

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, July 2, 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, July 2, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Robert Setters, Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers. Vice Chairman Sherry Miley was on vacation.

Public Comments: None

Appointments: None

Public Hearings:

A. Road Closure: Petition has been received and application fee has been paid for the Board's consideration to close Trummie Patrick Road beginning at William Gibbs Road and ending at Ty Ty Sparks Road: Jason Jordan advised the Board that the County has received a petition to close this road and all landowners have signed. The road does not particularly benefit any citizens and no one lives on the road. It is farm land on either side of the road. There have been numerous issues of vandalism, illegal dumping and other violations that have prompted the closing of the road. The County Clerk has received the application and fee to close the road, she has properly advised it and all landowners have been notified of the Public Hearing date as required. Staff recommends the closing of this road and removal from the County's Road System.

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on July 8, 2013:

B. Memorandum of Agreement between Tift County and GEMA: Jason Jones gave the explanation of this request; basically the Agreement states that if there is a hurricane we will open a shelter in the area. We have been supplied with a trailer with supplies for this occurrence and if a shelter has to be opened the supplies used from the trailer during the time will be replace by GEMA.

C. Roads to be submitted for LMIG for FY 2014: Jason Jordan advised that staff recommends for the 2014 GDPT LMIG Funds the resurfacing of Chula Brookfield Road from Highway 82 to Ferry Lake Road and Brookfield Lenox Road from Lower Brookfield Road to the County Line. It is a total of 5.6 miles.

D. Balotar on Demand Print for Elections Office: Sandi Fallin was present to advise the Board on this request. The equipment will print ballots needed for elections on demand and in the long run save the County money. The Board of Elections and Registration request the approval to award contract without competition for Ballot Printing Services in the lease amount of \$5,099 annual payment for a 5 year term. The funds have been allotted in the budget. The County Attorney has review the contract and would like to make some changes to the indemnity clause and the termination clause in the agreement. Should the Board approve this at the Regular Meeting he would like for it to be contingent on making changes on these two items.

E. Renewal Lease Agreement with Behavioral Health: The County Attorney addressed the Lease Renewal with the Board. The original term for the lease was for 1 year with an annual renewal every year for 15 years. The lease is for \$6,800 per month beginning July 1, 2013 and continuing thru June 30, 2014. There is an addendum to the Lease Agreement proposed by Behavioral Health Services and deletions have been made by County Staff in the addendum as they are not in line with the original agreement and have subsequently been stricken from the document. The first change adds that disregarding any previous verbal or written agreements, it is the landlord's responsibility to service, replace, keep and maintain the property in good order and repair which includes normal wear and tear replacements, servicing and repairing air conditioning, plumbing light fixtures, lawn care and removal of debris from gutters and roof. This is already addressed in Section 15 of the original Lease Agreement. The second change provides a 30 day written notice from the Community to cancel the lease. This is already addressed in paragraph 2 of the Addendum to the Lease which allows for a 90 day written notice. It is the Attorney and Staff's recommendation to approve the Lease Agreement with Behavioral Health Services with the deletions as stated be stricken from the Addendum to the Lease Agreement.

F. Text Amendment to Tift County Personnel Policy: Mike Walker, Human Resources Director explained the Text Amendment to the Tift County Personnel Policy. The proposed amendment, Personnel Policy 8.03, Military Leave, addresses deficiencies in the current text. It clearly defines the three (3) types of military leave recognized by the County, outlines the administration of benefits during qualified leave and addresses the IRS "non-employee" ruling as it pertains to withholdings for salary differential pay. The County Attorney and staff recommends that the current Policy 8.03, Military Leave, be replaced by this proposed Text Amendment.

G. Board Reappointments: The County Clerk advised of the following recommended reappointments to several Boards that have County representation:

- Keep Tift Beautiful Board – reappointment of Jimmy Carson
- Community Service Board – reappointment of Charles Majeski
- Tourism Board – reappointment of Roger Dill and Jack Stone
- Library Board – reappointment of Ella Pettiford and Jason Hoffman

H. Truck Bypass: The County Attorney reminded the Board at the June meeting a person representing seven (7) different subdivisions came before the Commission requesting that the proposed truck bypass utilizing portions of Carpenter Road be denied. There were 125 plus citizens that filled the meeting room and hallway of the Administration Building in support of this request. The County Manager has had a discussion with the Georgia Department of Transportation and keeping in mind that another public hearing is scheduled for August 22, 2013, staff recommends that a letter be approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman memorializing the Commissions desire for the truck bypass to utilize another route if possible. If no alternative route is feasible the letter also denotes the Commission’s lack of support for continuation of the project.

Commissioner’s Comments: None

The County Clerk gave a list of dates for the Commissioners to mark their calendar for events to attend:

- July 6 District Swim Meet
- July 8 Ribbon Cutting at Firehouse Subs at 9 AM
- July 18 SDCC Meeting at the City Municipal Building at 4 PM
- July 19 & 20 State Swim Meet
- July 24 Called Board Meeting: Final Millage Rate & adopt Levy Resolution at 5 PM

Executive Session: None

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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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 7/2/2013