

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

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Hester on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Administrative Building. Member of the Commission present including Vice Chairman Hester were Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Stan Stalnaker, and Melissa Hughes. Chairman Thompson and Commissioner Buck Rigdon were out due to illness.

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

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of January 6, 2015 Workshop Session & Executive Session and January 12, 2015 Regular Session & Executive Session was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: The County Manager advised that there needs to be two items added to the Agenda and requested the Board amend the Agenda to take action on these items under the letters "J" and "K".

Juvenile Justice Lease Agreement
Contract with Dr. Graham for In House Inmate Medical

Motion to amend the February 12, 2015 Meeting Agenda to include these two items under the letters "J" and "K" was mad by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Road Closure: A Portion of Richards Drive: the County Manager gave a brief overview of the reason for the requested road closure. The County Attorney opened the Public Hearing to hear from anyone in the audience.

Wayne Richards spoke in favor of the road closing

Dwight Sumner 505 Windy Hill Road spoke in favor of the road closing stating that he had a business located on this portion of Richards Drive and stated that his business flooded since the last time we met on this issue. He stated that it cost him a day of work every time it floods.

Billy Marchant 7 Richards Drive spoke in favor of the request. He has watched this get worse and worse. The flooding of yards and in his shop happens 2 to 3 times a year.

There were several other residents present that were in favor of the closing but did not wish to speak to the Board. A show of hands asked by the Vice Chairman indicated their being in favor of the request.

There was no opposition and no further comments. The County Attorney closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stalnaker to close the portion of Richards Drive that was publicly advertised, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

C. Motion to adopt the Title VI Plan as required by Department of Transportation to be in compliance for the Tift Lift Transit System

D. Motion to adopt Resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for drainage and street improvements in the Brookvale

Subdivision located off Tifton-Eldorado Road

G. Motion to adopt the Resolution accepting employees of the Coroner to the Tift County Personnel System

H. Motion to adopt the Resolution accepting employees of the Chief Magistrate to the Tift County Personnel System

Motion to approve the consent Agenda as read was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

B. Adopt Resolution memorializing the process for selection of Vice Chairman: The County Manager advised as directed by a vote at the January 2015 regular meeting staff has prepared a resolution memorializing the process to be followed in selecting a Vice Chair. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to adopt the Resolution on the Selection Process of the Vice Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried with a 4 to 1 vote. Vice Chairman Hester voted against the motion.

E. Appointment to South GA Community Service Board/Behavioral Health: The Vice Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Setters nominated Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. There were no other nominations and the Vice Chairman closed the nomination process. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to appoint Commissioner Stan Stalnaker to serve on the South GA Community Service Board/Behavioral Health, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Recreation Open Gym Issues: Craig Sowell and the County Manager went over the revision to the Open Gym Policy with the Board and advised that the contract with Coopercraft for the security upgrades has been finalized. Motion to approve the changes as presented and authorize staff to set the badge fee and authorize the County Manager to sign the contract with Coopercraft for the security upgrades to be paid from SPLOST was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Appointment to the Tift County Hospital Authority: The Vice Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Hughes nominated Joyce Mims. There were no further nominations and the Vice Chairman closed the nominating process. Motion as made by Commissioner Hughes to reappoint Joyce Mims to the Hospital Authority Board, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Juvenile Justice Lease: The County Manager advised that the State of Georgia currently leases office space in the rear of the Administration Building that houses the Department of Juvenile Justice. The proposed Lease extension is for 1 year with a renewal provision for 3 additional 1 year terms at a rate of \$860 monthly. Motion was made by Commissioner Hughes authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Lease Extension Agreement for the housing for Juvenile Justice, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Contract with Dr. Graham for In House Inmate Medical: The County Manager told the Board that the County contracts yearly with a third party service for "Inmate Medical Care." The contract is with Southern health Partners and the Sheriff wishes to continue this relationship with one change. The present contract includes a Physician as part of the overall plan. Staff feels increasing the current level of directs physician to inmate contact will significantly decrease the number of doctor visits inmates currently make outside medical facilities. The additional contract for service with Dr. Graham provides enhanced services such as: The Physician shall provide as needed 4 visits per month where he shall provide any necessary medical service. The Physician shall develop additional cost saving protocols that can be implemented and administered under this contract. The Physician also agrees to provide additional visits in excess of 4 contracted described above. All Physician visits in excess of the 4 contracted shall be billed to the County at a rate of \$200 per additional visit. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to approve the Contract with Dr. Graham for In House Inmate Medical Care, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Comments: None

