The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, April 11, 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 March 8, 2011 Workshop Session and March 14, 2011 Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: Roger Dill addressed the Board and stated that he would like to publically commend Jim Carter for the good job he did on putting the SPLOST Referendum together. He orchestrated the SPLOST very good and did a lot of hard work on it. It’s a good thing for Tift County.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Puckett Park  (O)

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

County Manager Contract  (P)

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. TC-SE-11-02: Petition by Tommy Stone for a Special Exception to create one (1) substandard lot for a Rural Farm Homestead on Map 072, Parcel 024 located at 375 Tifton Eldorado Road.

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. Commissioner Rigdon declared a conflict.

Tommy Stone spoke on behalf and in support of his request and stated he would appreciate the Board’s consideration to grant the Special Exception for the Rural Homestead Exception.

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

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to approve TC-SE-11-012 for the Special Exception to create a Rural Farm Homestead for Tommy Stone to include a 13.87 foot variance from the required 210’ minimum lot width requirements, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried with 5 votes. Commissioner Rigdon did not vote because of the declaration of Conflict of Interest.

REGULAR AGENDA:

B. Vehicle Policy Text Amendment: New Wording: Seatbelts must be worn by the driver and passengers of County vehicles and equipment where seatbelts are available at all times when the vehicle is in motion, except when other approved travel positions are necessitated. County vehicles/equipment includes: riding mowers, motor graders, truck, cars, dump trucks, dirt
pans and excavators. Motion to adopt the Vehicle Policy Text Amendment as stated was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Return to Work Policy & Procedures: This Policy & Procedures Manual needs to be in place to be eligible to receive the discount offer on our Workers’ Compensation Insurance. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to adopt the Return to Work Policy & Procedures Manual as present by staff, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously. It will be made a part of the Personnel Policies and Procedures.

D. Verification form for eligibility for discounts on Insurance Premiums: The County Manager and the County Clerk advised the Board of the savings the County receives when all the required criteria is met under the Local Risk Management Programs. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to authorize the Chairman to endorse the Verification Form, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Road Name Change Request: Motion to table for 30 days was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Declare a moratorium on issuing Alcohol License: Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to place a Moratorium on issuing Alcohol License in Tift County for 60 days for review and proposed changes to the Tift County Alcohol Beverage Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Appointment to the Hospital Authority to fill a vacancy due to a resignation: Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to appoint Wasdon Graydon to fill the unexpired term of Sandro Blalock ending on September 30, 2011 to the Hospital Authority, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Surplus of two Mobile Home Units in Recreation Department: Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to surplus the two Mobile Homes Units to be placed on GovDeals.com for sale, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Family & Children Services: Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Family & Children Services for the “Maintenance in Lieu of Rent” for another year was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Memorandum of Agreement with Department of Health: Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Memorandum of Agreement – Strategic National Stockpile with the Department of Human Resources/Public Health for another year was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Telecom Audit: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to implement Option A which retains the current service configuration but incorporate savings measures of approximately $652 monthly, second by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Resurfacing of Chula Brookfield Road: Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to extended the resurfacing of Chula Brookfield Road from Hall Mixon to County line which is 1.6 miles for the quoted from Scruggs in the amount of $113,094 to be funded from SPLOST III, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Resolution of Engineering & Administrative Services for T. C. Gordon Road Project: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the Resolution for Engineering and Administrative Services for the TC Gordon CDBG Project, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Budget Work Sheet as generated by Finance Software: This item required no action by the Board.

O. Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Puckett Park: Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers authorizing the Chairman to endorse the County Workforce Service Agreement for the Markasha Coleman Annual Eggstrvaganza to be held at Puckett Park, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.
P. County Manager Contract: Motion was

County Manager Items: None

Executive Session: Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to go into Executive Session under personnel with the right to return to Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session and return to Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Setters
Commissioner Miley

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Ridgon. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7  Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3
Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1  Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2
Commissioner Sherry Miley, Dist. 4  Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5
Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6  Attest: Glynda Hemby, County Clerk