

CALLED MEETING
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2013 (6 pm)

The scheduled Called Meeting of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thompson on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Miley, Commissioners Buck Rigdon, Donnie Hester, Robert Setters, Mike Jones and Melissa Chevers.

Agenda Item:

A. Purchase of 800 MHz P25 Radio System: This was tabled at Regular Session Meeting held on August 12, 2013 because the Board needed some additional time to review the information and this called meeting was set to take action on this issue.

The County Manager went over the Pricing Summary Sheet with the Board listing all the particulars of the purchase with the Total System cost being \$3,721,107. There was a lease/purchase that was discussed at the Regular Meeting however, staff has done some additional research and the staff still recommends the purchase of the Radio System but instead of using the lease/purchase through Motorola, recommends financing the purchase of the system for seven (7) years through a local bank, B B & T because they have given us rates that we feel will be more beneficial to the County. The rates are cheaper than the rates quoted through the Motorola lease/Purchase. The five (5) year rate from Motorola is 2.69, from B B & T it is 1.93. The seven (7) year rate from Motorola is 2.90, from B B & T it is 2.30. If we choose to go with the seven (7) year term with B B & T the payment will be \$572,758 and there will be no penalty if we pay the loan off early.

Commissioner Chevers stated that she understands that we need this system but she wanted some clarification on where the city stands for their portion. The County Manager advised that they have met with them however the City has not gotten back with them with an answer but negotiations with the City will continue beyond this meeting.

Vice Chairman Miley stated that we are not just talking about buying radios; it is a complete new system for our new 911 Facility that is being constructed.

The County Attorney commented to the Board that the purchase of the communication system is the beginning of the entire project of E-911 and Public Safety. They are beginning now to tear down the old building getting ready for the construction of the new facility. The Motorola staff is going to be ready, they will have a system engineer come down and meet with our folks and the architect through the whole process of the construction. There is going to be a lot of activity going on throughout the project and when all is said and done, Tift County will have a state of the art facility.

Commissioner Setters made a motion purchase the 800 MHz P25 Radio System in the amount of \$3,721,107 from Motorola and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for the purchase, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to go into Executive Session for a legal matter was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Miley, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, Dist. 3

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

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
8/21/2013