

**EMERGENCY CALLED SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020 (9 AM)**

The Emergency Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 9:00 am in the Commission Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present were: Chairman Grady Thompson and Commissioners Donnie Hester, Stan Stalnaker, and Melissa Hughes. Commissioners Greg Wood and Fred "Buck" Rigdon were present via telephone.

County Manager Jim Carter stated that the purpose of the Emergency Called meeting was to consider an Emergency Administrative Order for prevention of the spread of COVID-19. As proposed, this Order would issue a Voluntary Stay Safe at Home, a Mandatory Stay Safe at Home for at-risk individuals, prohibition on public gatherings, closing of recreational and entertainment facilities, cancellation of special events and facility rentals, closing of gyms and fitness centers, closing of establishments providing body care services, closing of bars and nightclubs, closing of on-premise dining for restaurants and restrictions on all other businesses.

After a lengthy discussion, a curfew from 8 pm to 5 pm is to be added to the Order. County Attorney Anthony Rowell to develop a list of exemptions for the curfew for necessary travel during this time.

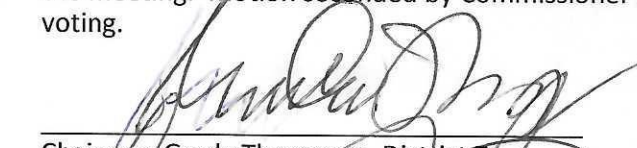
Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to approve the Emergency Administrative Order with the addition of the curfew. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion was 3-3; therefore, motion died. Those voting in favor were Rigdon, Wood and Hughes. Those voting against were Stalnaker, Hester and Thompson.

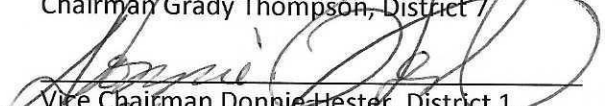
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Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the Emergency Administrative Order with the addition of the curfew. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 4-2. Those voting in favor were Rigdon, Wood, Hughes and Thompson. Those voting against were Stalnaker and Hester.

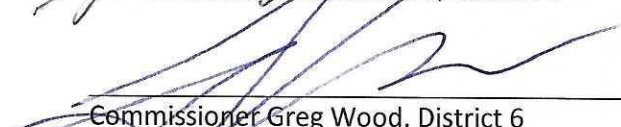
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**ADJOURN:** There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

  
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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

  
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Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

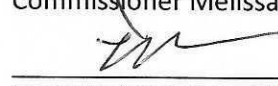
  
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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

  
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Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

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Vacant, District 3

  
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Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

  
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Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST:   
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April 13, 2020