REGULAR SESSION
TIFF COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 (6:00 PM)

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present were: Chairman Grady Thompson and Vice Chairperson Stan Stalnaker and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred “Buck” Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

Recreation Director Craig Sowell offered an invocation and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Dill thanked the Board for its participation in the Ruth’s Cottage project and was thankful for the receipt of the CDBG grant.

MINUTES

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – August 6, 2018; (2) Regular Session – August 13, 2018; and (3) Executive Session – August 13, 2018. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. TC-ZA-18-04, Application by Corey Thompson, owner; Tyler Graybill, Chris West, Josh Hufstetler and Teramore Development, LLC as agents. The current zoning classification of the property is AG (Agriculture). The 4.40 acre tract of land is located at the intersection of Chula Brookfield Road and US Highway 41 North. The applicant is requesting approval to divide the existing tract of land into two (2) parcels and that a new zoning classification be approved for each parcel. The proposed rezoning asked that a 2.40 acre parcel be rezoned from AG (Agriculture) to GB (General Business) allowing for the construction of a 7,500 square foot Dollar General retail store. Additionally, the applicant asks that a 2.0 acre parcel be changed from AG (Agriculture) to RR1 (Rural Single Family Residential)

Tift County Building Inspector Gene Thompkins presented the application.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell advised the Board that the Standards for Zoning are available in their meeting materials.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked the Board of Commissioners if there was any conflict of interest with the Board members. There was no conflict noted.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the Public Hearing.

Chris West, 165 Big Store Road, Thomasville, GA, spoke in support of the application.

There being no further comments, Chairman Thompson closed the Public Hearing.

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Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve application TC-ZA-18-04 to rezone a 2.40 acre parcel from AG to GB and a 2.0 acre parcel from AG to RR1. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

C. Motion to Approve Lease Agreement with AMJ Leasing, LLC for a Copier for Clerk of Court

D. Motion to Approve Contract Renewal with Physio Control for Maintenance of Cardiac Monitors

E. Motion to Approve Contract Renewal with Physio Control for Maintenance of Cardiac Monitors and a Lucas Resuscitation Device

H. Motion to Approve Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Transit Services for FY19

I. Motion to Approve Letter of Intent and Lease Agreement with the State Properties Commission for Rental of 410 West 2nd Street to House the Division of Family and Children Services

J. Motion to Approve the Purchase of a 2018 Dodge Charger from Don Jackson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for the State Contract Price of $21,816 for the District Attorney’s Office

K. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2018-13 & 2018-14 – Collection of E911 Fees

L. Motion to Approve Revised Background Check Policies for Tift County Recreation

Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Garbage Price Increase from Golden Environmental (Tabled 07.17.18 and 08.13.18): County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Service Delivery Coordinating Committee (SDCC) is considering the increase of tipping fees. Mr. Carter asked that this item be tabled until there is a recommendation from the SDCC. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to table this request for 30 days. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Dedication of Roads in The Cove at Willow Creek Phase 2 (Tabled 08.13.18): County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff is still working on this issue. There are several ways that warranty of
these roads can be done and the County Attorney and Director of Public Works are working on this. Mr. Carter asked that this item be tabled. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

F. Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the EB Hamilton Road Project: Director of Public Works Jason Jordan stated that Hatcher Tractor and Equipment will be the contractor on this project and the cost of construction is $2.5 M. GDOT will be paying $2 M of the cost. Because of these monies with GDOT, a contract is necessary. The remainder of the cost will be paid by the County and the City equally. County Manager Jim Carter stated that he has a copy of minutes from a City of Tifton meeting where they voted to participate in this project and he also has an email from City Manager Pete Pyrzenski validating the City’s commitment to this project. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with GDOT for the EB Hamilton Road Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robert Setters. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Scanning and Indexing of Documents for Clerk of Court: County Manager Jim Carter stated that the total bid price from Kofile is $712,370. There is money in SPLOST III for part of this and the remainder will come out of the current and upcoming SPLOST. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to enter into an agreement with Kofile contingent upon the County Attorney’s approval of the contract and price not to exceed $712,370. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

M. Appointments to the Athletic Advisory Committee: Recreation Director Craig Sowell asked that Paul Nelson be appointed to the Athletic Advisory Committee. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to appoint Paul Nelson to the Athletic Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter asked for a brief Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked about the status with the ABM contract. Commissioner Hughes also expressed her concerns regarding the animal shelter. She asked that grants be researched for the expansion of the shelter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
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ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 1
Commissioner Donnie Bester, District 1
Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker, District 4
Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6
Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Absent
Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST: Miriam B. Jordan
October 8, 2018