

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, July 8, 2013 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, July 8, 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, Melissa Chevers, Mike Jones and Robert Setters.

Chairman Thompson asked Vice Chairman Miley to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of May 21, 2013 Called Joint Session; June 4, 2013 Workshop Session, June 7, 2013 Budget Work Session; June 10, 2013 Regular Session; June 18, 2013 Called Meeting and Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers.

**Public Comments:**

Robert Daily, a resident of Hunter's Creek Subdivision was present and inquired about the truck bypass. The County Manager advised that it is an item on the Agenda and when the Board got to that point on the Agenda, he thought his questions would be answered. He agreed to stay for the meeting to hear the discussion.

**Public Hearing:**

**A. Road Closure: Trummie Patrick Road:** Jason Jordan advised that the proper procedure has been followed in compliance with the Tift County Road Closure Ordinance and staff recommends the closing of this road. The required Public Hearing needs to be held as the final step in this process.

The Chairman declared the Public Hearing Open.

There was no public comment for or against the closing of the road.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to close Trummie Patrick Road and remove this road from the Tift County Road System, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**B. Memorandum of Agreement between Tift County and GEMA:** This agreement must be accepted by Tift County accepting the terms by which GEMA provides Emergency Evacuation Shelter Equipment to be used in designated evacuation shelters in Tift County. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Memorandum of Agreement between Tift County and GEMA was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Roads to be submitted for LMIG for FY 2014:** Staff recommends that Tift County submit 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 for the FY 201 LMIG funding. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to approve staff's recommendation for the FY LMIG funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation total 5.6 miles of resurfacing, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Balotar on Demand print for Election Office:** Staff requests the approval to Lease for printing ballots to with Advance Ballot Solutions the amount of \$5,088 annually for a 5 year term lease. The County Attorney wishes to make changes in the indemnity clause and term language. Motion to approve the Lease with Advance Ballot Solutions in the amount of \$5,088 annually contingent upon satisfactory terms in the two stipulated sections of the lease by the County Attorney was made by

Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Renewal Lease Agreement with Behavioral Health:** The County Manager advised the Board that there are two changes made from the original lease with this Agency and after discussing with the County Attorney, those two things have been struck from the Addendum to Lease and staff recommends approval of the Lease Agreement with those two items removed. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to approve the Addendum to Lease with Behavioral Health with the two items referenced by the County Manager being struck from the document, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Text Amendment to Tift County Personnel Policy:** This is an amendment to the Personnel Policy Section 8.03, Military Leave, which 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 “no-employee” ruling as it pertains to withholding for salary differential pay. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Miley to adopt the amendment to the Personnel Policy Section 8.03, Military Leave, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

### **G. Board Reappointments:**

Keep Tift Beautiful has recommended the reappointment of Jimmy Carson. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Vice Chairman Miley nominated Jimmy Carson to this seat. There were no other nominations and the Chairman closed the nomination process. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Miley to reappoint Jimmy Carson to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board to serve another 4 year term, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Service Board has recommended the reappointment of Charles Majeski. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Rigdon nominated Charles Majeski to this seat. There were no other nominations and the Chairman closed the nomination process. Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to reappoint Charles Majeski to the Community Service Board to serve another 3 year term, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism Board has recommended the reappointment of Roger Dill. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Hester nominated Roger Dill to this seat. There were no other nominations and the Chairman closed the nomination process. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to reappoint Roger Dill to the Tourism Board to serve for another 3 year term, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism Board has recommended the reappointment of Jack Stone. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Vice Chairman Miley nominated Jack Stone to this seat. There were no other nominations and the Chairman closed the nomination process. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Miley to reappoint Jack Stone to the Tourism Board to serve for another 3 year term, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board has recommended the reappointment of Ella Pettiford. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Vice Chairman Miley nominated Ella Pettiford to this seat. There were no other nominations and the Chairman closed the nomination process. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Miley to reappoint Ella Pettiford to the Library Board to serve another 3 year term, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board has recommended the reappointment of Jason Hoffman. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Chevers nominated Jason Hoffman. There were no other nominations and the Chairman closed the nomination process. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to reappoint Jason Hoffman to the Library Board to serve another 3 year term, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. Truck Bypass:** The County Manager reminded the Board at the June Meeting a person representing seven different subdivisions came before the Commission requesting that the proposed truck bypass utilizing portions of Carpenter Road be denied. After discussion with the Georgia Department of Transportation and another public hearing is scheduled for August 22, 2103, staff recommends that a letter be approved by the Board and signed by the Chairman which would memorialize the Commission's desire for the bypass to utilize another route if possible. If no alternative route is feasible the letter denotes the Commission's lack of support to continue the

project. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the letter with the Chairman's signature and send to the Georgia Department of Transportation, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Comments:**

- **Advised of the State Swim Meet at the Recreation Department Pool on July 19 & 20**
- **Advised of SDCC Meeting on July 18 to discuss water out sourcing**
- **Reminded the Board of the Called Meeting set for July 24 at 5PM**

**Commissioners Comments:**

Commissioner Chevers advised of the Community Swim Parties that will be held on July 12 for ages 9 through 12 from 7 PM to 9 PM and July 14 for ages K through 8 from 4 PM to 6 PM

Commissioner Jones commented on the resurfacing project that has started at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Carpenter Road and asked everyone to be careful and be mindful of the work being done there with the all the construction.

**Executive Session:** None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Jones. 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  
7/8/2013