The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, March 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 Chevers to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of February 8, 2011 Workshop Session; 2011 and February 14, 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.

Public Comments: None

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Adopt Resolution authorizing the submission of a CDBG Grant application in the amount of $500,000 for drainage, street paving and sewer system improvements for T. C. Gordon Road Project: (K)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to add this item to the Agenda under the letter K, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously

Approve Full Depth Reclamation on five (5) Roads to be resurfaced that have had major water and sewer upgrades which include Circle Drive, Estelle Road, Hank Bostick Road, Camellia Road and Northfield Road: (L)

Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to add this item to the Agenda under the letter L, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. TC-SE-11-01: Petition by Billy J. Sandifer for a Special Exception to create one (1) substandard lot for a Rural Farm Homestead on part of Lot 0080 085 located at 1074 Jacob Hall Road: Todd Miller was present to give the nature of the request and stated that this comes to the Board with a recommendation of approval. At the Workshop meeting it was reported that only one variance would need to be granted however after further looking at the request another variance is requested for the accessory building. The Board would need to include a 4’ variance from the required 70 foot front yard setback requirement as well as a 5’ variance from the required 40 foot rear yard setback for accessory building.

The County Attorney opened the Public Hearing citing the postings on the wall referencing the Standards for this request as well as the Conflict of Interest. No one declared a conflict.

Mark Sandifer was present to speak on behalf of the request and to answer any questions the Board may have.

There was no opposition and the County Attorney closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to approve TC-SE-11-01 for the Special Exception to create a Rural Farm Homestead for Billy J. Sandifer to include a 4 foot variance from the required 70 foot front yard setback requirements and a five foot variance from the required 40 foot rear yard setback requirements for the accessory building, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:
B. Motion approving the County Resource Agreement for Art’s In Black Community Festival at Flood Park to be held on March 25 & 26, 2011

I. Motion to approve the recommendation from the Road Committee to proceed with the engineering for the replacement of two (2) bridges on Ferry lake Road and submit to the Georgia Department of Transportation for 2012 LMIG Funding

J. Motion approving the renewal of the Brookfield Community Lease Agreement for another year.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

C. Community Health Fair with Tift Regional Medical Center, County Departments & Community Partners: Craig Sowell explained the request to the Board and stated that it is the intent for this to become a yearly event moving to other areas if this one works out beneficial. They would like to be able to hit other areas in the County. Joy Davis and Chris Efaw from Tift Regional Hospital were present to answer any questions. Chris Efaw answered questions as to how this fits in with their Outreach Programs and he stated that they try to reach as many disadvantaged folks as possible in the community and this would be an excellent way to do so. Having the event at the requested location would also showcase the new walking track at this location. Commissioner Jones asked if it was the intent of staff to move to other locations and the response was yes that would be our goal. When asked about cost to the County there was no cost projections available. Commissioner Hester commented on the positive of this event and thinks it is a good idea and he knew that Commissioner Chevers has worked hard to reach out to the community in this area. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve of the Community Health Fair with Tift Regional to be held at Mott-Litman Gym and Field slated for May 7, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution/Tift County Application for FY 2012 for Tift Lift: This Resolution is authorization to apply for the FY 2012 Tift Lift Grant Funding from GDOT. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to adopt the Resolution for the Tift Lift Grant application to be submitted to GDOT for FY 2012, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Appointments to the Dangerous Dog Board: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters appointing Patty Beasley, Nancy Joseph, Heath Barry and Steve Wood to the Dangerous Dog Board to serve a term of three (3) years, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Beer License for Holiday Mart located at 446 Hwy 319 – New Ownership: The County Manager advised that this application meets the requirements of the Tift County Alcohol Ordinance as it presently reads and the Sheriff has signed off on the application. Motion approving the Beer License for Chandubhai Patel for the Holiday Mart located at 4468 U S Hwy 319 South was made by Vice Chairman Setters, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioner Chevers voted against the motion.

G. Cool Decking at the Recreation Pool – SPLOST IV Funding: Jason Jordan advised that he has received three quotes for replacing the Cool Decking at the pool and recommends the quote from Tri-W Pools in the amount of $22,420. Watson Pools bid $23,600 and Swim-Pro bid $23,405. There are SPLOST IV funds available for this expenditure. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to award the project to Tri-W Pools in the amount of $22,420, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Air Conditioners at the Mental Health Facility: Jason Jordan advised that he has received bids for the replacement of the air conditioners at the Mental Health Facility. Bids are Valdosta Mechanical Company in the amount of $109,000; Johnson Controls in the amount of $111,287 and Comfort Systems USA in the amount of $117,430. While all three companies are very reputable companies and can do the work installing the chilling unit, staff is recommending the middle bid from Johnson Controls in the amount of $111,287 because of the advantage that they are the manufacturer of this system. Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to award the bid to Johnson Controls in the amount of $111,287 to be paid from SPLOST III, seconded by Commissioner Miley.
Motion carried unanimously.

K. Adopt Resolution authorizing the submission of a CDBG Grant application in the amount of $500,000 for drainage, street paving and sewer system improvements for the T. C. Gordon road Project: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester approving the submittal and adopting the Resolution to submit with the Grant Application for the 2011 CDBG Grant in the amount of $500,000 to assist with drainage, paving and sewer system expansion improvements on the T. C. Gordon Project, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approval of full depth reclamation on five (5) roads to be resurfaced that have had major water and sewer upgrades which include Circle Drive, Estelle Road, Hank Bostick Road, Camellia Road and Northfield Road: Jason Jordan explained the process of this request to the Board and stated that if we do this in the bid package along with the City we should be able to save approximately $40,000 for this project. The City of Tifton will advertise the resurfacing and include the full depth reclamation of the five roads in the overall project. Motion authorizing the full depth reclamation on these five roads was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Items: None

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Chevers stated that she is excited about the Health Fair and she thanked the Commissioners for their support of the event.

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. 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