

**WORKSHOP SESSION**  
**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, May 6, 2014 (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, May 6, 2014, 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 Hughes. Vice Chairman Miley was absent due to family sickness.

The Chairman presented the Tift County High Basketball Team with a Proclamation commending them on the recent State Championship.

**Public Comments:**

Peggy Rodgers addressed the Board to discuss Bussell Road. She gave a number of incidents that have occurred on that road which included school buses and told the Board that the road is not being scraped and maintained properly. After further discussion she advised that she will be getting a petition from the residents on that road to present to the Board to be paved. The Board took Ms. Rodgers' comments under advertisement.

**Appointments:**

**1. Brian Tankersly and Team will give Extension Updates along with the 4-H Club:** Mr. Tankersly and staff were present to give the yearly update reports on this Department. He introduced all staff members and most gave reports from their respective duties. The 4-H Club members were present and Ashley Davis gave reports of their various activities and achievements they all received and introduced the 4-h Club members. She also reported they will travel to Atlanta in June to compete in various categories. Tift County has a 4-H Club member state serves on the Board of Director for the Southwest District and also a member that serves on the State Board of Directors. Two Tift County Farmers were recently recognized on the local and state levels and Chairman Thompson presented each with a Certificate of Achievement. To Philip Grimes for receiving the 2014 State of Georgia Farmer of the Year and Carroll Coarsey for receiving the 2013 Tift County Farmer

**Public Hearings: None**

**Items to be discussed for Regular Session, May 12, 2014**

**A. Request for Annexation Tift County map 046 Parcel 029B into City Limits:** This item requires no action taken by the Board but was placed on the Agenda for informational purposes., West Haven Senior village File # TC-PU-08-01, consisting of 10.82 acres was approved as a Planned Unit Development on May 12, 2008 by the Tift County board of Commissioners for a total of 80 units. Phase 1 consisting of 40 units has been completed on Tift county Tax Map 046 Parcel 026A. Will Markel, DBA Peachway holdings, LLC request to annex Tift County Tax Map 046 Parcel 026B, consisting of 4.823 acres into the corporate city limits of Tifton which will be 40 additional units upon completion. Subject property is located on E.B. Hamilton Drive and is contiguous with the current city limits of Tifton.

**B. Truck Bids for Animal Control Department:** Regenia Wells advised the Board that she has received 3 bids for a new truck for the Animal control Department and that there are still funds in SPLOST IV for the purchase. Staff recommends the low bid from Griffin Ford in the amount of \$22,250.

**C. Recommendation for 2015 GDOT LMIG Project:** Jason Jordan advised the Board that it is time to submit our project to the GADOT for the annual LMIG funds. Staff recommends the funds to be used to resurface Willis Still road and Adams Road. The estimated cost is around \$800,000 with \$600,000 coming from the LMIG funds and the balance to be paid from SPLOST V.

**D. Lease Agreement for 2 John Deere Cab Tractors and 2 Rotary Cutters:** Jason Jordan requested approval to lease with Lassiter Tractor Company 2 John Deere Cab Tractors with Rotary Cutters. They are one year leases with full warranty on the tractors. And the company has assured Tift County in writing that the price for the leasing of the tractors will remain the same for three years. The Rotary Cutter Mowers will be a purchase and will be owned by Tift County. Lassiter Tractor was low bidder.

**E. Lease Agreement for 5 New Mack 10 Wheel Dump Trucks:** Jason Jordan requested approval to lease five Mack 10 Wheeler Dump trucks. Three vendors submitted lease prices with full 5 year warranty for the dump trucks: Transpower, Inc. bid \$361,322.75; Yancey Caterpillar bid \$377,247.25; and Yancey International bid \$482,245.00. The recommendation of staff is to lease five 2015 Mack 10 Wheel Dump Trucks for 5 years with full 5 year warranty from Transpower, Inc. which was the low bid.

**F. Approval to lease a 2014 Caterpillar Motorgrader with Sloper:** Jason Jordan advised that he solicited a price from Yancey Caterpillar for the lease of a new motograder with sloper for 5 years. The price is \$250,629

at a 2.29% interest rate for 60 months five yearly payments in the amount of \$27,311. Staff recommends the Caterpillar machine to continue the trend we have with all of our motorgraders being caterpillars.

**G. Surplus and Demo the Old Public Works Facility:** Jason Jordan advised the Board that the new Public Works Facility is now completed and staff has taken occupancy of the building. Staff recommends that the Board surplus the old facility and allow staff to demolish the building. Most of the materials will be recycled.

**County Manager Comments:**

**Commissioner's Comments:**

**Executive Session:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to go into Executive Session for the purpose of and Legal and Personal seconded by Commissioner Rigdon . Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to close Executive Session seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

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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, District 3

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

ATTEST:

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

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County Clerk 5/6/2014