

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, April 11, 2016 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thompson on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Administrative Building. Member of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes and Commissioners Greg Wood, Stan Stalnaker, Robert Setters, and Donnie Hester. Commissioner Buck Rigdon was absent

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

These minutes reflects the Chairman's vote since a Commissioner is absent.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of February 2, 2016 Executive Session; February 8, 2016 Executive Session; March 8, 2016 Workshop Session and March 14, 2016 Regular Session was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation: Chairman Grady Thompson read and presented Kelli Shoniker with a Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness Month

Public Comments:

Chairman Grady Thompson read a letter received from the City of Omega in reference to the Fire Department and how they will enjoy a working relationship with the County for Fire Suppression Services in Omega. Mayor Hunt sent the letter on behalf of the entire Council.

Commissioner Setters stated that he could relate whole heartedly with the letter from the City of Omega. Recently he was out of town when two transformers were hit by lightning near his property which caused his property to catch on fire. There was immediate response from the Omega Fire Station and 3 trucks were at the scene.

Commissioner Wood reported that last Monday he attended the City of Ty Ty's Council Meeting and shared with the Board their positive comments on having a good working relationship with the County in reference to Fire Suppression Services.

John "Moody" Huggins was in the audience and asked to share a comment. He stated that he noticed that the press is not present and stated that they are missing out on a great opportunity for some good news to be reported to the citizens.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. TC-ZA-16-02: Text Amendment application to add Section 4-13 under Section 4, Agricultural Uses in the Use Table to allow Farm Equipment Sales & Service as a matter of right in the Agriculture Zoning District provided this use shall be located on a four lane arterial highway, has minimum 201 fee of lot width and/or road frontage and include ingress/egress.

Staff report was given by Carl Fortson and he advised that it comes from the Planning and Zoning Commission with a recommendation of approval.

The County Manager sited the posting on the wall for the Standard of Exercise of Zoning Powers and Conflict of Interest. He asked if anyone had any conflict to declare, there being none he opened the Public Hearing.

Ricky Justice spoke in favor of the request. He serves as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission which supports this Text Amendment as well as he supports it personally.

There was no opposition and the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to approve TC-ZA-16-02 Text Amendment as

presented, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

B. TC-ZA-01-03: Petition by Mike Harrison, agent, LaNell Harrison for a change in zoning on 11.642 acres of land from R-1 (Residential, Single Family) zoning to the RR-1 (Rural Single Family Residential) zoning. Property is comprised of a portion of Parcel 063-012 and owner and agent reside at 21 Jack Donald Lane which is located on the north side of Omega Eldorado Road east of Fogarty Road: Carl Fortson reported that this comes with a recommendation of approval from Planning and Zoning.

The County Manager opened the Public Hearing called attention to the postings of the Exercise of Zoning Powers and Conflicts. He asked if anyone needed to declare a conflict at this time, no conflicts were declared.

Mike Harrison spoke in favor of his request stating that this will make things uniform in the area.

There was no opposition and the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to approve TC-ZA-01-03 Zoning Request from Mike Harrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

C. FY 2017 Department of Family & Children Services MIL Agreement: Motion to approve the MIL Agreement with Department of Family & Children Services to receive the cost of maintaining the building was made by Commissioner Setters seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Capital Defender's Office Lease: This office space lease is located at 225 Tift Avenue, Building C, Suite # 2. They have requested that the Board renew this lease for this current fiscal year as well as the upcoming year which begins July 1, 2016. Motion to authorize the Chairman to endorse the Lease Agreement for the Capital Defender's Office space through June 30, 2017 was made by Commissioner Stalnaker, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Move \$3,500,000 from General Fund Reserves to SPOST V: The most cost effective method of borrowing money for the purchase of fire trucks is to borrow from Tift County's Reserve Fund and require the SPLOST V fund to repay the loan as SPLOST dollars are collected and be recorded on the books as a Due to General Fund Reserves and a Due from SPLOST V Public Safety account. Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve the staff recommendation method of borrowing money for the purchase of fire trucks in the amount of \$3.5 million, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Reappointment to the South Georgia Community Service Board: Motion to reappoint Charles Majeski to serve for another 3 year term expiring 2019 on the South Georgia Community Service Board, was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Reappointment to the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging Council: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to reappoint Glynda Hemby to serve for another three year term expiring June 30, 2019 on the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging Council, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Surplus Vehicle: This vehicle is of no use to the County Fleet anyone because the transmission is gone and other maintenance issues. Motion to surplus this F-150 Ford from Animal Control and place on GovDeals.com was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Comments: None

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Hester thanked everyone for the calls, cards, flowers and other means of condolences during the recent loss of his brother.

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker.
Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, Dist. 4

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

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
4/11/2016