The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, December 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 Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred “Buck” Rigdon and Melissa Hughes. Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker was absent.

County Manager Jim Carter offered an invocation and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

A. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to add Item K on the Regular Agenda – Language Access Plan (LAP) for CDBG Grant Award. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – November 6, 2018; (2) Executive Session – November 6, 2018; and (3) Regular Session – November 12, 2018. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. The motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2018-18 – Georgia Search and Rescue Task Force 2

B. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2018-19 – Georgia Mutual Aid Group

C. Motion to Approve Agreement with City of Tifton for Use of Fire Training Facility

E. Motion to Approve Alcohol Beverage License Application for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package Submitted by Dolgencorp, LLC for Dollar General Located at 1290 US Highway 82 East
F. Motion to Approve Alcohol Beverage License Application for Retail Malt Beverage and Retail Wine Package Submitted by Pennywise Management, LLC for Short Stop Food Mart Located at 607 Short Street

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

REGULAR AGENDA:

D. **Lease Agreement with Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc. for Ruth’s Cottage Location:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that the lease agreement is still being reviewed by counsel for Ruth’s Cottage. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the lease agreement contingent upon the County Attorney’s review and approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

G. **Appointment to Keep Tift Beautiful Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term for board member Karen Shultz will expire on December 31, 2018 and that Ms. Shultz wishes to be considered for reappointment. Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Karen Shultz. There being no further nominations, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to reappoint Karen Shultz for another four (4) year term. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

H. **Appointment to Board of Assessors:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term for Frankie Mathis is ending and wishes to be considered for reappointment. Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Frankie Mathis. There being no further nominations, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to reappoint Frankie Mathis for another six (6) year term. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

I. **Appointment of County Attorney:** Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon made a motion to appoint Anthony Rowell as County Attorney for 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robert Setters. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

J. **Appointment of County Clerk:** Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to appoint Miriam Jordan as County Clerk for 2019. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Hughes asked two (2) things – (1) Clarify that the County Clerk reports to the Board; (2) Wants new accounts payable clerk to be introduced to the Board. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

K. **Language Access Plan (LAP) for CDBG Grant Award:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that one of the special conditions of the grant for Ruth’s Cottage is to adopt this plan. This plan outlines the County’s responsibility to provide all information relating to the grant in English and Spanish.
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Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the LAP. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

All Commissioners wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes invited everyone to the Gnat Drop on December 31st.

Commissioner Donnie Hester thanked Commissioner Robert Setters for his 12 years of service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none to report.

ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Chairman Grady Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Stan Stainaker, District 4

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST:  

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