

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013 (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, January 8, 2013, 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, Commissioners Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Sherry Miley, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers.

Public Comments:

Sheriff Gene Scarbrough was present and addressed the Board stating that he looks forward to working with the Board as Tift County's newly elected Sheriff. He stated things are off to a very good start and that he inherited a great bunch of folks to work with.

Bill Murphree was in the audience and addressed the Board stating that he is now back in the Tift County territory and looks forward to working with the County again on equipment purchase. Mr. Murphree is the Sales Representative for Flint Equipment Company.

Chad Alexander, newly Elected Tax Commissioner was present and addressed the Board stating things are off to a great start and he looks forward to working with and for the Board.

Lt. Col. Larry Taylor of the Tift County Sheriff's Department addressed the Board stating it has been a good beginning and refreshing. Staff looks forward to working with the new Sheriff.

The County Manager stated that there would be three items that needed the Board's consideration to amend the Agenda for the Monday night meeting.

Contract with the City of Tifton with the newly elected Tax Commissioner for the collection of city taxes will need to be renewed naming Chad Alexander as the new Tax Commissioner (F)

Reappointment to the Tift County Department of Family and Children Services Board (G)

Appointment of a Custodian of Records for the Tift County Sheriff's Department (H)
Appointments: None

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on January 14, 2013:

A. Appoint County Attorney: The Chairman advised that this is a yearly appointment. Commissioner Miley asked if the attorney fees were staying within the budgeted amount and she was advised by the Finance Department that they were.

B. Appoint County Clerk: The Chairman advised that this is a yearly appointment and asked if there was any discussion. There were no comments.

C. Elect Vice Chairman (2 year term): The County Manager advised the Board that the Vice Chairman rotates every two (2) years and as previously, by District number. District 3 Commissioner has held this position for two years and now it would rotate to District 4 which is Commissioner Miley. There was no further discussion.

D. Award Bid for John Deere Wheel Loader: Jason Jordan told the Board that he had solicited bids for a 544K John Deere Wheel Loader and a bid was received from Flint Equipment and from Yancey Brothers. This will be a lease/purchase arrangement. Staff recommends the lease purchase from the lowest bid, Flint equipment in the amount of \$137,500 with a yearly lease payment of \$15,100.

E. Award Bid for a Sign Retroreflecto Meter: Jason Jordan advised the Board that this is a badly need piece of equipment needed at the Road Department. The County is required to follow MUTD Codes which mean all the signs in the County has to checked annually to make sure the reflection material on them have not faded away. Currently we are paying around one hundred (100) hours in overtime annually because staff has to go out at night to check the signs. This equipment will allow the checking of the signs in the day time hours which will eliminate the overtime and the equipment will pay for itself in a couple of years. We received bids from: Professional Pavement Products in the amount of \$10,281.03; Gamma Scientific Inc. in the amount of \$10,375; and Advantage Special Ties in the amount of \$11,435. Staff recommends going with Professional Pavement Products in the low bid amount of \$10,281.03

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 1/8/2013