

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013 (6:00 p.m.)**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Sherry Miley on Thursday, February 7, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Vice Chairman Sherry Miley were Commissioners Robert Setters, Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers. Chairman Thompson was not present due to attending another business meeting.

Public Comments: None

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

(G) GEBCORP Plan Renewal: The County Manager advised the Board that this is a yearly renewal with GEBCORP for the County's retirement plan. It has been reviewed by the County Manager and the County Attorney with very few changes and what changes it does include are necessary for the plan to stay in compliance with the Department of Revenue Rules and Regulations.

(H) Excise Tax: The County Manager advised that the General Assembly made some changes to the Energy Excise Tax collection and includes a rider that allows Counties to take back what got taken away from us. The County Attorney stated that from a State level it allowed 4% and the local governments got 2% for a total of 6%. The County can adopt an Ordinance to continue receiving the 2%. Each local government can opt in to this and continue receiving the 2%. If the County does not, then the City can apply and get the money. It is the opinion of the County Attorney and Staff the prudent thing to do is pass the Ordinance and continue the tax.

Appointments: None

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on February 11, 2013:

A. Hardware Maintenance Contract: Al Stephenson explained to the Board that in 2010 the County installed an enterprise virtual server solution and that currently 80T of Tift County servers applications are hosted on this equipment which included 911, virus and spam filtering, jail records management, probate and magistrate, tax assessors applications and network infrastructure servers. Since this equipment makes up the core of Tift County's IT infrastructure a maintenance agreement with Dell is needed which will provide 24 x 7 telephone support with a 4 hour response time for parts. The cost of the agreement will be \$9,835.15 and will need to be paid from the contingency fund because it was not a budgeted for in this budget. In the future it will need to become a line item in the budget.

B. Appointment/Reappointment to the Area Agency on Aging Council: The County Clerk advised that the seat she currently holds on this Council will expires soon and a letter has been received for the Board's consideration of making an appointment or reappointment to this Council for another three years. Attendance documentation as well as the letter of request was included in the information for the Board's review.

C. Appointment to Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Council: This seat is currently held by the County Clerk however a letter has been received from the Region Four office that because she is not a resident of Tift County she is not eligible to serve as a Tift County Representative. The Board will need to make another selection to fill this seat on this Council and that person must be a resident of Tift County. The Council meets quarterly at various places with in the Region Four and the representative is reimbursed for mileage to attend the meetings.

D. Resolution Appointing a County Legislative Coordinator: The County Manager advised that ACCG is requesting the Board to appoint an elected official or staff member to be the main point of contact for Legislative updates, correspondence and information. A Resolution has been included in your book and enumerates the qualities said appointee should possess.

E. Resolution to submit for a CDBG Grant Application: The County Manager advised that the Department of Community Affairs requires the Board to adopt a Resolution for the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The purpose of the application for the grant will be addressing drainage and street paving improvements for Sutton Circle.

F. Resolution to submit Tift Lift Grant Application: The County Manager advised that the Department of Transportation requires that a Resolution be executed and made a part of the County's Grant application to operate Tift Lift. This is normal procedure and a mandatory step in the application process.

Executive Session: None

Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Chevers asked the County Manager where we are with the trash situation and a new company coming in. He has met with the city on this and they talked seriously about trying to get a February date. The County Attorney and Manager are recommending a timeline of RFQ's to the Board by March with a date for the go date to be July 1st. We need to do some work to make sure the plan will be the best workable plan possible. We have what it takes to work it is just going to take some time to get it all in place. He recommends we continue operation as is until we can get all of this in place.

Vice Chairman Miley encouraged the Commissioners to stay on top of a couple of Bills that are being considered right now and follow the progress, it is not good for the County.

Vice Chairman Miley adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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

ATTEST:

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

County Clerk 2/7/2013