

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, November 11, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Meeting of the Administrative Building. Member of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Sherry Miley and Commissioners Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon, Mike Jones and Robert Setters. Commissioner Melissa Chevers was absent.

Chairman Thompson asked Commissioner Hester to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

**These minutes reflect the Chairman's vote as normal procedure when a Commissioner is absent.**

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of October 8, 2013 Workshop Session and Executive Session, October 14, 2013 Regular Session and Executive Session and October 16, 2013 Called Meeting was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

Eunice Mixon, Library Board Member addressed the Board on behalf of the Tifton/Tift County Public Library Board. The Library Board presented the deed to property across the street from the Charles Kent Administration Building to the County Commissioners. The Library Board has deemed it to be a negative asset for the Library. The Library Board felt the County would be able to make better use of the property and that it could be used in the future to provide additional parking for the courthouse. The property and building had been a gift to the Library from the Massey Estate back in 1981. The deed was signed by the Library Board President and Secretary and was a unanimous vote to transfer the property to the Commission Board. The Library Board also asked for the Board's consideration in the near future to appoint a member of the Commission Board to the Tifton/Tift County Public Library Board.

Roxie Price, Family and Consumers Science Agent for the Extension Office was present to give updates to the Board. She gave each Board Member a goody bag that had good information, measuring spoon and cup, magnets with nutritional information.

**ADDITION TO AGENDA:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to add the Accept of the Deed for Property given by the Tifton/Tift County Public Library under the letter "D", seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**A. Repairs to Carpenter Road North:** Jason Jordan, Public Works Director gave the brief explanation of the needed repairs to this road under an emergency situation and allow Reames and Son construction to do the repairs while they are in town doing another jog. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to allow the needed repairs be completed by Reames and Son Construction to Carpenter Road North in the amount of \$104,239 to be funded from SPLOST, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Change Order for the new Public Works Facility:** Jason Jordan advised the Board again briefly of the request for changes in the new Public Works Facility which is six (6) 17 x 20 concrete pads at the overhead doors and install wood framing and plywood above masonry wall in the warehouse area. The total cost from both additional changes is \$20,900. Motion approving the recommended changes to the new Public Works Facility in the amount of \$20,900 to be funded from SPOST was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. City Annexation Request:** The County Manager advised the Board that it is staff recommendation to remove this item from the Agenda at this time. Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to remove the City Annexation Request from the Agenda, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Deed from Library Board for Property across the street from the County Administration Building on Tift Avenue:** Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to accept the Property Deed from the Tifton/Tift County Public Library in reference to property and building across the street from the Charles Kent Administration Building located on Tift Avenue, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Comments:**

**Roger Dill gave an update on the Truck Bypass:** Mr. Dill reminded the Board that the previous route which ran on Carpenter Road was abandoned due to concerns raised by the citizens in the area and that the County had sent a letter to the DOT stating they would not support that route. The route recommended by the DOT would have run into wetlands and that is the reason Carpenter Road was deemed a better option and it would have been cheaper. We have been advised by the DOT that the funding is only usable if the bypass connects Highway 82 in the east and the west. There is only one way to keep the federal funding and we have to look at some possible alternative uses however the only way we can keep the federal money tied together is it's got to loop 82 to 319 to 82. Mr. Dill and other county officials have met with DOT to discuss the alternatives and that DOT officials have said that the truck traffic is currently at 42 percent. He stated that with 82 coming through town, it is inevitable that if we don't do something there is going to be a concrete curb and gutter going through there and when this happens your constituents will also be upset. We will continue discussions with the DOT and other officials if the Board so chooses and come up with a workable plan. The County Manager stated that we want to make sure that there is good communication with the citizens and that we have plenty of opportunity for citizens input. We will proceed with this at a very moderate pace.

**Commissioners Comments:**

Vice Chairman Miley, Commissioners Rigdon and Jones all made comments that it was an honor to have the Library Board Members present at this meeting and how much the Commission Board appreciates the donation of the property. It is a valuable piece of property and the Commission Board will make good use of the property to benefit the citizen of Tift County.

**Executive Session:** None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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Commissioner Robert Setters, Dist. 3

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

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk  
11/11/2013