REGULAR SESSION
TIFFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 (6:00 PM)

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, April 8, 2019 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 Tony McBrayer, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred “Buck” Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell offered an invocation and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wesley Mims, 4510 Leanne Drive in Deer Run Subdivision, expressed his concern with contractors burning near his home. Mr. Mims stated that he has a respiratory problem and the burning aggravates the problem. He stated that the contractors are clearing land and are burning instead of hauling off the debris. County Manager Jim Carter to look into the issue and will call Mr. Mims with an update.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

There were none to report.

MINUTES

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – March 5, 2019; (2) Executive Session – March 5, 2019; (3) Regular Session – March 11, 2019 and (4) Executive Session – March 11, 2019. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS

A. Chairman Grady Thompson presented a proclamation to several E911 operators proclaiming April 13-19, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Tift County.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Motion to Approve Service Order with BullsEye Telecom for Telecom Services at the Airport

B. Motion to Approve Lease with AMJ Leasing, Inc. (Ashley’s) for Two (2) Copiers at the Sheriff’s Department to be Paid from the Jail Construction Fund

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C. Motion to Approve Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Application for Additional Funding for the Off System Safety Program with Additional Funding Needed Coming from TSFLOST

D. Motion to Accept Bid from Flint Equipment for Lease of a Motorgrader in the Amount of $34,831.52 per Year for Five (5) Years to be Paid from General Fund

E. Motion to Approve Three (3) Lighting Agreements with Georgia Power for Three (3) County Locations - 1213 E. 12th Street (Pickett Building), 410 W. 2nd Street (DFACS Building) and 1468 Carpenter Road (Extension Office) for LED Outdoor Lighting

F. Motion to Approve Contract with Physio Controls for Maintenance of Cardiac Monitors and Lucas CPR Device in the Amount of $11,987.79

G. Motion to Approve Agricultural Lease with Wesley Lassiter for Lease of 25 Acres Adjacent to the Tifton-Tift County Landfill for $1,750 per Year

H. Motion to Approve Agreement with Rankin & Associates for Construction Administration Services during Construction of a New Adult Victim Services Facility in the Amount of $27,500

I. Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc. for Funding of Construction of a New Adult Victims Services Facility

J. Motion to Approve Lease with Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. (Headstart) for Use of County Property Located at 64 Tifton Eldorado Road

K. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2019-03, Surplus and Sell of County Property

N. Motion to Approve Nondisclosure Agreement with Georgia Emergency Communications Authority

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

L. **Appointments to the Hospital Authority:** Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon stated that as a result of the reorganization there are two (2) unexpired terms on the Authority - the terms of Joyce Mims and Dr. Joel Johnson. The Hospital Authority has submitted three names for each of these vacancies for the Board’s consideration.

For the unexpired term of Joyce Mims, the Hospital Authority submits the names of Rosemary Short, Dr. Rubal Patel, and Marian Richbourg. Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon nominated Rosemary Short. There being no further names, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations. Commissioner Rigdon made a
motion to appoint Rosemary Short to fill the unexpired term of Joyce Mims. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

For the unexpired term of Dr. Joel Johnson, the Hospital Authority submits the names of John Prince, Dr. Kaine Brown, Dr. Abhinav Saxena. Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon nominated John Prince. There being no further names, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations. Commissioner Rigdon made a motion to appoint John Prince to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Joel Johnson. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

M. **Appointments to Human Resources Appeal Board:** Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Greg Wood nominated Kevin Dobard, Cpt. Steve Hyman, Dr. Homer Day, Kelly Passmore and David Fant. There being no further names, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to appoint Kevin Dobard, Cpt. Steve Hyman, Dr. Homer Day, Kelly Passmore and David Fant to the Human Resources Appeal Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

**COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Melissa Hughes invited everyone to the Arts in Black Festival May 3-4, 2019.

Commissioner Donnie Hester wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal and personnel matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tony McBrayer. Motion carried 6-0.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further discussion, Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.