The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, August 8, 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 Commissioners Buck Rigdon, Donnie Hester, Melissa Chevers, Sherry Miley and Mike Jones. Vice Chairman Setters was absent, he is on vacation.

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

The Chairman presented a Proclamation to Ms. Pat Robinson and Ms. Kenyata Belton, receiving on behalf of Beulah Church, declaring Blessing of the School Year for Tift County Public Schools.

Votes in this meeting reflect the Chairman’s vote as is the Commissioner’s policy when a Commissioner is absent.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of July 5, 2011 Workshop Session; July 11, 2011 Regular Session; July 18, 2011 Public Hearing at 10 AM, July 18, 2011 Public Hearing at 6 PM, and July 21, 2011 Called Meeting was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

Public Comments: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

B. Motion authorizing the Chairman to sign FY-11 Performance Grant Partnership Agreement with GEMA

E. Motion authorizing the County Manager to enter into a memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Commission for redistricting consultation/mapping at $75 per hour

G. Motion authorizing staff to send out a Request for Proposal for Voice over IP Telephone System

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Revisions to the Tift County Alcohol Ordinance: The County Attorney has made some revisions to the Tift County Alcohol Ordinance as it relates to video gaming machines convictions, pleas of nolo contendere, or forfeiting a bond with respect to any felony within 10 years of applying for a license for the sale of alcohol in Tift County and within five years of misdemeanors. The Board was provided with the Amendment to this Ordinance along with the wording from the original Ordinance. Motion to Amend the Tift County Alcohol Ordinance as presented by the County Attorney and staff was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Appointment/Re-appointment to the Behavioral Health Board: Motion to table for 30 days was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointments to the Hospital Authority Board: The Board was advised that the Tift Regional Hospital has submitted names for the Hospital Board seats as set up by legislation. Four members’ terms will be expiring on September 30, 2011 and the appointment or re-appointment needs to be
made by the Board per the Authority’s recommendations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to re-appoint Rosemary Short for another 5 year term to the Hospital Authority Board, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to re-appoint Wasdon Graydon for another 5 year term to the Hospital Authority Board, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to re-appoint Sam Sims for another 5 year term to the Hospital Authority Board, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to re-appoint John Brownlee for another 5 year term to the Hospital Authority Board, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Air Conditioner Proposals for main offices at the Sheriff’s Department: This expenditure will come from the Jail Construction Fund of which the Sheriff has discretion on the spending of these funds therefore it was recommended by staff that the Board remove this item from the agenda as it does not require action from this Board. Motion to remove Item F, Air Conditioner Proposals for the main offices at the Sheriff’s Department, from the Agenda was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Mental Health Building HVAC Unit: The County Manager advised that the Board approved the installation of the new system in this building previously which included replacement of all components except some of the networking controls. The existing control devices are not communicating well with the system. Staff recommends replacing the system controls allowing for system wide monitoring and control to be purchased from SPLOST III in the amount of $23,664. Commissioner Miley stated she would like to go on record stating she is disappointed that this did not come forward in the beginning when we made the motion to purchase the unit. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to purchase the compatible system controls allowing for the system wide monitoring and control from SPLOST III in the amount of $23,664, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Mental Health HVAC Service Maintenance Agreement: The County Manager advised that this is a Service Maintenance Agreement for preventative maintenance of the HVAC Unit. It is important for the longevity of the system as well as adhering to requirements necessary to maintain the systems full warranty. The first year cost is $3,078. The yearly maintenance cost then will go up some each year thereafter. The Board was advised that the County has no one on staff qualified to serve this particular piece of equipment and recommends this preventative maintenance contract to avoid costly repairs. This expenditure will come from the General Fund. Commissioner Jones stated that he was under the impression that we purchased an 18 month warranty with the original purchase of the unit so why do we need a service agreement. This is just a regular maintenance agreement such as changing filters and it stipulates the time scheduling for the preventative maintenance and what it entails. The warranty that was purchased only takes care of parts, not maintenance. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the Maintenance Agreement on the HVAC System at the Mental Health Facility in the amount of $3,078, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried with a 4 to 2 vote. Commissioners Jones and Miley voted against the motion.

County Manager Items:

- Advised that the Redistricting maps are here and we will be getting additional copies so that each Commissioner can take them home to study. The County Attorney gave a brief explanation of the redistricting steps and the process
- Gave a report of the hours of operation and scheduled hours of the Animal Shelter concerning the overtime. He will be discussing this by phone with each Commissioner

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Chevers stated she would like to see the mosquito spraying truck out in her district a little more.

Commissioner Miley asked about digital and small copies of the Redistricting maps and the County Manager advised we will be getting those to each Commissioner.
Motion to adjourn was made by Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest: __________________________
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
8/8/2011