

**CALLED JOINT MEETING  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AND  
CITY OF TIFTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, March 13, 2014 (5:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Called Meeting of the Tift County Board of Commissioners and the City of Tifton Mayor and Council was called to order by Chairman on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. at the Welcome Station in the City of Tifton. Member of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Donnie Hester, Mike Jones, Robert Setters, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers. Vice Chairman Miley was absent.

**The purpose of this meeting was for discussions of Solid Waste Management/Garbage Pickup**

The County Manager gave an overview of the issue and advised that RFP had been advertised, mailed and results turn in from vendors. There were five mailed out. One vendor did not respond which left four proposals for consideration. Staff then looked at them as a group and determined that two companies set themselves aside with their cost price to pick up garbage countywide. The goal was for the best service at the lowest cost. A pre bid meeting was held with Golden Waste and Waste Pro to go through a vetting process with the vendors. The next step was providing the Governmental bodies with the evaluation criteria description. From the selection of the criteria a scoring sheet was made for the Commissioners and Council to use as a tool to help them decide the vendor.

The next step from here is to have both vendors come and make their presentations and the governing bodies will use the scoring sheet through this process. The meeting today is to approve the criteria and the scoring sheet for this process.

Many of the Commissioners and the Councilpersons vented questions to both the City and the County Managers as well as both attorneys. Many felt that the weight of the scoring sheet should lend more points for the employees. Some felt that the residential rates, customer rates and the employees should all have the same weight as far as points on the scoring sheet.

After much further discussion of moving the points to the specific three areas mentioned above, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Chevers for the scoring sheet to be revised to the following:

Customer Service History	10 Points
Qualifications	5 Points
Residential Rates	20 Points
Commercial Rates	20 Points
Recycling Rates	10 Points
Used Residential Can Purchase Price	5 Points
Employee Benefits	20 Points
Number of Years of Experience in Field	5 Points
Scope of Proposed Service	5 Points

The motion carried unanimously which included the Chairman's vote. As procedure adopted, when a member of the Commission Board is absent, the Chairman will vote on issues.

The City of Tifton Mayor and Council also voted the same unanimously.

The Governmental Bodies then both agreed to have another called Joint Meeting at this same location on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 5 PM for the presentations by both vendors. Staff will work together to structure the meeting with equal time limits for both vendors as well as equal time limits for a questions and answer period. Once the Agenda has been agreed upon by both the City and County Manager as well as both attorneys, staff will notified their respective Commission and Council of the Agenda and the timelines. Both vendors will be contacted to make sure that the times and dates will be acceptable for them and their schedules.

There was no further business and the both Governmental Bodies closed the meeting.

**Executive Session:** None

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Robert Setters, Dist. 3

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

\_\_\_\_\_absent\_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

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Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk  
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