

**BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, June 4, 2015 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Budget Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Thursday, June 4, 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 and Melissa Hughes.

The County Manager advised that there were no significant changes from last year.

The Chairman asked if we had any money left over from last year and the Finance Director advised yes the fund balance did increase by about one million dollars. That money is in the operational account. That amount is getting similar because our Tax Base is not growing. It is down about one percent. It is getting to the point that we are soon going to have to raise taxes because it is going to decrease some in the future because properties being removed. We will not have to consider raising taxes this year.

The Finance Director told the Board what all makes up the revenues for the County. She and the County Manager then went through the Budget by Department noting any significant changes in any department.

The figures on the Budget work sheets are up to date. There will be two more LOST checks to be posted in this Fiscal Year. Traffic fines coming in from the Clerk's office is slow so there will be more money to be posted.

Interest revenues are down because of the decrease in interest percentages. Recreation makes about 25% of what it cost to operate however we are consistently where we should be in that department as far as revenues.

We rent a considerable amount of properties for office space however we do not make a lot of money. If you look at the cost by square footage we are not making any money. We are close to be finished with the payments on the State Patrol Station.

Commissioners asked few questions along the way through all departments but for the most part there was no outstanding changes in the budget overall. The budget does include a 3% salary increase due to the fact the insurance premiums went up and staff was trying to compensate for that increase.

The fire budget was briefly discussed as it relates to the funding going to the City for the next year which after that time the County plans to separate the joint fire department.

Vice Chairman Hester adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman 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 Stan Stalnaker, District 4

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

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Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

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County Clerk 6/4/2015