The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 5:00 P.M. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Buck Rigdon, Donnie Hester, Sherry Miley and Mike Jones. Commissioner Chevers was out 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. At the Workshop Session two firms made their presentations. Tonight the other two firms which are Rusty McCall & Associates and Glenn Gregory & Associates will give their presentations. Each firm will have 30 minutes to give their presentations. 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.

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

Voting Action in this meeting reflects the Chairman’s vote since a Commissioner is absent as set forth in Voting Amendment dated 3/10/08.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of November 4, 2011 Workshop Session; November 14, 2011 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Resolution for the city of Ty Ty pledging their SPLOST funding against a loan to start their Water Treatment Project as designated on the Referendum (G)

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to add this Item to the Agenda under the letter G, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Johnny Lindsey, a Developer in Tift County addressed the Board concerning the water rates. He asked that the Board set up a committee to go to work on equalizing the water rates. He said that the residents of the County are struggling with high water bills. The Board responded by stating that as soon as the two new City Council people are sworn in they will begin setting up a Committee and meetings to get the underway.

Informational items for Discussion Only: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

B. Motion to accept high bid in the amount of $500 from John Welch for the removal of the Old Chula Gym Structure and authorize staff to demolish and place in the landfill the structures located at 211 and 215 Chestnut Avenue, 216 East 4th Street and 1949 Whiddon Mill Road

C. Motion authorizing the name change of the Beer & Wine License for the Dollar General Store located at 1290 Highway 82 East

F. Motion approving the renewal of the Uninterrupted Power Supply Service Contract for
the 911 Center for another year

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**A. Head Start Lease Agreement:** The County Manager advised that the County Attorney has prepared and revised a new Lease Agreement between Tift County and Coastal Plain area Economic Opportunity Authority. The building houses the Head Start Program for Tift County and is lease at no cost to them. Staff recommends the Board approve the revised lease which is in compliance with our standard lease term of three (3) years with one (1) year firm and allows staff to adhere to the lease document and seek annual reimbursement for Coat Plains EOA for the cost of insuring the premises and require the tenant to perform any maintenance that may be required. Motion approving and authorizing the County Manager to enter into the revised lease between Tift County and Coastal Plains EOA was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Name Change only for Beer & Wine License for the Red Carpet Inn located in Chula:** Because a change in the proposed lease agreement for this store, this name change on the alcohol license will not be necessary, they will be issued in the current owner’s name again. The Clerk asked the Board to remove this item for action. Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to remove Item D. from the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Tift County Unified Development Code:** Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to adopt the Tift County Unified Development Code as presented by Staff, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Resolution for the City of Ty Ty pledging their SPLOST funding against a loan to start their Water Treatment Project as designated on the Referendum:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to adopt the Resolution for the City of Ty Ty pledging their SPLOST funds, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioners Items:**

Commissioner Jones extended an invitation to the Board of Health Luncheon on Thursday.

**County Manager Items:** None

- The County Clerk reminded the Board of some the dates of some events scheduled for December
- Mr. Carter advised the Board of the current promotion at the Sheriff’s Department: Larry Taylor has been appointed Chief Deputy

**Executive Session:** None

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

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7  Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1  Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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

Attest: ____________________________
Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6  Glynda Hemby, County Clerk

11/14/2011