

**CALLED JOINT SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF TIFTON MAYOR & COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013  
6:00 P.M.**

The scheduled Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. Members of the commission in addition to the Chairman were Commissioners Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon, Mike Jones, Melissa Chevers and Robert Setters. Vice Chairman Sherry Miley was absent.

Mayor Jamie Cater called the meeting to order for the Tifton City Council. Members of the Council present in addition to the Mayor were Vice Mayor Johnny Terrell, Council Members Chris Parrott, Julie Smith and Marianna Keesee.

Mayor Cater announced that this Special Called Meeting was for the purpose of approving the Request for Proposals for outsourcing Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Services.

Both the City and County Attorneys were present at this meeting.

A copy of the Request for Proposals along with an Index and the Resolution to adopt was given to each attending and Larry Riner addressed the language of the proposal and stated the Committee was charged with two things in putting together the outsourcing of Solid Waste: 1) Make sure we could do it at a lower rate than we are experiencing right now and 2) take care of our employees in the solid Waste Department in this process. Before the governing bodies tonight is a Resolution for RFP's that will provide garbage collection services Countywide with the exception of a contract that may already be in place with another vendor. Those contracts will remain in place until they expire at which time that customer will be required to go with the vendor that is awarded the contract as a result of this RFP.

Mr. Carter addressed the members present and also went over the Index which gives the sections in the proposal where all concerns are addressed. Chairman Thompson asked that recycling be addressed and County Attorney Rowell responded to his question and stated we are addressing recycling in this process.

Commissioner Hester addressed and questioned the collection sites that are now operating. The answer is that the collection sites will be closed. Once a contract is in place for garbage collection, the jointly owned equipment for this service will be declared surplus and then sold with the funds going into the Enterprise Fund for the purpose of having and maintaining the necessary funds for closure and post closure of the landfill. We can no longer continue to allow folks to take garbage to collections sites and dispose of garbage for free. The recent vote in the increase of \$2.00 for garbage collection nowhere makes up the deficit the Enterprise Fund is facing.

The employees of the Solid Waste Department are protected by this RFP; the successful vendor will keep them employed.

Motion was made by Councilperson Julie Smith to adopt the Resolution allowing staff to proceed with the sending out the RFP for the purpose of outsourcing solid waste collection and disposal, seconded by Councilman Terrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to adopt the Resolution allowing staff to proceed with the sending out the RFP for the purpose of outsourcing solid waste collection and disposal, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried with a 4 to 2 vote. Commissioners Hester and Chevers voted against the motion. This vote reflects the Chairman's vote due to the absence of a Commissioner.

Mayor Jamie Cater adjourned the City Council.

Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, Dist 7

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, Dist 1

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Commissioner Robert Setters, Dist

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, Dist 6

absent  
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Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, Dist 4

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Commissioner Melissa Chevers, Dist 2

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Commissioner Fred W. Buck Rigdon, Dist 5

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk 5/21/2013