

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, MARCH 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, March 11, 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 Sherry Miley and Commissioners Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon, Melissa Chevers, Mike Jones and Robert Setters.

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

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of February 7, 2013 Workshop Session; February 11, 2013 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

**Sheriff Scarbrough** addressed the Board stating that he wanted to thank all of the Tift County Department Heads, especially the Road Department for their dedication, work and help through the recent excessive rains. He said that the Road Department worked really hard in trying to keep the roads open and passable. He said that everybody's job is easier when everyone works together as we did through this situation.

Jason Jordan, Public Works Director stated that he has 42 men on staff that do a great job and he was very proud of them through this situation. The County Manager agreed with both the Sheriff and Jason stating that everyone was pulling in the same direction and it just makes everything go smoother.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**A. Public Works Facility:** Jason Jordan advised the Board that this is for the selection of the contractor to do a Value Engineering study on the entire project to see where we might can save money. The successful contractor will do the value engineering and give a firm price of what the facility will cost to build. The contract will be paid \$7,000 to do the value engineering.

Before the vote was taken, Vice Chairman Miley declared a conflict of interest therefore the vote on this issue will include the Chairman's vote.

Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to award the value engineering to Jones Construction Company as recommended by staff, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Beer License for Manish Patel for EZ Mart in Brookfield:** The application has been properly processed and approved by the Sheriff. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters approving the Beer License for EZ Mart in Brookfield, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Resolution to adopt Approved Short-Term Work Program Updates:** This is the final Resolution to adopt the Approved Short-Term Work Program Updates for Tift County. Motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Vice Chairman Miley, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Request from Tax Commissioner to change Refund Amount Policy:** The Tax Commissioner requests the Board's approval to change the refunds and collection amounts from the starting amount of \$2.00 to \$5.00 which is the guideline the State uses for their refunds and collections. Motion to change the collection and refund amounts starting at \$5.00 to be in line with the State guidelines was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Text change in Personnel Policy Manual:** This is an amendment to the Tift County Personnel Policy referencing Section 4.06 (5)(a) & Section 4.06 (5)(b) which is Recruitment and Employment

dealing with the Selection Process as well as correcting a typographical error in 4.06 (a(3) and 4.06(5)(b)(1). Motion was made by Vice Chairman Miley to approve and adopt the Personnel Policy Amendment as recommended by the Human Resource Director, Mike Walker, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously. The amendment has been made a part of these minutes marked as Exhibit "A".

**Commissioners Comments:**

Commissioner Hester stated that it had been about six (6) when the water system was merged with the City of Tifton and yet there still has been nothing happening to equalize the water rates and he is still disturbed about this situation. He said he would like to meet with the Water Committee or get on the next City Agenda to address the issue with City Council. The County Manager stated that it has been on the table and has been discussed for a number of years. We are in a 10 year agreement with them and we are coming up soon on that dated. He also stated that there is a Bill going through the General Assembly right now that might be the solution to this problem which will be changes in State Law. It has passed in the House and is not in the Senate. He will keep the Board informed on the standing of the Bill.

**Executive Session:** None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Setters. 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  
3/11/2013