

REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 (6:00P.M.)

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by County Attorney Tony Rowell on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:03p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present were: Commissioners Donnie Hester, Melissa Hughes, Stan Stalnaker, and Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Those Commissioners absent were: Chairman Grady Thompson, Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioner Greg Wood.

Mr. Rowell informed the Board that due to the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, there existed a need to elect a Chairman Pro Tem to preside over the Meeting. Commissioner Rigdon nominated Commissioner Stalnaker to serve as Chairman Pro Tem. Commissioner Hughes Seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowell offered an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

MINUTES: A Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting, Executive Session and Workshop Session of April 4, 2017 and the Regular Session and Executive Session of April 10, 2017 was offered by Commissioner Hughes and was Seconded by Commissioner Hester. The Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to Accept the Quitclaim Deed for Recreation Properties
- B. Motion to Trade-In/Purchase 2 Gravely Mowers from Powerhouse Outdoors
- C. Motion to Enter into a 2 year Maintenance Agreement with DBT Transportation Services, LLC
- D. Motion to Authorize the Addition of Myers Drive Paving to the 2017 LMIG Contract
- E. Motion to Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for the Southern Ave. Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk Project
- H. Motion to Approve the Retail Malt Beverage License of Shreyeskumar Patel, dba: Riddhimaa 2, Inc/EZ Trip Convenience Store located at 4468 US HWY 319S

A Motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items A, B, C, D, E and H as read by Chairman Pro Tem Stalnaker was offered by Commissioner Rigdon and Seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The Motion carried 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- F. **Appointment to the Tift County Board of Assessors:** The County Manager stated that the Tax Assessor had sent correspondence informing the Board that the term of Dr. Jeff Gibbs on the Board of Tax Assessors had expired and she requested the Board consider reappointing Dr. Gibbs for a new term that would expire on December 31, 2022. The Chairman Pro Tem

opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Hughes nominated Dr. Jeff Gibbs to serve a new term on the Tift County Board of Tax Assessors. There were no other nominations. The Chair closed nominations. Commissioner Hughes made a Motion to appoint Dr. Jeff Gibbs to serve a term on the Tift County Board of Tax Assessors that would expire on December 31, 2022. Commissioner Rigdon Seconded the Motion and it carried 4-0.

- G. **Appointment to the Tift County Board of Family & Children Services:** The County Manager informed the Board that the terms of Mr. Greg Crumley, Mr. Rodney Griffin, and Mr. Hal Baxley on the Tift County Board of Family & Children Services were soon to expire. He advised that the local DFCS Director, Annie Clark, had requested reappointment of the Board members for new terms to extend until June 30, 2022.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Hughes nominated Mr. Greg Crumley. There were no other nominations. The Chair closed nominations. Commissioner Hughes offered a Motion to appoint Mr. Greg Crumley to serve a new term on the Tift County Board of Family & Children Services. The Motion was Seconded by Commissioner Hester and it carried 4-0.

The Chair once again opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Hughes nominated Mr. Hal Baxley for a seat on the Tift County Board of Family & Children Services. There were no other nominations. The Chair closed nominations. Commissioner Hughes offered a Motion to appoint Mr. Hal Baxley to a new term on the Tift County Board of Family & Children Services. Commissioner Hester Seconded the Motion and it carried 4-0.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for a third seat on the Tift County Board of Family & Children Services. Commissioner Hughes nominated Mr. Rodney Griffin to serve a new term on the Tift County Board of Family & Children Services. There were no additional nominations. The Chair closed nominations. Commissioner Hughes offered a Motion to appoint Mr. Rodney Griffin to a new term on the Tift County Board of Family and Children Services. The Motion was Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Stalnaker and it carried 4-0.

- I. **Appointment of a County Clerk:** The County Attorney informed the Board that pursuant to Local Legislation, the appointment of a County Clerk required a Motion, Second and an up or down vote. Chairman Pro Tem Stalnaker offered a Motion to appoint Miriam B. Jordan as the County Clerk of Tift County. The County Attorney clarified that the appointment would be for a term as presented at the Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Hughes Seconded the Motion and it carried 4-0.

COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS: The County Manager informed the Board that he would be presenting Vickie Hickman at the June Meeting for an official appointment as EMA Director. Mr. Carter stated that Ms. Hickman is extremely qualified and Tift County will be well-served by her appointment. Additionally, he provided an update with respect to the TCFR employees who had been dispatched to help battle the wildfires in the Okefenokee region.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Chairman Pro Tem Stalnaker welcomed Mrs. Jordan to Tift County and advised that he looked forward to working with her. Additionally, he thanked Sheriff Scarbrough for the recent public safety appreciation luncheon.

ADJOURN: A Motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Hughes and Seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. It carried unanimously.



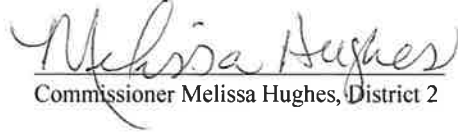
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

Not present

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner F.W. "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

attest: 

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