

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, October 13 2014 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, October 8, 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.

Chairman Thompson asked Commissioner Jones to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of September 2, 2014 Workshop Session; September 2, 2014 Executive Session and September 8, 2014 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Addition to the Agenda: The County Manager asked the Board's consideration to amend the Agenda to add a GEMA Performance Grant for action under the letter H. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to make this addition to the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

A. TC-ZA-14-03, petition by Henry D. Spradlin for a change in zoning on approximately 5 acres of land from the R- (Residential, Single Family) Zoning District to the RR (Rural Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The subject property is comprised of parcel 064B-005 of the Tift County Tax map, and is located at 159 Omega Eldorado Road:

Todd Miller gave the recommendation from Planning and Zoning and advised that it comes to the Commission with an approval from staff and the Planning Commission.

The County Manger then called attention to the posting on the wall for the Standard of Exercise for Zoning Powers and the Conflict of Interest posting and asked if any Board Member need to declare a Conflict of Interest. None being declared, the Chairman opened the Public Hearing.

Henry D. Spradlin, 104 Sycamore Street, Dothan, Alabama was present and addressed the Board in favor of his request. This was his father's property that is now deceased and he wants to sell the property but it must be rezoning for the potential buyer to purchase the property and place mobile homes on the property.

There was no opposition to the request and no further comments from the public. The Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to approve TC-ZA-14-03 Rezoning request of Henry D. Spradlin seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

B. Plant TiftNet Fiber Contract: This is the renewal Fiber Contract with Plant Tiftnet for the connectivity to all county buildings to utilized fiber optics. The renewal cost is \$5576.32 per month and the expenditure has been included in the budget. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Plant TiftNet Fiber contract was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Recommendation to close Richards Drive: the County Manager advised that this is a staff recommendation to alleviate water problems in heavy rain events. The request is to allow staff to follow the procedures to close Richards Drive from 17 Richards Drive to Kent Road. Motion to follow County procedures to close this section of Richards Drive was made by Vice Chairman

Miley, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Road Acceptance of Moorman Drive: This road has been built to County Road construction standards and will have a two (2) year warranty deed that has been deemed acceptable by the County Attorney. Motion to accept Moorman Drive into the Tift County Road System was made by Vice Chairman Miley, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Speed Zone Ordinance from Georgia Department of Transportation: This Ordinance is provided by the Georgia Department of Transportation to bring the County in compliance with present regulations and includes the speed change of SR35/US 319 South for updated radar permits. The Board must approve the speed limit changes and then it will be forward to the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Motion to approve the Speed Zone Ordinance was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Award 2015 LMIG Project: This project was properly advertised and the bid opening held at the designated time. Staff recommends awarding the project to The Scruggs Company in the low bid. The Georgia Department of transportation will fund \$511,000 with the balance of \$510,854.10 to be paid from SPLOST V. Motion awarding the 2015 LMIG Project to the Scruggs Company in the low bid amount of \$1,021,854.10 was made by Vice Chairman Miley, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Solid Waste Disposal Agreement: Due to a few issues that still need to be worked out in this Agreement, the County Manager recommended this item be removed from the Agenda because it is not ready for action by the Board. Motion to remove Item G – Solid Waste Disposal Agreement from the Agenda was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

H. GEMA Grant: This is a 50/50 Grant that the County receives annually and the County will match their 50% through funds appropriated in the FY 2015 budget or “in-kind” services. The total grant is \$57,542. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the GEMA Performance partnership Grant in the amount of \$57,542 was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Setters apologized for not being present at the Workshop Meeting. He was out of town in training for his full time job.

County Manager Comments:

Solid Waste Disposal Agreement: The County Manager along with Richard Golden had some discussion with the Board concerning this Agreement. The Board was presented with the first draft of the Agreement and the County Manager went over most sections with the Board and asked or answered any questions. The Chairman asked Mr. Golden come discuss recycling with the Board and how it would be implemented. The County Manager asked the Board to continue reviewing the Agreement and call him with any questions or concerns. Staff needs to have another meeting with Mr. Golden and the County Attorney to work out a few more issues. Once this has been completed he told the Board that he would like to hold a Called Meeting to take action on the Agreement and have it fully executed by November 1, 2014.

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Miley, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, Dist. 3

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

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
10/13/2014