

**PUBLIC HEARING – FY18 BUDGET
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 (5:30 PM)**

The Public Hearing of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Robert Setters on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 5:33 pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present were: Commissioners Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Chairman Grady Thompson was absent.

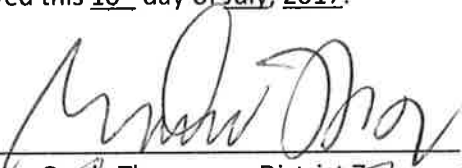
Finance Director Leigh Jordan stated that the budget reflects the DATE fund changes discussed in the Work Session on June 20, 2017. \$25,000 was budgeted for each accountability court. Also, there were increases in training for EMA/911 due to the increase in personnel. Even with these changes, the total amount budgeted did not change - \$27,640,707.12. Employees will get a 3% COLA.

Lyn Burnette asked about 911 surcharges and any supplements the City of Tifton receives from the County.

Marianne Hill asked about the budget for Animal Control and also had questions about the Fire Department. Ms. Hill asked about the cost of hospitalization insurance for county employees.

There being no further comments, Vice Chairman Robert Setters closed the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm.

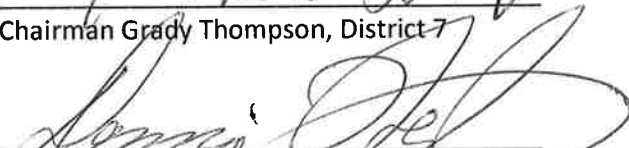
Approved this 10th day of July, 2017.



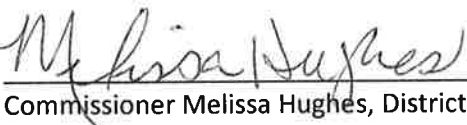
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



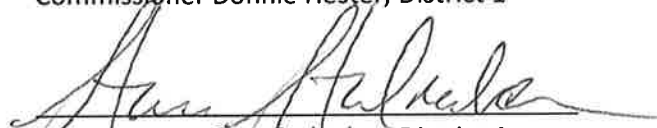
Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2




Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

Not Present

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

July 10, 2017