The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 6:00 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. Commissioner Mike Jones was absent.

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

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of April 5, 2011 Workshop Session and April 11, 2011 Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Memorandum of Understanding concerning Swimming & Swim team Request (G)
Two year Agreement with Harris World Computers for printing for Tax Assessor (H)

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to add these two items to the Agenda under the letters G & H, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Henry Ross Pittman Tax Issue: The County Manager advised that in the absence of the County Attorney, he is asking the Board to consider tabling this matter again for another 60 days. The County Attorney and Mr. Pittman have not had further discussion that is necessary for the Board’s action at this point. Motion to table for 60 days was made by Vice Chairman Setters, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried with a 4 to 1 vote. Commissioner Miley voted against the motion.

B. Road Name Change: The County Manager advised that the Board can take consideration of making an Honorary Road Name sign to be place on the South Park Avenue signs however, at this point it is not clear who will be responsible for paying the fee of $200. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to table this matter for more clarification, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Athletic Advisory Committee Vacancies: Craig Sowell advised the Board of the recommendation from the Athletic Advisory Committee of the re-appointments on this Committee. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to appoint Dickie Robinson to fill a vacated seat and serve a three year term to expire May 2014, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to appoint Lori Gunn Baker to the Athletic Advisory Committee for an unexpired three year term to end May 2013, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Renewal of FDA (Food & Drug Administration) Lease: The County Manager advised that the County Attorney is continuing to review this lease and staff is in discussions with the Food & Drug Administration however, this item is not ready for action by the Board and the recommendation is to table for 30 days. Motion to table was made by Vice Chairman Setters, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Re-appointment to Department of Family & Children Service Board: The County Clerk advised of the letter from the Department of Family & Children Service Board to reappoint Perry McCranie. Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to reappoint Perry McCranie to serve another
five year term to expire on June 30, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Re-appointment to the Tifton-Tift County Library Board:** The County Clerk advised of the letter from the Library Director with the recommendation to reappoint Filiberto Hernandez. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to reappoint Filiberto Hernandez to serve another three year term to expire June 30, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Memorandum of Understanding concerning Swimming & Swim Team Request:** Craig Sowell, Recreation Director explained the Memorandum of Understanding to the Board giving all the particulars of this agreement. The issues with the coach retention and pay have been resolved by both parties. Motion to approve the Tiftarea Tidal Wave and Tift County Memorandum of Understanding concerning swimming and the Swim Team request to use the Tift County Recreation Pool Facility was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. Tax Assessors – Printing Agreement with Harris World Computers:** The County Manager and the Tax Assessor advised the Board that this printing agreement is for the requirement that assessment notices must be sent to every property owner. The Agreement is for 2 years and by signing the agreement the County will save $600 a year as opposed to not having the signed agreement with Harris World Computers. Motion was made by Commissioner Miley authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Printing Agreement with Harris World Computers, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Items:**
- Reminded the Board of the Workshop Budget meetings set for May 25th & 26th
- Reminded the Board of the Notice received for the Open House Meeting from the DOT on the Proposed By Pass

**Executive Session:** None

**Commissioners Items:**

Commissioner Chevers gave Kudos to Erica Johnson, Charlotte Daniel and Glynda Hemby for doing a super job last week when third graders were here on a Field Trip to learn about the courts and county government. She also thanked everyone for participating in the recent Health Fair at Mott-Littman Gym; she hopes that we can continue with these types of event for the community.

Commissioner Miley inquired about the status on the “In God We Trust” sign that was voted on in some meetings back. The County Clerk will get to work on this and give a report back to the Board.

Chairman Thompson asked about the trash pickup and stated that he understood that the County is not going to renew the contract with the State Prisoners. He stated that we have gotten a lot of Tift County cleaned up and that we do not need to let it get in bad shape again. We will try to look at some other options.

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

absent

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

Attest: _____________________________

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