

CALLED SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 (6:00 PM)

The Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present were Chairman Grady Thompson and Commissioners Paul Webb, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, and Stan Stalnaker. Commissioners Melissa Hughes and Fred "Buck" Rigdon attended via teleconference.

Consideration of Service Delivery Agreement Proposal to be Presented to the City of Tifton: County Manager Jim Carter gave a lengthy presentation regarding the history of service delivery, its purpose and previous service delivery proposals submitted to the City of Tifton. County Manager Jim Carter explained the following proposal to be considered for presentation to the City of Tifton.

Proposal #4:

- (1) All services currently funded via the County's General Fund will continue to be provided by Tift County with no change in funding – Recreation, EMS, Animal Control and Public Library.
- (2) Tift County will continue to contractually provide the following services to residents of the City of Tifton – (a) Tax Collection – Collection of City of Tifton property taxes by the Tift County Tax Commissioner's Office for the current fee of 2.5% of the City Digest; (b) City Elections – The Tift County Board of Elections will continue to hold City of Tifton elections for the cost of the election. After a municipal election is held for the City of Tifton, the Board of Elections will present a bill for actual cost to the City of Tifton; (c) Inmate Housing – Tift County will agree to house the City of Tifton inmates for a set daily amount, per diem, provided by the Tift County Sheriff and subject to agreement of the Sheriff to house inmates charged with city ordinance violations.
- (3) The County will provide non-emergent dispatch service for the City of Tifton as it is currently doing for a charge of \$200,000 per year.
- (4) Both parties will establish a joint water and sewer authority – (a) All assets and liabilities of the water and sewer enterprise fund will be transferred to the authority; (b) Residential rates between incorporated and unincorporated customers will be equalized and remain the same; (c) Commercial rates for incorporated and unincorporated customers may be different if consistent with the law and sound principles; (d) Members of the Authority might consist of the Mayor of the City of Tifton, the Chairman of the County Commission, one appointment from the Tift County Development Authority, one appointment from the Tifton Downtown Development Authority, one appointment of a resident of the City of Tifton by the City Council and one appointment of a resident from unincorporated Tift County by the County Commission.
- (5) Both parties will dismiss with prejudice all pending claims regarding the water and sewer systems or enterprise funds. This includes Plaintiff's Complaint for Declaratory Judgement and Second Amendment to Complaint; and
- (6) There will be no look-backs. Stated differently, the parties agree that neither party will file any lawsuit regarding the water or sewer systems or enterprise funds that arose prior to the date of the settlement/dismissal.

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Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to present to the City of Tifton the proposal (#4) as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.



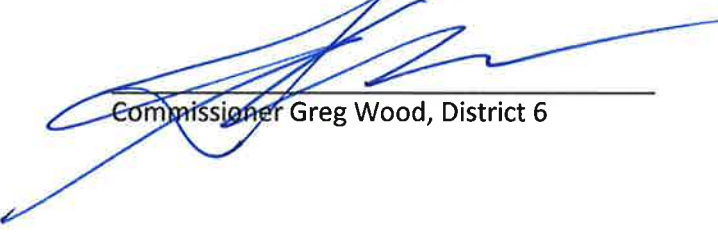
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

Absent

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



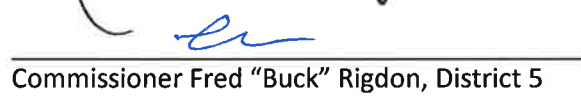
Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Absent @ 7.13.20 nutty

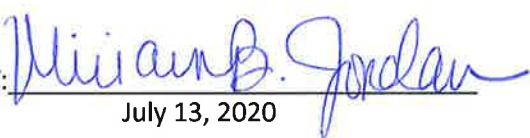
Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST: 

July 13, 2020