

CALLED SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 (5:30 PM)

The Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:30 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.

- A. **Resolution No. 2020-12, Setting of Millage Rate:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that due to a slight growth in the digest the County will be able to rollback taxes. Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to adopt Resolution No 2020-12 setting the millage rate as follows: Maintenance and Operations (Incorporated Areas) at 12.161 mils; Maintenance and Operations (Unincorporated Areas) at 12.161 mils; Special Services Tax District (Unincorporated Areas, TyTy and Omega) at 1.335 mils; and Tift County Board of Education at 16.932 mils. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Tift Circuit Accountability Courts Fiscal Year 2021 Grant Award:** Director of the Adult Felony Drug Court Cherysh Green-Caldwell stated that this court has been in operation since 2017. In order to continue with this service, Mrs. Green-Caldwell asked that the Board accept this grant award in the amount of \$260,631. She also requested that the Board allocate \$25,000 from the County DATE funds to serve as the required matching funds for grant compliance. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the grant award and allocate the \$25,000 from DATE Funds to serve as the match. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. **Memorandum of Understanding with Worth County Board of Commissioners for Adult Felony Drug Court Services:** Director of the Adult Felony Drug Court Cherysh Green-Caldwell stated that the Adult Felony Drug Court Services received grant funding to expand and offer services to Worth and Irwin Counties. The Worth County Board of Commissioners voted and agreed to provide DATE funds in the amount of \$12,000 and other nonmonetary items to support the operations in Worth County. This MOU delineates the responsibilities of each party. County Manager Jim Carter noted that this grant expands services to Irwin and Worth Counties. Commissioner Melissa Hughes expressed concerns regarding participation by Turner County. County Manager Jim Carter to follow-up with Turner County. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve this MOU with Worth County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Memorandum of Understanding with Irwin County Board of Commissioners for Adult Felony Drug Court Services:** Director of the Adult Felony Drug Court Cherysh Green-Caldwell stated that the Adult Felony Drug Court Services received grant funding to expand and offer services to Worth and Irwin Counties. The Irwin County Board of Commissioners voted and agreed to provide DATE funds in the amount of \$10,000 and other nonmonetary items to support the operations in Irwin County. This MOU delineates the responsibilities of each party. Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve this MOU with Irwin County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. **Tift County DUI Court Fiscal Year 2021 Grant Award:** Tift County DUI Court Director Michelle Calhoun asked the Board to accept the grant award in the amount of \$117,713 for DUI Court services. Ms. Calhoun also asked the Board to allocate \$25,000 from DATE funds to meet the match requirement of the grant. County Manager Jim Carter noted that this grant award states

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that the coordinator position will be funded through FY22 as funding allows. However, the Court should work to move the position to the county payroll or fund with another source. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the grant award and allocate the \$25,000 from DATE Funds to serve as the match. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. **Resolution No. 2020-13, Carpenter/King/Whiddon Mill Road Corridor Redevelopment Plan:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the County has been asked by Mandy Young with Affordable Equity Partners, Inc. to adopt a redevelopment plan for the Carpenter/King/Whiddon Mill Road area. Affordable Equity Partners, Inc. is making application through a federal program to construct senior housing. This apartment development will be for seniors ages 55+ and will be income based. It will be located on EB Hamilton Drive adjacent to the Residences at West Haven which is the same kind of housing. Mandy Young was present and gave a brief description of the project. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-13. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

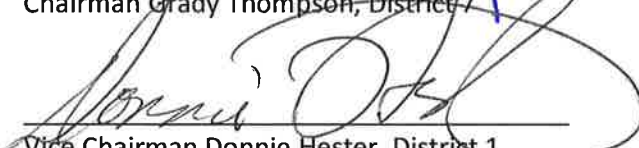
ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.



Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

Absent

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6



Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST: 

August 10, 2020