

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, January 14, 2013, 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 Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon, Melissa Chevers, and Sherry Miley. Commissioner Mike Jones was absent due to his normal work schedule.

Chairman Thompson asked Vice Chairman Setters to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

These minutes reflect the Chairman's vote due to a Commissioner being absent.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of December 4, 2012 Workshop Session; December 10, 2012 Regular Session, November 6, 2012 and December 10, 2012 Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Larry Spears, 704 Sugar Street addressed the Board concerning a ditch running by his house. He stated that he tries to keep it cleaned out and cut down but it has become necessary for him to ask the Board for some help with the maintenance of the ditch. Jason Jordan told the Board that the County sprays twice a year to keep down the growth. The water is stagnant. Jason also advised the Board that at budget time he wants to look at all the ditches we have in South Tifton and try to get easements to get all of the cleaned out and the water moving. The County Manger and Jason will get with Mr. Spears and see what can be done on this ditch.

ADDITION TO AGENDA:

**Contract with Chad Alexander, Tax Commissioner to collect City of Tifton Taxes (F)
Department of Family & Children Services Board Reappointment (G)
Name a Custodian of Records for the Tift County Sheriff's Department (H)**

Motion to add these items to the Agenda under the letters F, G, and H was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Change Date of the February Workshop Meeting (I)

Motion to add this item to the Agenda under the letter "I" was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Appoint County Attorney: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to appoint Tony Rowell as the County Attorney for another year, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Appoint County Clerk: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to appoint Glynda Hemby as the County Clerk for another year, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Elect Vice Chairman (2 year term): Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to appoint Commissioner Sherry Miley for the Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for a two (2) year term, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Award Bid for John Deere Wheel Loader: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester authorizing the lease/purchase of a 544K John Deere Wheel Loader from Flint Equipment in the low bid of \$137,500 with a yearly lease payment of \$15,100 to be funded from the General Fund, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Award Bid for a Sign Retroreflecto Meter: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester authorizing the purchase of a Sign Retroreflecto Meter from Professional Pavement Products in the low bid amount of \$10,281.03 to be funded from the General Fund, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Contract with Chad Alexander, Tax Commissioner to collect City of Tifton Taxes: The contracts with the City of Tifton need to be renewed since a new Tax Commissioner has been elected. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters authorizing the Chairman to endorse the new contracts with the City for collection of taxes, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Department of Family & Children Services Board Reappointment: It is the recommendation of the Department and Family & Children Services for the Board to reappoint Greg Crumley to service for another five year term which will expire June 30, 2017. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers reappointing Greg Crumley to serve another five (5) year term on the Department of Family & Children Service Board, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Name a Custodian of Records for the Tift County Sheriff's Department: The Sheriff's Department has requested that the Board consider naming a Custodian of Records for the Sheriff's Department separate from the Custodian of Records for the County. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester naming David Haire as Custodian of Records for the Sheriff's Department with Major Bobby Brannon as an alternate, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Change Date of February Workshop Meeting: Several Board members will be at Atlanta Conference on the date of the February Workshop Meeting. The Board needs to consider changing the Workshop date. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to change the February Workshop Meeting to Thursday, February 7, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: None

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

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, Dist. 3

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

_____absent _____
Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
1/14/2013