

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, December 14, 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, December 14, 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 Greg Wood, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes and Robert Setters. Commissioner Buck Rigdon was absent.

These minutes include the Chairman's vote because the absence of a Commissioner.

Commissioners Setters gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of November 3, 2015 Workshop Session and Executive Session; November 9, 2015 Regular Session and Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Vice Chairman Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Mike Tally with H & H Resources was present to speak with the Board and answer any question they may have for the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He stated that this is the first of two (2) required public hearings and the plan has to be update and adopted every fire (5) years. He stated he had met with all jurisdictions in Tift County to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion to open the Public Hearing to receive public comments was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the audience.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

B. Motion to amend the budget to include the VOCA grant for a 3rd position for Victim Assistance Program

E. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Tift County and GEMA – Use of Operation Center

F. Motion approving the Public Safety Ordinance

H. Motion to accept the lease cancellation from Behavioral Health and accept the proposed rental rate on the building they will continue to occupy

I. Motion to adopt the P-Card – Credit Car Ordinance & User Agreement for Elected Officials

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hester to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

C. Approval of Design for New Fire Station: At the Workshop Meeting it was discussed for

staff and the architect to work together to come up with some reductions and try to get the facility within the allotted budget. With some changes the cost has been reduced from \$660,803 to \$582,594. The living space stays the same. The question was the elimination of one (1) bay which would house an ambulance at the facility. Some Commissioners expressed that they hated to see the bay eliminated because it would be advantageous to the citizens for an ambulance to be on the south side of town. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to price out the original drawing.

D. Fire/Rescue Professional Services Contract: Jason Jones advised the length of the contract with Mr. Gallagher for Fire/Rescue Professional Services is 6 months in length. He will be helping with the establishment of getting the Fire Department up and running and will be providing training. Motion was made by Commissioner Stalnaker approving the Fire/Rescue Professional Services Contract with Kenneth Gallagher, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried by a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioner Hughes voted against the motion.

G. Purchase of a new Telephone System for E-911: Staff requested this item be removed from the Agenda. Motion to remove this item for the Agenda was made by Commissioner Stalnaker, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Comments: The County Manager gave a hand out of the last 5 months of revenues and expenses for the County. This will be a regular monthly report given to the Commissioners in the New Year.

Commissioners Comments:

All the Commissioners wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked all the Tift County employees. Chairman Thompson invited everyone to the Chamber for a Reception for Mayor Jamie Cater on Thursday; drop by from 11 to 1.

Commissioner Hughes thanked Tony Rowell, County Attorney and thanked Jason Jones for all the work he has put into the Fire Department but also want to explain why she voted against the Fire/Rescue Professional Services Contract. She feels we need to look here at home for qualified people that are from Tift County to work for Tift County.

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

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

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
12/14/2015