
we have advised the County Manager.

Commissioner Hester wished all a Happy New Year and thanked the staff for the good job on SPLOST V. He also thanked the Board for their professionalism on the support of SPLOST; we all need to support this. We are not here to agree on everything but we must work together to get the referendum passed.

Commissioner Setter stated good job from staff on SPLOST. He questioned what the Board legally can and cannot do to support SPLOST. The County Manager will get the facts to what extent the Commissioners can do and say in support and get with them.

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7  Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3  Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6  Attest: C. Michael Jones, District 6

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Vice Chairman, Fred W. Rigdon District 5  Commissioner Sherry Miley, Dist. 4

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Glynda Hemby, County Clerk