The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, February 14, 2011, at 6:30 P.M. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Setters, Commissioners Buck Rigdon, Sherry Miley, Donnie Hester, Melissa Chevers and Mike Jones.

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

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of December 28, 2010 Joint Discussion Session; January 4, 2011 Workshop Session; January 5, 2011 Joint Discussion Session; January 10, 2011 Joint Meeting Session and January 10, 2011 Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried 4 to 2. Commissioners Jones and Miley voted against the motion.

After the motion was made and before the second to the motion, Commissioner Miley gave an explanation of why she would not vote for the motion to approve the January 10, 2011 minutes.

**Public Comments:** None

**ADDITION TO AGENDA**

**Purchase of Property located at 150 South Ridge Avenue (J):**
Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to add this item to the Agenda under the letter “J”, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

B. **Motion approving the Relay for Life request for use of Recreation Facilities at Friendly city Park for the Annual Event to be held on April 15th and 16th and waive fees**

C. **Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Community Wildfire Protection Plan with the Georgia Forestry Commission**

E. **Motion authorizing the Jail Construction Fund Budget Amendment in the amount of $100,000**

G. **Motion to proceed with Courtroom Remodeling Project in the amount of $70,000 to be funded from SPLOST III**

H. **Motion authorizing the renewal with Sophos Enterprise the antivirus hardware and software subscription for three years through Alternative Computer Technology, Inc. in the amount of $17,491 to be paid from SPLOST IV**

Motion approving the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

A. **Henry Ross Pittman Tax Matter:** Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to table this matter for 60 days, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

D. **Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant:** Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to award the update project of the Tift County Hazard Mitigation Plan to H & H Resources, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

F. **Red Bird Road Improvements – CDBG Grant:** Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to award the bid for Red Bird Road Improvements to The Scruggs Company in the low bid amount of
I. **Lease Agreement for the Rental of the Carousel House:** South Georgia Ministries Executive Director LaRae Moore was present and advised the Board that this will be Non-Residential but will educational programs which included parenting classes to aid unwed mothers. This lease will be for one year with the opportunity to renew for 2 additional years. They will be responsible for all cost associated with their purpose. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Hester to approve the Lease Agreement for the Rental of the Carousel House. Motion carried by a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioner Miley voted against the motion.

J. **Purchase of Property located at 150 Ridge Avenue:** Motion approving the purchase of property located at 150 South Ridge Avenue contingent upon clearance of a clean Phase I Environmental Study and property to be paid for from SPLOST IV funding was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Items:**

- Advised the Board of a Proclamation for Arbor Day that needs to be presented by a Board member at the ceremony on February 17th at 4:30 PM. Commissioner Hester will present.

**Commissioners Items:**

Commissioner Jones stated that he had a statement he would like to read: “It is my hope that when staff brings items to this Board for a vote that the research has been done and the items found to be factual with reference to minutes, rules, regulations, resolutions, ordinances, etc. and not based on assumptions. I want to thank Commissioner Miley for her efforts in making sure that this Board acts in a professional and ethical manner.

**Executive Session:** None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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Commissioner Sherry Miley, Dist. 4

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

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____________________________
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk