The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Buck Rigdon, Melissa Chevers, Donnie Hester and Mike Jones. Commissioner Sherry Miley was absent because of vacation.

Public Comments:

Ricky Justice, 22 Tucker Loop spoke on behalf of New River Baptist Church. Mr. Justice is Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. He gave a handout of a portion of the Tift County Technical Standards Manual and particularly addressed Section 1.2 under Applicability referencing Redevelopment. He thanked staff for meeting and talking with him when the Church started their new project. He stated that they were not aware that this document even existed and since, he has checked with other businesses and contractors and they were not aware of it either. They are carrying on with their project however it is costing the church probably 5 to 7 thousand dollars more than they had anticipated for the project because of these regulations and having to have an engineer re-draw the plans to abide by the regulations in the manual. They are not asking for any favors but what they are asking for is that the Board consider looking at this document and making some amendments for future redevelopment in Tift County. He would like for the Board to look at the square footage restrictions and the re-development restrictions. The restrictions start at 1/9th of an acre and that is too small; it should be at least ½ acre. Look at what is best for Tift County. On page 2, look at re-development and page 3 look at storm water drainage and management; one size does not fit all. We need to encourage re-development, not impede it. Our request is that the Board consider revisiting this document and make some amendments.

Appointments: None

Public Hearings:

A. Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax Increase: This public hearing is scheduled from Monday, July 11, 2011 at 6 PM

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on July 11, 2011:

B. Resurfacing of 5,699 Square Yards of West Golden Road: Jason Jordan advised the Board that bids had been received and opened. The Scruggs Company came in with the low bid amount of $54,642.35 and it is staff’s recommendation to accept the low bid.

C. Curb-Gutter and Sidewalk Project on MLK Drive: Jason Jordan advised the Board that bids had been received and opened at the designated time. Sumner Construction came in with the low bid amount of $67,816.80 and it is staff’s recommendation to accept the low bid.

D. Motorola Service Agreement Renewal: Larry Taylor, now acting E-911 Director advised the Board that it is time to renew the Motorola Service Agreement for the radios, 911 phone system and the N.I.C.E Recording System. He stated that there is a decrease in the cost from last year in the amount of #1,344.18. This renewal needs to be approved by the Board and returned to Motorola as soon as possible because of the expiration of June 30, 2011 on the current agreement. The renewal amount is $84,558.48 and has been provided for in the budget.

E. Revision to Jail Construction Fund Budget: Leigh Jordan reminded the Board that this budget amendment in the amount of $100,000 was discussed at the June 27, 2011 meeting and staff is asking the Board to ratify the decision given at that meeting to make the necessary budget amend to this account.

F. Development Authority Board Appointments: The County Clerk advised that the terms of Harold Harper and Homer Day have expired on the Development Authority. She stated that she has been told by Brian Marlow that both Mr. Harper and Dr. Day have expressed an interest to continue serving. Two Board Applications have been completed and returned for these seats and the County Clerk has attached them for the Board’s review, from Monty Vezey and Greg Crumley.

G. E-911 Prepaid Wireless Service Fee: The Board was advised that the General Assembly has authorized Georgia counties to impose a 911 charge on prepaid wireless service at the retail point of sale. In order to collect these fees counties must adopt an Ordinance imposing said fees. It is staff’s recommendation to adopt the Ordinance prepared by the Department of Revenue so that the County will be entitled to collect its’ share of the 911 prepaid wireless fees.

H. Behavioral Health Lease Renewal: Leigh Jordan, Finance Director advised the Board that South
Georgia Community Service Board would like to renew its rental of the county owned facilities located on Tifton Eldorado Road. The lease will be for another year expiring June 30, 2012 for $6,800 per month.

I. Renewal of State Office Leases that are housed in County Facilities: Leigh Jordan advised the Board that the County leases space to several State Agencies on an annual basis. All of the leases need to be renewed prior to the start of FT 2012. It is staff recommendation to authorize the Chairman to endorse the renewal leases for all spaces that the State currently leases from the County.

J. Memorandum of Understanding with GEMA as a Designated Hurricane Evacuation Site: Larry Taylor advised the Board that Tift County is one of five counties in Areas 2 designated as Hurricane Evacuation sites. GEMA has allotted each county a certain amount of supplies, along with a storage trailer to assist in the shelter operations at no cost to the county. Staff recommends that the Board approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement with GEMA as a designated Hurricane Evacuation Site and accept the supplies and storage trailer for this purpose. There are two designated shelters in Tift County: 1) First united Methodist Church and 2) Eight Street Middle School.

K. Revisions to Tift County Alcohol Ordinance: The County Attorney advised that some changes have been made to this Ordinance for the Board’s consideration. We have provided the new document as well as the section of the old Ordinance so that you can compare the difference in the reading of the documents. The biggest changes references gaming machines.

County Manager Items:

- The County Clerk reminded the Board of the Swim Meets to be held in Tift County at the Recreation Pool beginning on Saturday July 9th

Commissioners Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting