The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, and Sherry Miley. Commissioner Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers were absent due to illness.

PRESENTATIONS OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECT SERVICES:

Jason Jordan advised the Board that staff has properly advertised for Request for Qualifications for Architect Services for the new 911 Center and Renovations at the Tift County Road Department. All proposals were due in the office at the close of the business day on November 21, 2011. Proposals were received from four (4) Firms. Tonight two firms will make their presentations which are IPG Architects – Valdosta and Ellis, Ricket and Associates – Valdosta. Each firm will have 30 minutes to give their presentation. The other two other firms will be scheduled to give their presentations at the Monday Regular Business Meeting. Once all of the presentations have been given, a Committee that will include two Commissioners will make a decision on which firm will be awarded the project.

Public Comments: None

Appointments:

1. Kenny Patel, Owner of Super 8 Motel had asked to address the Board but was unable to attend this meeting due to being out of town and asked for rescheduling.

2. Tony Wilkerson was present to address the Board concerning Sunday Alcohol Sales in Tift County. He stated that he would like to see it put on the ballot for the voters to decide. When asked if he lived in the County as opposed to the City, he stated that he lived in the County. When asked if he had a business that sold alcoholic beverage he said no, he would just like to see it be voted in here to keep the revenue in Tift County rather than going to other counties. The Board had some questions for the County Attorney about the process and he reported that he does not believe that it will take a petition. A Resolution will need to be adopted by the Board requesting that it be placed on the ballot for the voters to decide but he will research the law further and report back to the Board.

Informational Items for Discussion Only: None

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on December 12, 2011:

A. Head Start Lease (Tabled from November): The County Manager advised the Board that the County Attorney has prepared a new lease agreement for consideration and addresses many of the concerns that was in the previous old lease. The lease shall be for one year and shall automatically renew for two successive one year terms totaling three years unless sooner terminated by either party. Some Commissioner had some questions concerning the insurance and it was stated that it is addressed in Paragraph 10. Hold Harmless Section of this lease.

B. Bids on Surplus Property: Jason Jordan advised the Board that the 5 surplus properties had been properly advertised for Sealed Bids to be relocated and/or torn down for the materials. The County received 2 bids on the Old Chula Gym as follows: Dana Parker $120.00 and John Welch $500.00. The County did not receive any bids on the other 4 structures that were advised. Staff recommends to accept the high bid in the amount of $500 for the Old Chula Gym and to give staff direction to tear down the other 4 structures and place in the landfill by County Staff to allow for future growth.

C. Name Change Only for Beer License for Dollar General Store on Hwy 82 East: The County Clerk advised that the Dollar General Store has changed District Managers and the license will need to be changed over into the current Manager’s name. The application has been received as well as the criminal history run and fingerprinted and it comes with an approval from the Sheriff.

D. Name Change Only for Beer & Wine License for the Red Carpet Inn in Chula: The County Clerk advised that the owner of the Red Carpet Inn was in the process of leasing this facility. The person wanting to lease the store completed the application and a criminal history and fingerprints were run however on Monday the present owner came in to renew his license stating that the lease deal had fail through. The County Clerk advised the Board that a motion will be needed to remove this item from the Agenda.

E. Tift County Unified Development Code (UDC): Carl Fortson gave the history of the development of
the Tift County Unified Development Code and told the Board that it has been review by Staff and Southeast Regional Commissioner. The document was prepared by the Gail Easley Consulting Firm some time ago and the required Public Hearings were held. This document will require changes from time to time which will be bought to the Board in a form of Amendment for any future changes. This document is now ready for the Board’s consideration of adoption.

F. Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS Units)-Service Contract for 911 Center: The County Manager advised the Board that this Contract needs to be approved by the Board. This service contract if for two (2) UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) units with a slight increase from last year’s contract. The amount has been budgeted. The present contract expires on December 20, 2011 and it is imperative that this contract stay in place for the backup system at the E-911 Center.

The County Manager and the County Attorney advised the Board of the following item that had been delivered to the Manager’s office just prior to the meeting time and will need to be added to the Agenda for consideration by the Board:

The County Attorney told the Board that the City of Ty Ty is ready to start their Drop, Water Treatment Project that was stipulated in the SPLOST Referendum. They have some money on hand but want to borrow the money from the bank to continue on with the project and the bank is requiring them to pledge their SPLOST dollars against the loan in the amount of 1.1million dollars. They would like for the Board to consider adopting a Resolution that gives the County the ability to direct the SPLOST dollars directly to the bank. The Resolution in no way will commit any responsibility to Tift County to repay the loan in the event of default by the City of Ty Ty. The County Attorney has reviewed the Resolution and is comfortable with the Board’s adoption of the document. This item will need to be added to the Regular Agenda for consideration by the Board.

County Manager Items:
- The County Clerk advised the Board of two events coming up on December 15th: Behavioral Health Services, Holiday Meet and Great from 12 Noon to 2 PM at the Eldorado Road Facility and the Employee Lunch in celebration of the Christmas Season at the Recreation Multi-Purpose Building from 11 Am to 2 PM

Commissioners Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

absent

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

absent

Commissioner Sherry Miley, District 4

Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

absent

ATTEST:

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

County Clerk 12/6/2011