

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, September 2, 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, September 2, 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 Vice Chairman Sherry Miley and Commissioners Robert Setters, Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

Public Comments: None

Appointments:

1. Brian Tankersly addressed the Board referencing his soon to be retirement date. He thanked the Board for their cooperation with the Extension and stated that it has certainly been a pleasure serving at the Tift County Agent for all these years. He gave a brief update of how the University of Georgia is handling his replacement and who will be in the charge position until his replacement has been hired.

Public Hearings:

A. Road Closure: Request from Roy E. Smith to close the Cul-da-sac at the east end of Joe Fletcher Road:

Jason Jordan advised that Mr. Smith has requested to close this road and the Road Department recommends the request. The paperwork has been properly filed and the County Clerk has advertised the required Public Hearing.

Items to be discussed for Regular Session, September 8, 2014

B. Out of County Animal Control Fees: Regenia Wells, Animal Control Director advised the Board that a sample Basic Agreement to handle out of County drop offs and fees has been provided for the Board's review. Staff requests that the Board approve the Agreement so that the Animal Shelter can have in place with any counties that we pick up dogs and cats. The County Attorney has reviewed the document.

C. Animal Adoption Fee Increase: Regenia Wells, Animal Control Director is requesting the Board's consideration of an increase in adoption fees. Currently the fee for dogs is \$65 and \$55 for cats. Staff recommends an increase to \$85 and \$75.

D. Value Engineering price Approval for the new E-911 Center: Jason Jones, 911 Director advised the Board that the Value Engineering Price has been completed by Jones Construction and they have returned a price within the appropriated budget. Approximately \$600,000 was cut through the value engineering process. Staff recommends the approval to award the construction of the new 911 Center to Jones Construction Company in the amount of \$2,287,979.

E. Motorola Maintenance Service Agreement: Jason Jones advised the Board that a Motorola Maintenance Service Agreement has been provided for review and recommends approval of the annual maintenance contract for the 911 phone system and NICE logging recorder in the amount of \$22,258.08 which has been included in the budget.

F. Radio System Memorandum Agreement: Jason Jones advised the Board that an Agreement has been drawn up and approved by the County Attorney for the Radio Maintenance Cost Share between Tift County and the City of Tifton, City of Omega, Tift Regional Medical Center and ABAC. Staff recommends approval of the Agreement for each entity for their share of the radio system.

G. Donation of Used Light Fixtures to Worth County Recreation: Craig Sowell advised that Tift County Recreation Department has been contacted by Worth County requesting some of our old light fixtures that were taken down and stored when the relighting project at E B Hamilton was completed in 2008. They would like approximately 40 of the old fixtures. The fixtures are currently in storage and staff recommends the Board surplus the 200 light fixtures so that we can help out our sister county. The balance of the fixtures will be disposed of in the normal manner by placing them on GovDeals.com for sale.

H. Approval of the purchase of a new truck for the Public Works Director: The County Manager request approval of the purchase of a new F150 work truck for the Public Works Director. Bids were solicited and the low bid is from Brannen Ford in the amount of \$27,327. The truck can be paid for through SPLOST IV.

I. Approval of the purchase of a new work truck for the Road Department: The County Manager request approval of the purchase of a new Chevy Double Cab work truck for the Road Department. Bids were solicited and the low bid is from Prince Automotive Chevrolet in the amount of \$25,229 and can be paid through SPLOST IV.

J. Approval of the purchase of a new truck for the Recreation Department: The County Manager request approval of the purchase of a new Chevy Double Cab work truck for the Recreation Director. Bids were solicited and the low bid is from Brannen Ford in the amount of \$25,229 and can be paid through SPLOST IV.

County Manager Comments:

The County Clerk remaindered the Board of the Ribbon Cutting at American Textile to be held on Thursday and shared an invitation to a Retirement Ice Cream Social honor Brian Tankersly to be held on September 14, 2014 at the Extension Office from 2 to 4 PM

Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Hughes requested an Executive Session for Personnel.

Executive Session: Motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel matter was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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

ATTEST:

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

County Clerk 9/2/2014