The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, June 13, 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 Chevers to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of May 3, 2011 Workshop Session and May 9, 2011 Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

ADDITION TO AGENDA

EMPG Prime Mover Grant (Q)

Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to add this item to the Agenda under the letters Q, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. TC-SE-11-05: Petition by Lashonda Horton for a Special Exception to located a Manufactured Home in R-8 Zoning District at 2911 3rd Avenue on Parcel T047-111: Julia Shewchuk gave the staff report and stated it comes to the Board with a recommendation of approval from staff and Planning & Zoning Board. The County Manager opened the Public Hearing and called attention to the postings on the wall in reference to the Exercise of Zoning Powers and Conflict of Interest. No Commissioner declared a conflict of interest.

Lashonda Horton spoke on behalf of her request stating this is property left to her by her mother and she wishes to place a mobile home there and live on the property and asked favorable consideration from the Board.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to approve TC-SE-11-05 for a Special Exception from Lashonda Horton to locate a manufactured home in R-8 zoning at 2911 3rd Avenue, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

B. TC-ZA-11-01: Petition by Laverne Patricia Melton for a change in Zoning from WLI (Wholesale Light Industrial) to GB (General Business) for a Funeral Home use on .74 acres on Parcels T060-044 and T-060-0045 at 2909 U S Highway 41 South: Julia Shewchuk was present to give the staff report and reported that it comes to the Board with a recommendation of approval from staff and Planning and Zoning. The County Manager opened the Public Hearing and called attention to the postings on the wall in reference to the Exercise of Zoning Powers and Conflict of Interest. No commissioner declared a conflict of interest.

Patricia Melton spoken on behalf of her request stating that her previous funeral home had been destroyed by fire and she needs to get another one up and running and asked the Board’s consideration to grant the re-zoning request to allow this the Funeral Home at 2909 U S Highway 41 South.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to approve TC-ZA-11-01 Re-zoning request from Laverne Patricia Melton for a Funeral Home to be located at 2909 U S Highway 41 South,
seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Setters asked at this time for Item H to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

F. Motion to adopt the Tift County Animal Disaster Plan

G. Motion awarding the purchase of a 2007 Conventional Day Cab Tractor (Low Boy) for the Road Department to Yancey Truck Centers in the bid amount of $66,800

I. Motion to award the construction of a football Storage Facility at E. B. Hamilton to Jones Construction in the low bid amount of $173,500 to be funded from SPLOST II and SPLOST IV

J. Motion to accept two streets (Hunter’s Wood and Noah’s Way) and right of way from Walter Stephens to be made a part of the Tift County Road System

K. Motion to approve the construction of a covered Parking Dock at the Tift County Animal Control Facility and award the project to Excelsior Buildings in the low bid amount of $7,750 to be funded from SPLOST IV

L. Motion to return unused right of way of 0.13 acres to the current landowners, Mary Young Morrow located on Emerson O’Bynes Avenue with a Utility Easement to be included

O. Motion authorizing the purchase of Microsoft Software License and enter into an Agreement with Microsoft Enterprise in the amount of $150,962.85 to be paid in three payments from SPLOST IV funding

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Items F, G, I, J, K, L, and O was made by Commissioner Rigdon, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

C. Moratorium on Issuing Alcohol License: Motion to table for 30 days was made by Commissioner Miley, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Renewal of FDA (Food & Drug Administration) Lease: Motion to renew the Food & Drug Administration Lease was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Honorary Road Name Change: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to remove this item from the Agenda with no action at this time, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Recreation Utility Vehicle Purchase: Craig Sowell advised the Board that since there was some question about the difference in the bids of the utility vehicle, staff along with the County Manager had visited with the low bid vendor, Perrin Farm Equipment to discuss the particular machine that they bid. The original specs included a change in the tires and Perrin agreed to change the tires on the vehicle they bid, the engine is the same. After the discussion it is staff recommendation to purchase the Kubota from Perrin Farm Equipment in the low bid amount of $13,200. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to approve the purchase of the Kubota Utility Vehicle for the Recreation Department from Perrin Farm Equipment in the amount of $13,200, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Resurfacing 5,699 Square Yards of West Golden Road: (See Item N for Board action)

N. Curb-Gutter and Sidewalk Project on MLK Drive: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to table Items M & N for 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.
P. Appointments to the Athletic Advisory Committee: Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to reappoint Steve Hyman, Raymond Teal, Crystal Craft and Mitch Williams to the Athletic Advisory Committee to serve for another three years with terms expiring May 2014, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to appoint Curtis Richard to fill the vacant unexpired term to end May 2013, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Q. EMGP Prime Mover Grant: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the County match in the amount of $5,190 for this grant for the purchase of a 2011 Ford F-250 & Communications/Lighting Package, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Items:

- Requested an Executive Session for Personnel and Legal

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Chevers commented on how hot it is and advised staff to take precaution and plenty of breaks.

Commissioner Miley inquired if the Departments that work outside are provided with plenty of water and perhaps Gatorade. All the work trucks are equipped with ice water and iced down Gatorade and provided to the employees out in the heat.

Executive Session: Motion to go into Executive Session for personnel and legal matters was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

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