The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present were Commissioners Buck Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker, and Donnie Hester. Commissioners Melissa Hughes, Greg Wood and Robert Setters were absent.

**Public Comments:**

**Appointments:** None

**Public Hearings:** None

**Items to be discussed for Regular Session, November 14, 2016**

A. **Adoption of Amendments to the Tift County Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Ordinance:** Carl Fortson gave a brief report on the one (1) changes that is a State Mandated requirement to this Ordinance. The continuing of certification of a Local Issuing Authority is conditioned upon the implementation and utilization of an Ordinance that meets or exceeds the standards, requirements and provisions of the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975.

B. **Award Bid for the 2106 Additional LMIG Project:** Jason Jordan gave the staff report stating that this is additional LMIG money that funds safety projects. The project which is the widening of Ty Ty Sparks Road 2 foot on both sides from 319 South to Salem Church Road was submitted. The project has been advertised and bid. Only one bid was received from Reeves Construction Company in the amount of $355,177.70. The additional money from GDOT is $200,000. The remainder of the expense will be $115,117 that will be funded through SPLOST V.

C. **Resolution authorizing submission of Grant Application to DOT for Tift Lift:** This Resolution is to be submitted with the Grant Application to GDOT for the operation funding for Tift Lift. This is a yearly renewal application process.

D. **Appointment to Athletic Advisory Committee:** There are two vacancies on the Athletic Advisory Committee. Applications have been received from Ricky Sellars and Dennis Reese and they both come as a recommendation to the Commissioners from the Advisory Committee.

E. **USDA Lease Agreement:** This lease agreement expires on December 31, 2016. The USDA has expressed the need for continue occupancy and has submitted the County with a lease agreement. The amendment would extend the lease term effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. They are requesting a 2 year lease instead of a 1 year lease. This amendment would have no fiscal impact as the rental rate has not been modified.

F. **Adult Felony & State Court Drug Program:** The County Manager gave a brief report stating that the Board will need to approve adopting a budget for the Drug and Felony Drug Court and authorize moving $25,000 from the DATE funds for this operation. Charleston Carter could not be here tonight because he is helping with the Election results however he will be here at the Regular Meeting to further discuss this item and answer any questions the Board may have.

**County Manager’s Comments:**

The County Manager advised that the item on the Agenda for discussion only is for some direction on the request from the City to begin having Quarterly SDCC Meeting and Joint Departments reporting to the Commission and Council. The County Manager and the County Attorney feels this discussion should take place taking under the consideration of the Delivery Service and wait until the Regular Meeting when the entire Board members are present.

**Commissioner’s Comments:**

**Executive Session**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7  
Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2
Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

Absent

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

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