

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, April 7, 2014 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Administrative Building. Member of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Sherry Miley and Commissioners Donnie Hester, Mike Jones, Robert Setters, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

**Proclamation:** The Chairman read and presented a Proclamation to Greg Millette for Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month.

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

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of March 4, 2014 Workshop Session, and March 10, 2014 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**Public Hearings:**

**A. TC-ZA-14-01: Application by Triest Ag Group and Wolfpack Properties, Stephen Rakestraw, Agent request to rezone 18.05 acres and 1.576 acres located on West Golden Road from AG (Agriculture to WLI (Wholesale Light Industrial) for the proposed construction of a shop building for equipment storage. Subject property is Tift County Tax Map 047 Parcel 084, T-022 Parcels 006 and 007:** Todd Miller was present to give the staff recommendation for this request. It comes with an approval with four (4) conditions which are: Preserve a minimum 100' vegetative buffer along the west boundary of Tract 1 and the southern boundary of Tract 1; Install only cutoff style light fixtures on Tract 1 ensuring no offsite light spillage and the hours of operation shall be limited to 8 AM to 8 PM.

The County Attorney called attention to the Exercise of Zoning Powers postings as well as the Conflict of Interest postings. He asked if there was Board Member that needed to declare a Conflict of Interest. There was no conflict declared.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing:

Stephen Rakestraw addressed the Board in favor of the request and stated he and his clients understood the conditions of the recommendation to rezone and they will comply. The building will be used to store equipment and irrigation supplies.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve TC-ZA-14-01 rezoning application with the four (4) conditions recommended by staff, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**B. Resolution of Support for the Groves Place located at Rainwater & Carpenter Road:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to adopt the Resolution of Support and other requested documents for the GICH Application for the Groves Place, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried with a 4 to 2 votes. Commissioners Rigdon and Hughes voted against the motion.

**C. Telephone Maintenance Contract:** Motion was made by Vice Chairman Miley authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Maintenance Contract renewal with Cooper Communications for the phone system, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Surplus Vehicles:** Motion to declare 4 Dodge Charges surplus to be placed on GovDeals. com for disposal was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Beer & Wine License for EZ Trip located at 4468 US Hwy 319 South:** Motion to table until the May meeting was made by Vice Chairman Miley, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Advertising with Cal Duke Publishing/Project with Chamber**

**Commissioners Comments:** None

**County Manager Comments:** None

**Executive Session:** None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. 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 Hughes, 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  
04/07/2014