

**CALLED SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020 (5 PM)**


The Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm. As the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic (03/11/20), President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency (03/13/20), Governor Brian Kemp declared a Public Health Emergency for the State of Georgia (3/14/20), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended social distancing measures be implemented for all individuals to prevent the continued spread of the illness, this Called Session was held with attendance by teleconference under the authority of OCGA 50-14-1(g). Members of the Commission in attendance via teleconference were: Chairman Grady Thompson and Commissioners Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker, and Melissa Hughes.


Notice of this meeting was given to the Tifton Gazette (legal organ), WALB News, Fun Channel, Grapevine, posted on the County's website and Facebook page and posted at the Charles Kent Administration building. The notice contained direction and opportunity for any citizens desiring to attend the meeting by phone.


County Attorney Anthony Rowell presented the amendments to the Emergency Administrative Order (EAO). Mr. Rowell stated that the amendment to the EAO places additional restrictions on businesses permitted to remain open. Such restrictions include screening of employees before work. The amendment also adds a penalty for violations of the Order. Mr. Rowell asked that staff be given the authority to further amend the Order based on the Governor's Executive Order regarding sheltering in place.

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to adopt Emergency Administrative Order 2020-02 and give staff authority to amend the Order based on the Governor's Executive Order issued April 1, 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign the Emergency Administrative Order 2020-02 as amended. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further discussion, Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. 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: 

DATE: 5.11.20