

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 (6:00 p.m.)**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Sherry Miley, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers.

Public Comments: None

Appointments:

Brian Tankersly was present to give Extension updates and members of the 4-H Club were present and recognized for their outstanding achievements in Shooting Sports and other activities. The shooting Team competed at Rock Eagle against 75 teams and captured 2nd in the State. Representative Tony McBrayer presented the 4-H club with a Resolution for winning the National Poultry Judging team for 2011 on behalf of the House of Representatives.

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on May 14, 2012:

A. Approve purchase of a new truck for Animal Control: Regenia Wells, Animal Control Director advised the Board that bids had been sent out to three vendors for the purchase of a new vehicle which will be paid from SPLOST IV proceeds which per the referendum was allocated specifically for vehicle purchases. The bid specifications were for a Ford F250 Pickup. Bids received were from 1) Brannen Motor Company – 21,747.00; 2) Sunbelt - \$21,276.58; and 3) Griffin Ford - \$21,773.00. Staff recommends the purchase from Griffin Ford even though they are not the low bidder but they meet the percentage requirements to purchase locally.

B. Surplus truck at Animal Control: Regenia Wells, Animal Control Director asked the Board's consideration to surplus the 1999 Chevrolet truck that is presently being used at Animal Control. She stated that the truck has a lot of problems and the parts are obsolete and the box on the back is rusting. The vehicle has 172,800 miles.

C. Surplus of four (4) vehicles parked at the Road Department: The County Clerk advised the Board that there are four (4) vehicles parked at the Road Department that are no longer in use by the County nor feasible to be transferred to other departments. The Board needs to declare these vehicles surplus so that we can advertise them for sale on GoveDeals.com and remove them from our insurance.

D. GEMA Communication Planning Grant: Jason Jones, EMA Director advised the Board that GEMA Area 2 counties collectively agree to pursue a regional interoperable communications system. This grant is available to do a study on the communication planning and is 100% funded. No matching funds are required. The interoperable communication system would not only increase Area 2's collaborative response to an incident and allow the counties the opportunity to benefit from an advanced radio system at a nominal fee. The Chairman would need to be authorized to sign the grant application.

E. Authorize chairman to sign Right-of-Way Certification: The County has been contacted by Georgia Department of Transportation of their intent to do a bridge replacement on Ferry lake road at New River Overflow. In order for the County to enter into a contract with them to perform this work, the County must first certify that we own the right-of-way. The Chairman will need to be authorized to sign the certification of right-of-way.

County Manager Items:

- Asked for an item to be added to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting dealing with the Lease Agreement for the USDA-FSA office space
- The County Clerk advised that there could possibly be two more additions for alcohol license if they get signed off on by the Sheriff before the next meeting

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Chevers asked everyone to mark their calendars for the next One Street at a Time pickup which will be May 12, 2012 and Elm Street is the one to be cleaned up on that day. She also asked for participation for Pump up the Volume at the Recreation Department to be held on May 19, 2012.

Commissioner Miley inquired about a date for the much talked about Countywide Cleanup. The County

Manager is working on this issue.

Commissioner Hester stated he had been getting a lot of complaints about people speeding on County Roads and asked about speed bumps. The County Manager advised that we cannot do that on dirt roads but the Sheriff's Department can be notified and they can start patrolling the particular roads more.

Executive Session: None

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Sherry Miley, District 4

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

ATTEST:

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

County Clerk 5/8/2012