

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, May 5, 2015 (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 5, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present were Vice Chairman Hester and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Buck Rigdon, and Stan Stalnaker. Melissa Hughes was absent.

Public Comments: None

Appointments: None

Public Hearings:

Public Hearing for the purpose of discussion of Water and Sewer Rate Equalization: The Official Public Hearing will be held at the Regular Meeting.

Items to be discussed for Regular Session, May 11, 2015

A. Award Contract for Base and Paving of various roads: Jason Jordan advised the Board that this contract has been properly advertised and the bids were held at the designated time. The roads to be paved are Needle Road, Wiggins, Road, Hines Road Creekwood Drive, Kathryn Drive, Karen Drive and Sarah Circle. There were two bids received and staff recommends approving the low bid from Littlefield Construction in the amount of \$238,031.98 to be funded from SPLOST V.

B. Phase 1 for E. B. Hamilton Soccer Fields: Jason Jordan reported that bids have been solicited to Laser Grade, Sod and Sprig the two new Soccer Fields at E. B. Hamilton. Staff recommends accepting the low bid from Southeastern construction in the amount of \$37,760 to be funded from SPLOST V

C. Award bid for a Utility Vehicle for Building & Maintenance: The County Manager advised that Building & Maintenance crew has been using a truck transferred from Animal Control however due to the expense involved in a truck staff recommends the purchase of a utility vehicle for the purpose of grounds maintenance. Bids have been solicited per specifications. Staff recommends accepting the bid for a Kubota 900 Diesel in the amount of \$12,900.

D. Award Mower bid for Recreation and Building & Maintenance: Craig Sowell, Recreation Director advised the Board that the County started utilizing mower bids with a lease to own or buyback program several years ago. Recently we have obtained new quotes for this year that will also include a mower for Building & Maintenance. The low bid was from Powerhouse Outdoor in the amount of \$24,810 for three mowers with a guaranteed buyback at the end of the 24 month period of 9920.97 for the three units. Staff recommends the acceptance of the low bid from Powerhouse Outdoor Equipment with the buyback option and authorize the Chairman to enter into the Lease/Buyback Agreement.

E. Beer & wine Retail Sales Application: The County Clerk advised that application has been received from James Kilby, Sr. for retail beer and wine license for Southern Pride Heritage & Produce located on Highway 82 Est. The application has been properly processed with criminal history and fingerprints and comes to the Board with an approval from the Sheriff.

F. Resolution Regarding Courthouse Annex: The County Manager advised the Board that O.C.G.A 15-6-17(b) states that the Board may establish satellite courthouses within the county and designate such structures as a courthouse annex which will allow Judges of the Superior Court to hold session of court at the additional locations. A resolution has been prepare reflecting the establishment of courtrooms located at the Administration Building as well as the Tift County Law Enforcement Center.

Commissioner's Comments: None

Executive Session: Motion to go into Executive Session for Legal was made by Vice Chairman Hester, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

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Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

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

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST:

County Clerk 5/5/2015