

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, October 12, 2015 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thompson on Monday, October 12, 2015, 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 Donnie Hester and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Buck Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Vice Chairman Hester gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of September 8, 2015 Workshop Session and Executive Session and September 14, 2015 Regular Session was made by Vice Chairman Hester, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Annual Contract Renewal for R. L. Mack Head Start (G)

Motion to add this item to the Agenda under the letter (G) was made by Commissioner Wood seconded by Vice Chairman Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost of Living Raise (3%) for the County Manager for the 2014-2015 (H)

Motion to add this item to the Agenda under the letter (H) was made by Commissioner Wood seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Ratify the Addendum "A" to the County Manager's contract for 80 hours of leave time for the FY 2013/2014 (I)

Motion to add this item to the Agenda under the letter (I) was made by Vice Chairman Hester seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Plant TiftNet Fiber Optics Contract in the amount of \$5,576.32 per month

C. Motion to award the 2016 LMIG Project consisting of Hall, Isabella/Nashville and William Gibbs Road to Reeves Construction in the low bid amount of \$1,097,866.10

D. Motion to award the 2016 Patching Road Project to the Scruggs Company in the low bid amount of \$324,183.42 to be funded from SPLOST V

F. Motion to adopt the Tift County Procurement Policy as presented

Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager.

There was some desire for discussion on Item F of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Rigdon withdrew his motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to remove Item F from the Consent Agenda and place it under the Regular Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Items A, C & D, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

B. Purchase of New EMS Ambulance: After receiving guidance from the Board at the Workshop Session staff has received a second bid quote from Excellence for 2 new G450 Diesel Ambulances as directed. The addition of 2 ambulances will put our fleet at 7 units and at full operational capacity. The anticipated delivery time for the ambulances is 30 days. The total amount for both is \$294,237.22 and can be funded from SPLOST IV. Motion authorizing the purchase of 2 new ambulances from Excellence in the amount of \$294,237.22 to be paid from SPLOST IV was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Vice Chairman Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Updates of Rental Agreement for the Neighborhood Service Center: The Finance Director discussed the Neighborhood Service Center with the Board and stated that it was never intended to raise revenue. Every year it cost the County dollars to keep the Center open. She prepared a spread sheet for the Board's review of the Estimated Annual Revenue, Cost of the Maintenance for the Building and the estimated loss which indicated that it cost the County around 18,000 to 19,000 a year. Staff decreased the rental deposit from \$300 to \$150 because we were not getting enough renters for the facility. If we remove the Supervisor from the equation it does reduce the cost some because if we pay a Tift County Employee to be there after a normal 40 hour a work week then that person has to be paid overtime for the time they are there. After much discuss it was agreed to raise the price of the rental of the rooms and not have a deposit fee rather have a checklist, before and after inspection. Then it was decided that it would be best to continue with a supervisor being there when the building is rented. We will see how this works for 120 days and then report back to the Board for review. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hester to raise the rent for the small room from \$50 to \$65 per hour and for the larger room from \$60 to \$75 per hour, charge a \$100 deposit and continue to have a supervisor there when the building is rented, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Tift County Procurement Policy: There was some discussion and clarifications made on the Procurement Policy that was presented for the Board's consideration. Once those clarifications were made the Chairman called for a motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to adopt the Tift County Procurement Policy as presented, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Annual Contract Renewal for R. L. Mack Head Start: The County Manager advised that Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority leases for the sum of \$1.00 for the R. L. Mack Center that is located on Lower Brookfield Road to house the Local Head Start Program. It is time to renew the lease agreement which is for one year with the option to renew automatically for two successive years. Motion was made by Commissioner Hughes to renew the lease agreement for Coastal Plain Area Economic, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Cost of Living raise (3%) for the County Manager for FY 2014/2015: Motion to ratify the Board's decision in the 2014-2015 County Manager contract process to pay County Manager, Jim Carter's cost of living increase in an annual lump sum payment such that COLA would not have the effect of automatically increasing the County Manager salary; and a motion to ratify the Chairman's decision to pay the accrued 80 hours of contractually provided leave in light of the County Manger losing said leave during the 2013-2014 budget year was made by Commissioner Wood seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Ratify Addendum "A" to the County Manager's Contract for 80 hours of leave time for FY 2013/2014: Motion to adopt an Amendment to Jim Carter's contract identified as Addendum "A" and attached hereto; and to authorize the Chairman to execute said Addendum was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Comments: None

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Hughes reminded all of the District 11 Meeting to be held in Tifton from 10 to 12 on October 27, 2015 at the Conference Center and encouraged attendance.

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Hester seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, Dist. 4

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

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
10/12/2015