

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017 (6:00 PM)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present were: Chairman Grady Thompson and Commissioners Robert Setters, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Greg Wood was absent.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker offered an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

MINUTES: Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Work Session – June 6, 2017; (2) Regular Session – June 12, 2017; (3) Executive Session – June 12, 2017; (4) Budget Workshop Session – June 20, 2017; (5) Budget Public Hearing – June 22, 2017 and (6) Called Session – June 29, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. The motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James Hester, Mitchell Store Road, asked when Mitchell Store Road was going to be paved. He stated that the road was in horrible condition. He stated that he read in the paper several roads were scheduled to be resurfaced in the County. Commissioner Robert Setters stated that the roads scheduled were for resurfacing only and Mitchell Store Road would need more work than that. County Manager Jim Carter stated he would have Public Works Director Jason Jordan to obtain some cost estimates on repairing the road.

Buddy Lindsey, Mitchell Store Road, also spoke on the condition of Mitchell Store Road. He stated that the road was originally built in the 1960s as a farm to market road. He stated that there was no sub base to the road. He asked that the County repair the road and do a traffic count of the number of trucks that use that road. He also stated that the trash has not been being kept up lately on this road.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: There were none to report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

County Manager Jim Carter read the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Motion to Approve Agreement with Tax Commissioner Chad Alexander
- B. Motion to Approve Agreement with Tift County Health Department for SNS
- C. Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2017-01, Speed Zone Changes

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- D. Motion to Approve Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Asma Sarfraz
- E. Motion to Approve Agreement with GEMHSA for the Emergency Evacuation Shelter Initiative
- F. Motion to Approve 2018 LMIG Projects

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- G. **Agreement with GEMA for Donation of CAMET Trailer to Animal Control:** County Manager Jim Carter asked that this item be removed from the agenda. As the agreement reads, county staff will be obligated to respond to a disaster anywhere in the State of Georgia. The County does not have adequate staff at Animal Control to fulfill this obligation. Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to remove this item. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.
- H. **Appointment to South Georgia Community Service Board – Behavioral Health**
- I. **Appointment to Board of Elections and Registration**
- J. **Appointment to Planning & Zoning Board**
- K. **Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals**

County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that all the boards needing appointments only have one nomination to consider for each position. Therefore, the County Attorney read the following nominations for each vacancy.

South Georgia Community Service Board – Behavioral Health (one (1) vacancy) – Nomination: Elizabeth O’Rear

Board of Elections and Registration (one (1) vacancy) – Nomination: Stephanie McKee

Planning & Zoning Board (five (5) vacancies) – Nominations: Ricky Justice, Randy Clements, Henry Taylor and Zach Crumley

Zoning Board of Appeals (three (3) vacancies) – Nominations: Luther Overstreet, Tony McBrayer and Tim Butler

County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked the Commissioners were there any other nominations they had forthcoming for these boards. There were none reported.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a nomination of the slate of individuals as read by the County Attorney.

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There being no further nominations, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations.

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to appoint the members as read and nominated. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: County Manager Jim Carter distributed a copy of the most recent ISO inspection report to the Commissioners. As a result of this inspection, the ISO rating for the County has gone from a 9 to a 4. The County Manager expects this to go even lower once the department has been functioning a little longer so that additional training records and call records are available.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked for clarification of who the committee was that was supposed to be communicating with the City regarding water rates. Chairman Grady Thompson said that at the last meeting it was Commissioners Stalnaker, Hester and Setters. However, since then, the Chairman asked Commissioner Setters to work on a different project. Therefore, the committee would return to the original members of Stalnaker, Rigdon and Hester.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker thanked the Recreation Department for a job well done at the swim meet this past weekend. The State swim meet will be this coming weekend. There will be approximately 700 athletes from 32 communities. Also, he commended the Fire/Rescue Department on its one year anniversary and for their hard work in getting the ISO rating down.

Commissioner Donnie Hester asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Commissioner Robert Setters also commended the Fire/Rescue Department on their one year anniversary.

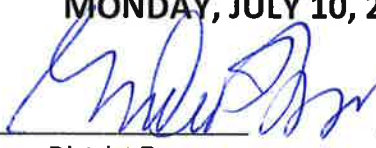
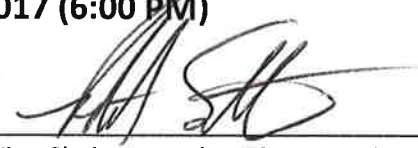
COUNTY CLERK'S COMMENTS: There will be a Called Session on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 6 pm to set the millage rate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

There being no further personnel discussion, Chairman Grady Thompson adjourned the Executive Session.

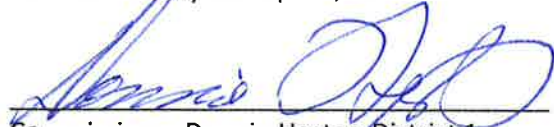
ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Chairman Grady Thompson adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

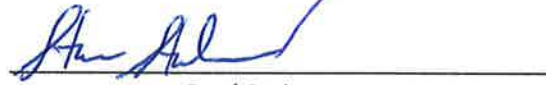
Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



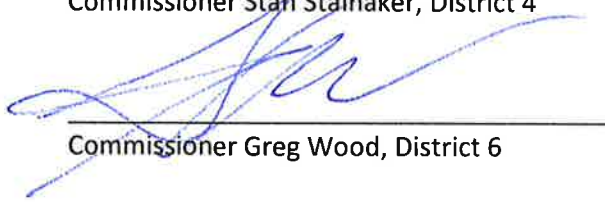
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

Absent

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST 

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