

REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 09, 2017 (6:00 p.m.)

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thompson on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present in addition to Chairman Thompson were: Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Melissa Hughes, Stan Stalnaker, Fred “Buck” Rigdon and Greg Wood. Commissioner Donnie Hester was not in attendance.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

MINUTES:

A Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2016 Workshop Session, the December 12, 2016 Regular Session and December 12, 2016 Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Wood. The Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon to add item “F”, Reappointments to the Tift County Board of Health, to the agenda. The Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- B. Motion to request additional intersection warning devices from GDOT and to pay monthly maintenance costs for the intersection of SR125 & CR 421 (Chula Brookfield Rd)
- C. Motion to approve the corrected bid for roof repair at Behavioral Health from Campbell Construction in the amount of \$49,636
- E. Motion to approve Retail Malt Beverage Consumption & Retail Wine Consumption licenses for Milton Hall, Jr., dba: Collins Event Center, 2703 US Highway 41 South

A Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager was made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. The Motion carried 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. **Appointment of Interim County Clerk:** The County Manager recommended to the Board that the duties of the County Clerk be allowed to be absorbed by current Staff in the near term, that the Board forgo an interim appointment and that Item “A” be removed from the Agenda. A Motion to remove Item “A”, Appointment of Interim County Clerk, was made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The Motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Fire Suppression & Vehicle Extrication Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Tifton:** The County Manager provided a synopsis of the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement as it related to Fire Suppression & Vehicle Extrication. He informed the Board that it was a good, mutually beneficial agreement and that it provided a mechanism for both entities to be allowed to render emergency aid in support of the other agency. A Motion to adopt the Mutual Aid Agreement as presented was made by Commissioner Setters and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. The Motion carried 6-0.

F. Reappointments to the Tift County Board of Health: Human Resources Director Mike Walker informed the Board that Dr. William Grow, District Health Director, had sent correspondence informing the Board of Commissioners that the terms of both Dr. Raymond Moreno and Mrs. Charlotte Bedell on the Tift County Board of Health had expired. Dr. Grow petitioned the Board to consider reappointing both individuals for a new, six-year term that would expire on December 31, 2022. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the position of Physician and Commissioner Hughes nominated Dr. Raymond Moreno for reappointment to the Board of Health. There were no additional nominations. The Chair declared nominations closed. A Motion was made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker to reappoint Dr. Raymond Moreno to the Board of Health. The Motion carried 6-0. The Chair opened nominations for the position of Consumer Advocate on the Board of Health. Commissioner Hughes nominated Mrs. Charlotte Bedell. There were no additional nominations. The Chair declared nominations closed. A Motion to reappoint Mrs. Charlotte Bedell as Consumer Advocate on the Tift County Board of Health was made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. The Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS: The County Manager spoke with respect to the proposed job description/qualifications for the County Clerk position that had been sent out to the Board earlier in the week and asked for individual Commissioner feedback. Additionally, he suggested that the educational requirement component be allowed to be substituted by sufficient work experience. Commissioner Rigdon suggested that the college level English course requirement was redundant and that it be included within the Educational requirement. Commissioner Wood suggested that the requirement to hold current Clerk Certification was too restrictive. Vice Chairman Setters stressed the importance of including the ‘Other Duties as Assigned’ component. A suggestion to allow a period of 12 months for certification was proposed. The County Manager suggested a period of advertisement and acceptance of candidates extending for 30 days and that the search for candidates be conducted regionally via the local legal organ, other surrounding community papers, appropriate associations and the Department of Labor. The Board offered a general sense of approval and direction for Staff and the County Manager committed the Human Resources Director to amend the job description and send it back out to the Board without delay. Furthermore, he suggested that the County Attorney will discuss with the Board the process for vetting the candidates and moving forward with the selection process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN: A Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. The Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

Commissioner F.W. “Buck” Rigdon, District 5

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest: _____
January 9, 2017