

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, March 2, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present in addition to Chairman Thompson were: Vice Chairman Robert Setters, and Commissioners Donnie Hester, Melissa Hughes, Stan Stalnaker, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, and Greg Wood.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** NONE

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Dr. Raymond Moreno, Dr. William Grow and Mrs. Sherry White addressed the Board with respect to the services and finances of the Department of Public Health.
2. Tift County Fire/Rescue Chief Joey Fowler provided the Board with an update of the TCFR training program and informed the Board that had received notice that the current 4/9/10 ISO rating in Tift County has been upgraded to a 4/10. Additionally, Volunteer Firefighters Ray Beasley, B.B. Ball and Julian Rowe spoke about the positive state of the Volunteer Firefighter Service and thanked the Board for the support they have received.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** NONE

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, MAY 8, 2017:**

- A. **Accepting Quit Claim Deed for Recreation Property:** Recreation Director Craig Sowell and County Attorney Tony Rowell informed the Board that the City of Tifton had recently completed the process of quitclaiming its interest in Haire Park on South Ridge Avenue and Spurlin/Sertoma on N. Ridge at their April, 2017 meeting. Mr. Rowell recommended that the Board accept the Deeds. The Board indicated its desire to place Item "A" on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Lawnmower Acquisition for Recreation:** Recreation Director Craig Sowell informed the Board that he had solicited and received bids for the replacement of 2 lawnmowers. He recommended that 2 Gravely Mowers be traded in and 2 new mowers be acquired as presented from Powerhouse Outdoors. The Board indicated its desire to place Item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Airport Maintenance Agreement w/DBT Transportation Services, LLC:** Airport Manager Clark Walker informed the Board that the current provider of Navigational Equipment maintenance, Electronic Enterprises, had been acquired by DBT Transportation Services, LLC and DBT had agreed to extend the same contract terms as Electronic Enterprises. Walker presented a 2 year agreement and recommended its approval. The Board indicated its desire to place Item "C" on the Consent Agenda.
- D. **Additional 2017 LMIG Project-Paving Myers Drive:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan recommended adding the paving of Myers Drive to the 2017 LMIG Project at a cost of approximately \$70,000.00. He recommended to the Board that the road be added to the project utilizing the unit prices previously extended in the contract. The Board indicated its desire to place Item "D" on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Southern Avenue Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Project:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan presented the need for curb, gutter and sidewalk on a portion of Southern Avenue between MLK and US Highway 41S due to the extensive pedestrian traffic in the area. He advised that the cost to complete the project would be in the \$18,000.00-\$20,000.00 range. He requested the Board's authorization to solicit bids for the project. The Board indicated its desire to place Item "E" on the Consent Agenda.

- F. **Appointment to the Tift County Board of Assessors:** Chief Tax Assessor Teresa Lupo informed the Board that the term of Dr. Jeff Gibbs on the Tift County Board of Tax Assessors had expired. She advised that Dr. Gibbs had completed all of the requisite educational components and he was an excellent Board Member. She requested his reappointment for another term. Dr. Gibbs addressed the Board and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve.
- G. **Appointment to Tift County Board of Family & Children Services:** Human Resources Director Mike Walker informed the Board that DFCS Director Annie Clark sent correspondence informing the Board that the terms of Mr. Hal Baxley, Mr. Greg Crumley and Mr. Rodney Griffin on the Tift County DFCS Board would soon expire. Mrs. Clark asked that the Board of Commissioners consider reappointing each of the 3 current named Board members to another term of service extending from 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2022.
- H. **Retail Malt Beverage License for Shreyeskumar Patel, 4468 US Hwy 319S:** Human Resources Director Mike Walker presented the Retail Malt Beverage License application of Shreyeskumar Patel dba: Ridhmaa2 located at 4468 US Hwy 319South. Walker informed the Board that the application came with a recommendation of approval from the Sheriff. The Board indicated its desire to place Item "H" onto the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Appointment of County Clerk:** Human Resources Director Mike Walker informed the Board that after an extensive selection process, a tentative offer of employment had been extended to Mrs. Miriam B. Jordan to serve as County Clerk. The initial term would begin on May 30, 2017 and expire on December 31, 2017 and thereafter be subject to annual reappointment. If so appointed, Mrs. Jordan would perform all of the duties of the County Clerk to include Official Custodian of Records.

**COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS:** County Manager Jim Carter reminded the Board of the email he sent out earlier in the day.

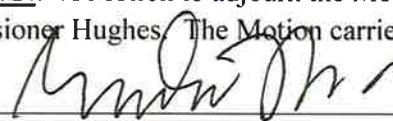
**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** None


**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A Motion to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel Discussion was made by Commissioner Hughes and Seconded by Commissioner Wood. The Motion carried unanimously.

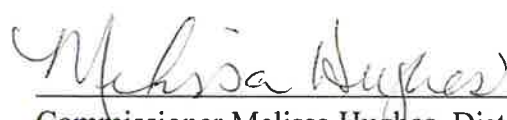
A Motion to close the Executive Session was offered by Vice Chairman Setters and Seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** A Motion to adjourn the Meeting was offered by Commissioner Wood and Seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The Motion carried unanimously.

  
 Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7


  
 Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

Not present  
 Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

  
 Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

  
 Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

  
 Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

  
 Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest:   
 May 2, 2017