The scheduled Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thompson on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 5:30 PM in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Administrative Building. Member of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Hester and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Buck Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

A. **Approval of Architect Agreement with Glenn Gregory for the Design of New Fire Station No. 1:**

The County Attorney addressed the Board on the subject item stating that with the timeframe we are operating under in order to have a County standalone fire department up and running by July 2016, it has become necessary to get started with the facility to house the fire department.

The location that has been heavy discussed is using a Hanger located at the Henry Tift Myers Airport and renovating it into a firehouse. He and the County Manager have met with Jason Jones and Jason Jordan at it is not feasible to do the work with County Workforce since the time frame does not allow for it to be operational July 2016.

Further discussions have been held with Glenn Gregory Architect Firm out of Valdosta which is the firm that recently completed the Road Department Facility as well as the Public Safety Facility that houses E-911. Mr. Gregory has prepared the Architect Agreement necessary for him to start the work with the Design of the Facility to be ready within 45 days and once that has been completed it will come back to the Board for the approval of the Design and move forward with the project from that point.

The estimated cost of the building would be around $500,000 however, at this meeting the request is only for the approval of the Architect Fee in the amount of $35,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Setter to enter into an Agreement with Glenn Gregory Architect Firm and authorize the Chairman to endorse same in the amount of $35,000 for the Firehouse Facility, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:** None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Rigdon seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7       Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2    Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, Dist. 4       Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6         Attest: Glynda Hemby, County Clerk

10/21/2015