

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, February 13, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Buck Rigdon, Donnie Hester, Melissa Chevers, Sherry Miley and Mike Jones.

Chairman Thompson asked Commissioner Chevers to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of January 3, 2012 Workshop Session; January 9, 2012 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Ricky Justice brought in a crate of socks (618 pairs) for the "Sock It to Em" Drive which is spearheaded by Commissioner Chevers. This box was collected and given on behalf of his church and he challenged each Commissioner to give at least 50 pair if they had not already contributed to the Sock Drive.

Informational items for Discussion Only: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. TC-ZA-11-03: Petition by Betty Miley, Larry Duncan, Lyle Vandenberg, Charlie Childs, SG and Kathleen Simmons, owners, request a Zoning change for AU (Agricultural Use) to RR (Rural Residential) Zoning district to reflect the existing rural residential use on existing parcels and to allow for rural residential development consistent with the surrounding area: Julia Shewchuk advised the Board of the request and reminded them that it is consist with the Exercise of Zoning Powers and it come to them with a recommendation of approval from staff and Planning and Zoning.

The County Attorney opened the Public Hearing citing the postings on the wall for the Exercise of Zoning Powers and Conflict of Interest. He asked if anyone needed to declare a Conflict of Interest and Commissioner Miley declared a Conflict and will not vote on this matter.

Betty Miley, 736 Chula Brookfield Road, spoke on behalf of the request. She was the lead person of the group to initiate the petition because her step son lives behind her and needs to get a clear deed to his one acre of land. She asked for the Board's favorable consideration.

There was no opposition and the County Attorney closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve TC-ZA-11-03, petition to rezone from AU (Agricultural Use) to RR (Rural Residential) as request, seconded by Commission Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman's vote included due to Commissioner Miley not casting a vote.

B. TC-TA-11-01 and TC-ZA-11-04: Petition by Tift County to adopt the proposed Tift County Unified Land Development code and proposed Tift County Zoning Map:

This Agenda Item was postponed until the March meeting and has been re-advertised.

CONSENT AGENDA:

C. Motion to allow 2012 Relay for Life to be held at Friendly City Park Facility

D. Motion to adopt Resolution to approve the Georgia Department of Transportation to add High Mast Lighting at the I-75 and Brighton Road Interchange

E. Motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed of 0.191 acres of County owned property to the University System of the Georgia Board of Regents located on Brighton Road

F. Motion to adopt the Resolution for the Tift County Application for Fiscal Year 2013 for the operation of Tift Lift Transit System

G. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the GEMA Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement

H. Motion to renew the Lease Agreement between Tift County and the Brookfield Community Club for another year

I. Motion approving a name change on the Beer License for Action Billiards, LLC located on Hwy 82 West to Brett Hawes, owner

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

J. Renewal of Beer License for Jeta Patel at 2620 Whiddon Mill Road: Motion to table for 30 days was made by Vice Chairman Setters, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Appointment to Keep Tift Beautiful Board: The Chairman opened up the nominations. Commissioner Miley nominated Mary Mallow. There were no other nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to appoint Mary Mallow to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board for a four (4) year term, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Appointments to the Tift County Development Authority: The County Clerk told the Board that there are three positions that will need to be considered and each position will be handled separately. As per your recently adopted procedure the Board will be given all the applicants names, the Chairman will then open the nominations from the Board members. When all nominations have been made the Chairman will close the nominations. The Chairman will then ask for a motion and a second then call for the vote. The motion will require four (4) affirmative votes to pass.

The County Clerk advised the first position is for the Statutory Development Authority Appointment currently held by Frankie Mathis. The applicants for this position are: Greg Crumley, Richard Golden, Lawrence Norman Hill, Lynn Lovett, Frankie Mathis and Monty Veazey.

The Chairman opened the nominations. Commissioner Miley nominated Lynn Lovett. Commissioner Hester nominated Frankie Mathis. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to reappoint Frankie Mathis to the Statutory Development Authority to serve a five (5) year term, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried with a 4 to 2 vote. Commissioners Jones and Miley voted against the motion.

The County Clerk advised the next position for consideration is for the Constitutional Development Authority Appointment currently held by Richard Golden. The applicants for this position are: Greg Crumley, Richard Golden, Lawrence Norman Hill, Lynn Lovett, Ronald Nixon and Monty Veazey.

The Chairman opened the nominations. Vice Chairman Setters nominated Richard Golden. Commissioner Hester nominated Lynn Lovett. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to reappoint Richard Golden to the Constitutional Development Authority to serve a five (5) year term, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. There was a 3 to 3 tie on the vote with yes votes from Commissioners Setters, Miley and Rigdon and no votes from Commissioners Jones, Hester and Chevers. In the case of a tie on any motion, the Chairman must vote to break the tie. Chairman Thompson voted in favor of the motion, therefore the motion

carries with a 4 to 3 vote.

The County Clerk advised the next position for consideration is for the Constitutional Development Authority Appointment currently held by Lawrence Norman Hill. The applicants for this position are: Greg Crumley, Lawrence Norman Hill, Lynn Lovett, Ronald Nixon and Monty Veazey.

The Chairman opened the nominations. Commissioner Rigdon nominated Lawrence Norman Hill. Commissioner Hester nominated Lynn Lovett. Commissioner Miley nominated Monty Veazey. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to appoint Monty Veazey to the Constitutional Development Authority. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to reappoint Lawrence Norman Hill to the Constitutional Development Authority to serve a five (5) year term, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. The motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioner Jones voted against the motion.

M. Selection of Architect for the new E-911 Center and Public Works Building: The County Attorney advised the Board that the particulars of the two firms being considered had been discussed and unless the Board had any further questions or concerns this matter is now ready for consideration. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to contract with Glenn Gregory and Associates for the Architect Firm for the new E-911/EOC and Public Works Buildings, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried by a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioner Miley voted against the motion.

County Manager Items: None

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Chevers thanked Mr. Justice for his and his church's contribution to the Sock Drive and also extended thanks to the County Manager, Jason Jordan and staff for their help with this project. She has been overwhelmed with the response.

Commissioner Hester stated that he is proud, we have the best staff and Commission Board in the state.

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Miley seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Sherry Miley, Dist. 4

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

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
2/13/2012