

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, August 4, 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, August 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 Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker was absent due to being away at school.

Public Comments:

Bill Moore with Conger LP Gas was present to address the Board on AutoGas Fleet Vehicle Conversion. He presented a handout that covered a Fuel Cost Savings. He gave a report of what Conger LP Gas could deliver should the County decide to do the conversion stating that it could amount up to a 25% reduction in fuel cost and reduce engine maintenance. It would give the County the ability to lock in low fuel pricing up to 12 months. After making the presentation and answering questions the Board had for Mr. Conger, he was advised that the Board would take this matter under advisement.

Appointments: None

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session, August 10, 2015

A. Vehicle Purchase for Animal Control: Animal Control recently sent out bids for the purchase of a new Ford F250 (4x2). Staff recommends approving the low bid for the purchase from Griffin Ford in the amount of \$23,207. This was a budgeted item

B. Contract for Services with the City of Tifton for Tax Collections: Per request from the Tifton City Council a proposed contract for services between Tift County, Chad Alexander and the City of Tifton has been submitted for the collection of City taxes by the Tift County Tax Commissioner. The contract outlines the remittance amount to be made to the County by the City for collection City taxes. The County will receive 2.5% of the taxes collected as their fee. The Chairman needs to be authorized to endorse the contract.

C. Contract for Service Agreement with Chad Alexander for collection of City Taxes: This is a separate contract between the Tift County Board of Commissioners, Chad Alexander, Tax Commissioner, for the collection of City taxes. The contract outlines the remittance amount to be made to the Tax Commissioner by the County for collection of City taxes. The County will received 2.5% of the City Tax Digest as their fee of which 1.25% will be paid to Mr. Alexander for his service.

D. Appoint Voting Delegate for Legislative Conference to be held in October: Each year ACCG holds Legislative Conference and each Count appoints one voting delegate for the Conference on behalf of the County. This year the Conference is being held in October at Jekyll Island Convention Center. At the Regular Meeting the Board agreed to appoint Commissioner Hughes.

E. Resolution to adopt the Amended and Restated Retirement Plan: Mike Walker gave the explanation to the Board. Over the past several years, the federal government, Supreme Court and the State of Georgia have made numerous changes to laws that affect governmental retirement plans. The IRS requires that all qualified plans be amended and restated every 5 years in order to incorporate new laws. The Resolution authorizes the Chairman to execute the new Plan Documents and a limited Power of Attorney granting GEBCORP authority to file the plan with the IRS on the County's behalf.

F. Amend FY16 General Fund Budget: The County Manager gave the report for the needed Budget Amendment. In August 2013 the Board borrowed 2,508,792.75 from BB&T for the purchase of a P25 800MHz Radio System. Recently the Board purchased fire trucks and fire suppression equipment in the amount of \$4,279,516. SPLOST IV & V dollars are being used to fund the purchase for the Fire Department. Since SPLOST dollars were used for the down payment on the radio system and the first not payment was made from SPLOST V the General Fund will need to reimburse SPLOST V for those funds. This will require the use of General Fund reserves. Staff proposed a budget amendment to reflect the use of General Fund reserves as revenue to offset the expense associated with reimbursing SPLOST V and paying off the note payable to BB&T related to the radio system so that SPLOST dollars will be available for the funding of the firefighting vehicles and equipment. The budget impact is \$3,418,500.

Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Hughes inquired about the Saggy Pants issue that had been brought up several months ago and was placed on hold until the County Attorney could do further research. The County Attorney addressed the issue to some extent in relation to being able to enforce something of this nature. He will look into this further

and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

Commissioner Setters stated that he had been approached by the FAA with a request for an ice machine to be purchased and installed at the AG Center. The County Manager asked what Commissioner Setters thought the cost would be. He replies between \$3500 and \$4000. The County Manager stated that was within his limit of purchased and would look into this and he believes that was some funds left over from the installation of the air condition out there and this could possibly be funded through SPLOST.

County Manager's Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Rigdon seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

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

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST:

County Clerk 8/4/2015