

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm 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 Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roger Dill thanks the Commissioners for their cooperation in getting funding for Ruth's Cottage.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were none to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, NOVEMBER 13, 2017:

- A. **Resolution No. 2017-08 – 90th Birthday Celebration Resolution for Mrs. Ruthie Lee Gray Gordon:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that she was contacted by Mrs. Gordon's daughter about adopting this resolution. Mrs. Gordon graduated from Tifton Industrial High School as Valedictorian of her class. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.

- B. **Resolution No. 2017-09 – Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Operation of the Tift Lift Transit Program:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation requires a resolution to be executed by the Board of Commissioners and made part of the grant application. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.

- C. **Resolution No. 2017-10 – Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ACCG-Interlocal Risk Management Agency Supplemental Medical, Accident and Disability Fund to Provide Cancer Benefits to Firefighters as Required by House Bill 146:** Human Resources Director Mike Walker stated that all legally organized Fire Departments in Georgia are required by House Bill 146 to provide certain cancer benefits to their firefighters effective January 1, 2018. ACCG has developed a solution for Georgia counties that need this coverage. The proposal for Tift County covers all full-time and volunteer firefighters as required by statute. The premium is \$15,838 and is a budgeted item. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.

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- D. **Agreement with State of Georgia Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia for Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that in order to activate the federal funds that will reimburse Tift County for the established VOCA grant personnel expenses minus the 20% county match and reimburse Tift County for the new VOCA grant personnel expenses at 100%, the Tifton Judicial Circuit Victims Witness Assistance Program needs the Memorandum of Agreement and all required federal forms to be signed by the Chairman. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Commitment of Funds for Moore Highway:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that he has received a request from Dr. David Bridges, President of ABAC, asking the County to contribute \$100,000 towards the Moore Highway Improvement project. Tift County is acting as the conduit for funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation. During the design phase, the cost for this project escalated. Dr. Bridges has asked the County, City of Tifton, Development Authority and Board of Regents for funding assistance. Commissioner Greg Wood asked that funding from all agencies be collected at the start of the project. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Notice of Award to The Scruggs Company for Moore Highway Improvements:** Public Works Direction Jason Jordan stated that the County received four (4) bids for this project. The lower bidder was The Scruggs Company in the amount of \$1,069,763.93. County Manager Jim Carter asked the Board to consider placing this on the Regular Agenda for further discussion. Mr. Carter would like to find out if the other agencies who were asked to participate in this project are going to do so. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Regular Agenda.
- G. **Notice of Award to Rountree Construction for Street & Drainage Improvements for Springhill Church Road and Sand Hammock Lake Road (Phase I):** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated county crews would do most of the work on this road; however, the curb and gutter will be completed by a contractor. The low bidder was Rountree Construction in the amount of \$256,156.50. Project will be paid from SPLOST V. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Notice of Award to Reeves Construction Company for FY2018 LMIG:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that there were there (3) bids received for this project. The low bidder was Reeves Construction in the amount of \$1,937,283.70. The LMIG project includes the following roads: Tifton Eldorado Road, Omega Eldorado Road, Portion of Union Road, West Over Drive, Melba Drive, Sarah Drive, Slack Drive, Pine Needle Place and Bowen Marchant Road. The Board indicated its desire to place item "H" on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Memorandum of Understanding with City of Tifton for Use of Fire Training Center:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that City Manager Peter Pyrzenski sent a proposed agreement for use of the City of Tifton fire training center located at 419 Old Omega Road. The cost to the County would be \$1,000 per month, \$12,000 annually. This is not a budgeted item. Mr. Carter stated that the agreement he sent to Mr. Pyrzenski proposed exchanging the use of the training center for county fire personnel conducting training for City of Tifton fire personnel so that

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there was no cost to either entity. The Board indicated its desire to place item "I" on the Regular Agenda for further discussion.

- J. **Designate Vehicles as Surplus:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are four (4) county vehicles that need to be declared as surplus and sold on govdeals.com. Mrs. Jordan stated that other departments have looked at these vehicles and no have been found to be usable. The Board indicated its desire to place item "J" on the Consent Agenda.
- K. **Appointment to Tifton-Tift County Library Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there is one (1) vacancy on the Library Board. Victoria Horst, Library Manager, forwarded a Board Appointment Application for Juan C. Diaz Perez for consideration. The Board indicated its desire to place item "K" on the Regular Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

- A. **Service Delivery Strategy** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that the first Service Delivery Strategy meeting was held on October 25, 2017. At this meeting, county staff and officials met with City stakeholders to begin the process of updating Tift County's Service Delivery Strategy Amendment as required by State law. As a result of this meeting, a list has been created of services that require further discussion – some will require less discussion than others. Once another meeting date is scheduled, Mr. Carter will advise the Board.
- B. **TSPLOST Regional Projects Lists** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that Tift County and its municipalities will be presenting their projects to the Regional Transportation Roundtable Executive Committee for the 2018 Regional TSPLOST on November 14, 2017. Public Works Director Jason Jordan presented the list of projects to the Board in priority order. The list was as follows:
1. Bridge Improvements – CR44 Upper Ty Ty Road over Little River; CR424 Omega-Eldorado Road over Arnold Creek; CR411 Scooterville Road over Little Creek; CR414 Ferry Lake Road over Alapaha River Tributary; CR419 Ty Ty Chula Road over Little River; CR424 Omega-Eldorado Road over Little River
 2. King Road – Widen 1 mile of King Road to four (4) lanes with turning patterns from Interstate 75 to Carpenter Road
 3. Mt. Olive Church Road – Old Ocilla Road – Widen Mt. Olive Church Road to three (3) or four (4) lanes from Highway 319 to Kennedy Road
 4. South Carpenter Road – Widen 2.75 miles of South Carpenter Road to three (3) lanes from Highway 82 to Highway 319
 5. Whiddon Mill Road – Widen 2.5 miles of Whiddon Mill Road to three (3) to four (4) lanes starting at Upper Ty Ty road and continuing to I-75

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6. South Tifton Storm Water Drainage Infrastructure Improvement
7. Airport Runway – Taxiway Improvements
8. Lower Ty Ty Road – Widen 3.5 miles of Lower Ty Ty Road to two (2) lanes with turning patterns from Ty Ty Sparks Road to Highway 82
9. Walking – Biking Trail Phase I

County Manager Jim Carter stated that he and Mr. Jordan will be meeting with representative from Tifton, Omega and Ty Ty regarding their presentations.

COUNTY CLERK'S COMMENTS:


County Clerk Miriam Jordan reminded everyone of the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Tift Community Health Center Expansion Project on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 10am.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:


Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked the Board and staff to consider what can be done regarding blighted properties in the County. County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated he will work on an ordinance amendment to tighten up the existing procedures.

ADJOURN:

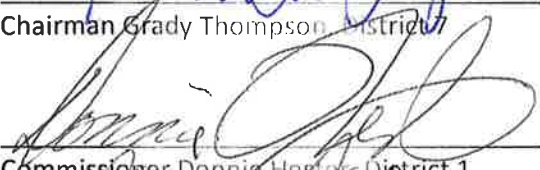
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.




Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3




Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



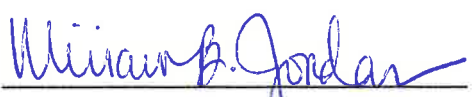
Commissioner Stan Starnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

November 13, 2017