

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, April 9, 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 Miley to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of March 6, 2012 Workshop Session; March 12, 2012 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. TC-TZ-12-01: PETITION BY TIFTON Harley Davidson, C/ Daren Keeter for a change in zoning from R-12 (single Family Residential) Zoning district to GB (General Business) Zoning district for development of a motorcycle rider education and training facility and storage building on 4.29 acres on Parcel T20-36 at 64 Casseta Road:** Todd Miller gave the staff report without any changes as reported from the Workshop Session. It comes with an approval from Planning and Zoning with the three (3) cited conditions.

The County Attorney called attention to the Zoning Postings on the wall. No one declared a Conflict of Interest and the Public Hearing was opened.

Keith Holton, representing the Harley Davidson Store was present to speak on behalf of the requested rezoning. He advised the Board that they stand ready to be in compliance with all conditions attached to the recommendation of approval from Planning and Zoning. They do not expect the noise level from the training facility to be a problem. He asked the Board to consider a favorable decision to allow the motorcycle rider education and training facility and storage building.

There was no opposition. The County Attorney closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve TC-ZA-12-01 rezoning request with the three (3) cited conditions, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried by a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioner Jones voted against the motion.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**F. Motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the ACCG Safety Verification Form to received discounts on Insurance Premiums**

**G. Motion to approve Beer License for Kimberly Jenkins for a Variety Store located at 467 Hwy 125 South**

**I. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the maintenance in Lieu of Rent Agreement for FY 2013 with the Department of Family and Children Services**

**J. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Homeland Security C.E.R.T. Grant awarded from GEMA in the amount of \$4,995**

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**B. Appointments to the Greater Tift County Planning and Zoning Commission:** There are three seats on this Board that will need to be filled. Four Board applications have been filed with the Clerk for the positions which include Gene Fandel, Ricky Justice, Randy Clements and Keri Jones. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for seat one. Vice Chairman Setters nominated Gene Fandell. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to appoint Gene Fandell to the Tift County Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a five year term, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for the second seat. Commissioner Jones nominated Ricky Justice. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to appoint Ricky Justice to the Tift County Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a five year term, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for the third seat. Commissioner Miley nominated Randy Clements and Vice Chairman Setters nominated Keri Jones. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to appoint Randy Clements to the Tift County Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a five year term, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote. Vice Chairman Setters voted against the motion.

**C. Appointments to the Tift County Zoning Board of Appeals:** The current two filled positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals have expired and there is one seat that is not filled. There have been three applications turned in for consideration. Bob Brewster and Luther Overstreet have served on this Board for many years but their terms are up but both have expressed a desire to continue to serve. The third seat is vacant and an application has been received from Tim Butler. The Chairman opened the nominations for the first seat. Commissioner Chevers nominated Tim Butler. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to appoint Tim Butler to the Tift County Zoning Board of Appeals to serve a five year term, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman opened the nominations for the second seat. Commissioner Miley nominated Luther Overstreet. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to appoint Luther Overstreet to the Tift County Zoning Board of Appeals to serve a five year term, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman opened the nominations for the third seat. Commissioner Hester nominated Bob Brewster. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to appoint Bob Brewster to the Tift County Zoning Board of Appeals to serve a five year term, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Appointment to the Library Board:** This appointment will be to fill the unexpired term of Lennie Vollmer on the Library Board. Ms. Vollmer has submitted a letter of resignation. Her term does not expire until June 2013. There has been one application turned in from Ella Pettiford. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Rigdon nominated Ms. Pettiford. No other nominations and the Chairman closed the nomination process. Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to appoint Ella Pettiford to fill the unexpired term of Lennie Vollmer, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Renewal of Beer License for Jeta Patel at Good Neighbor Grocery:** The County Clerk advised that the issue pending with the State of Georgia with Ms. Patel have been cleared. This application has been submitted to the Sheriff for his review with all the documents and it has been

approved by the Sheriff to re-instate the County Alcohol License for Good Neighbor Grocery. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to re-instate the Alcohol License for Jeta Patel for Good Neighbor Grocery, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. Beer License Application for Eli Jarosh for Action Billiards located on Hwy 82 West:** The County Clerk advised the Board that this application was not approved by the Sheriff. Mr. Jarosh presented a Colorado State Driver's License. He is one of the partners in this business and the other partner is not of legal age to hold an alcohol license. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to deny to Alcohol License for Eli Jarosh for Action Billiards, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**K. Approve repairs to the Administration Building Fire Alarm System:** The County Manager advised the Board of the three bids that have been submitted for the Fire Alarm System and stated that staff recommends the low bid from Coopercraft in the amount of \$23,738. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to accept the low bid from Coopercraft in the amount of \$23,738 to be funded from SPLOST funds, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Items:** Stated that we need an Executive Session for personnel and land acquisition.

**Commissioners Items:**

Commissioner Miley asked the status of the "In God We Trust" plaque that has been voted on by the Board to be hung in the Board Room. The County Clerk reported that she had not been able to find any business to construct such a plaque at this time and also has had Jason Jordan working with her on that. Commissioner Jones reported that he had attended the City of Ty Ty Council Meeting and that they have had one made and put up that the Clerk might be able to contact the City Clerk there to find out where they had theirs made. She will do so and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Jones asked the County Manager to arrange a Spring Clean-Up countywide. This has been discussed several times in the past and we need to hold such an event.

**Executive Session:** Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to go into Executive Session for personnel and land acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session and adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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Commissioner Sherry Miley, Dist. 4

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

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk  
4/9/2012