

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, JULY 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 Tuesday, July 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present were: Vice Chairman Greg Wood and Commissioners Tony McBrayer, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Commissioner Tony McBrayer offered an invocation and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Roger Dill thanked the Board for their work on Ruth's Cottage. He also thanked Jason Jordan for his work on the same project.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to add item "I" to the Regular Agenda to make an appointment to the Area Aging Advisory Council. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – June 11, 2019; (2) Executive Session – June 11, 2019; and (3) Regular Session – June 18, 2019. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none to report.

**APPOINTMENTS**

There were none to report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Motion to Award Bid for Roadway Improvements on Ferry Lake Road & Lake Wisteria Drive to Reames & Son Construction Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,609,306.50 to be Paid from LMIG, SPLOST VI and TSPLOST and Authorize the Chairman to Execute the Construction Contract
- B. Motion to Award Bid for FY2019 OSS LMIG for Striping Improvements to Peek Pavement Marking, LLC in the Amount of \$196,181 to be Paid from GDOT Grant Monies and SPLOST VI and Authorize the Chairman to Execute the Construction Contract

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- C. Motion to Approve Contract with AT&T for Centrex Phone Lines in the Amount of \$1,629.04 per Month for Three Years
- D. Motion to Surplus 48 Light Fixtures from EB Hamilton Complex and 7 Light Poles from Eve Park and Donate them to Tiftarea YMCA

Commissioner Tony McBrayer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- E. **Resolution No. 2019-06, 2020 Census Complete Count Committee:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan gave further explanation of the CCC. Commissioner Melissa Hughes wants to make sure that the non-speaking (deaf) community is reached out to as well. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-06. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. **Appointments to Athletic Advisory Committee:** Recreation Director Craig Sowell stated that there are five (5) individuals that the AAC would like to reappoint for another three year term – Carl Johnson, Bobby Fresh, Chad Alexander, Scott Burgess and Dennis Reese. Mr. Sowell stated that after these appointments there will still be two (2) vacancies on the Committee.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Greg Wood nominated Carl Johnson, Bobby Fresh, Chad Alexander, Scott Burgess and Dennis Reese. There being no further names given, the Chairman closed the nominations.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to appoint Carl Johnson, Bobby Fresh, Chad Alexander, Scott Burgess and Dennis Reese to the AAC for three year terms. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tony McBrayer. Motion carried 6-0.

- G. **Appointments to the Library Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are two appointments on this Board whose terms are expiring – Jason Hoffman and John Tyson. Mr. Hoffman wishes to be reappointed but Mr. Tyson does not. An application from Judith Thomas has been received for consideration.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations for one of the positions. Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Commissioner Tony McBrayer. There being no further names given, the Chairman closed the nominations.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to appoint Commissioner Tony McBrayer to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations for the other position. Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Jason Hoffman. There being no further names given, the Chairman closed the nominations.

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Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to reappoint Jason Hoffman to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

- H. **Appointment to Community Service Board for Behavioral Health Services:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Chad Alexander has resigned his position on this Board as the elected representative for the County.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Chairman Grady Thompson. There being no further names given, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to appoint Chairman Grady Thompson to the Community Service Board for Behavioral Health Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

- I. **Appoint to the Aging Advisory Council:** Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Chairman Thompson nominated Commissioner Tony McBrayer. There being no other names given, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to appoint Commissioner Tony McBrayer to the Aging Advisory Council. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Melissa Hughes stated that she has received several complaints regarding potholes in roads. These potholes are caused by repairs done to water and sewer lines and then repair site not being fixed. Commissioner Hughes is concerned about the safety on county roads as a result of these lack of repairs.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker thanks the Recreation Department for their work hosting the District Swim Meeting last weekend and Commissioner Stalnaker stated he was looking forward to the State Swim Meet this coming weekend. Commissioner Stalnaker made the following suggestions for the upcoming swim meet – (1) Because of the potential of rainy weather, consider cutting the opening ceremony short and start the event as early as possible; and (2) Consider renting the Leroy Rogers Center for the event. Commissioner Stalnaker stated that he reached out to one of the City Council members about this rental but has never heard back from them.

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Commissioner Tony McBrayer stated that he had spoken with Mayor Julie Smith and Center Director Fran Kinchen and he felt that they were trying to work out a solution for the rental of the Leroy Rogers Center for the swim meet event. Commissioner McBrayer thanked the Mayor and Ms. Kinchen for their work on this.

Chairman Grady Thompson announced that he would be seeking reelection for Chairman.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was none to report.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Vice Chairman voting.

  
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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

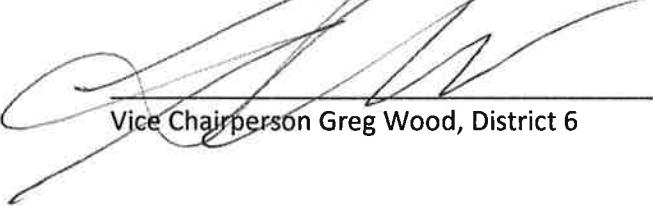
  
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Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3

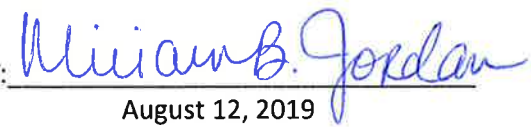
  
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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

  
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Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

  
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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

  
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Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

  
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Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST:   
August 12, 2019