

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, May 13, 2013 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courtroom 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 Jones to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of April 2, 2013 Workshop Session; April 8, 2013 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**Public Hearing:** **TC-ZA-13-01: Petition from Stafford to rezone from R8M/MHP (Mobile Home Park) to MR (Multiple Residential) for development of a multi-family townhome development on 22.3 acres located on Golden Road:** Todd Miller with Southern Regional Commission was present to give the staff report and answer any questions the Board may have. He state that it meets all the Standards for Exercise of Zoning Powers and comes to the Board with a recommendation of approval from Planning and Zoning. The Chairman declared the Public Hearing Open and the County Attorney sited the posting of the Standards for Exercise of Zoning Powers and Conflicts of Interest. There were no Conflicts of Interest expressed.

Carol Wisenbaker spoke in favor of the rezoning. She and her husband Mark Wisenbaker are the relocation agents for this project.

There was no opposition and the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to approve TC-ZA-13-01, Petition to rezone from R8M/MHP to MR for development of a multi-family townhome development on 22.3 acres located on Golden Road, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**D. Motion approving the annual renewal of the Motorola Services Agreement in the amount of \$95,425.44**

**E. Motion approving the annual renewal of the Maintenance in Lieu of Rent Agreement with the Department of Family and Children Services**

**G. Motion to award the Ferry Lake Bridge Project to Southern Concrete in the bid amount of \$1,036,164.57**

**H. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse maintenance Contract with the Department of transportation for State Highway mowing of State Right-of-way**

**I. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse a Lease Agreement with Yancey Caterpillar for two (2) Backhoes, one (1) Wheeled Excavator, (1) Dozer and a Lease Agreement with Flint Equipment for one 91) Backhoe in the total amount of \$34,814.24 payment annually**

**J. Motion authorizing the acceptance of \$50,000 from the Tourism Board for Phase I at the E. B. Hamilton Soccer Facility**

**K. Motion to adopt a Resolution for the procurement of a Professional Engineering and Administrative Firm for the 2013 Community Development Block (CDBG) for Tift County**

## **Sutton Circle/Robert Oliver Drive Project**

**M. Motion authorizing the County Attorney to proceed with issuing a new deed to Springfield Baptist Church, deleting the language that states the land shall revert back to Tift County**

**Motion approving the Consent Agenda, Items D, E, G, H, I, J, K, and M was made by Commissioner Rigdon, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**B. Resolution endorsing an application by Prestwick Development (Stafford):** A brief recap of this request was given by the County Manager for the requested Support Resolution endorsing the application for this project from Prestwick Development. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Resolution and support letter for addition to the Groves Place Apartments:** The County Manager gave a brief recap of the nature of the request from Mitchell Davenport for the Resolution and Letter of Support for Phase II of the Groves Place Apartments. Motion was made by Commissioner Jones authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Resolution and Letter of Support, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Appointment to the Department of Family & Children Services Board:** The appointment of Carol Bell will expire on June 30, 2013 and the DFCS Board recommends the reappointment of Ms. Bell to serve for another term. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Jones nominated Carol Bell. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nomination process. Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to reappoint Carol Bell to the Department of Family and Children Service Board to serve another five year term to expire on June 30, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Award Bid for construction of Public Works Facility:** It was stated the Jones Construction has completed the Value Engineering process of this project and have reported a savings to the County on the new Public Works Facility of \$169,620. Staff recommends the approval award to Jones Construction for the contract to construct the new Public Works Facility in the amount of \$962,266. Prior to action taken on this item, Vice Chairman Sherry Miley declared a conflict of interest. The vote will reflect the Chairman's vote because of the declaration of the conflict. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to award the contract for the construction of the new Public Works Facility to Jones Construction in the amount of \$962,266, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**N. Award Truck Bid for County Manager vehicle:** The vehicle was properly bid and staff recommends the approval of the low bid from Griffin Ford in the amount of \$30,832. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to accept the low bid from Griffin Ford in the amount of \$30,832 for the purchase of a 2013 F-150 Ford Truck in the amount of \$30,832, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

**O. Solid Waste Collection Request for Proposal:** The County Manager recommended to the Board to remove this item from the Agenda explaining that a Joint Meeting with the City of Tifton has been set up for May 21, 2013 to take action on this item. Motion to remove this item from the Agenda was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Commissioners Comments:**

Commissioner Chevers advised that "Pump Up the Volume" Health Fair will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Department and invited all to drop by from 9 AM until Noon for the event. There will be a Crime Watch meeting held on May 20 and May 23, 2013 at 6 PM at the Southside Community Center

Commissioner Hester reported that there is a new owner of the Chevron Station located on South Central Avenue. He has talked with the new owner and wanted to know if there is anything the County can do to assist him in getting cameras for video set up around the facility given the recent

incidents that have been happening in that area. It was explained that because it is private property, the owner will be responsible for any installation of such cameras and/or video equipment.

**County Manger Comments:**

Mr. Carter reminded the Board of the following dates that have been set in conjunction to the adopting of the 2013-2014 Operating Budget for Tift County:

- June 4, 2013 Workshop Session 6 PM
- June 7, 2013 Budget Workshop Session 9 AM- 5 PM
- June 10, 2013 Regular Meeting in which the Public Hearing will be held on the Operating Budget 6 PM
- June 18, 2013 Called Meeting to adopt the Operating Budget and set the Tentative Millage Rate - Time to be determined later

**Executive Session:** None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Rigdon, 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  
5/13/2013