

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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, November 13, 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, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes offered an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – October 3, 2017 and (2) Regular Session – October 9, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robert Setters. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Magnolia Henderson-Martin, 3108 4th Street, expressed her concerns regarding the following: (1) inclusion of walking trails in TSPLOST when there are other needs in the South part of town and (2) condition of vacant properties – in particular a vacant lot next to hers owned by Greg Branch.

Lyn Burnette, 3586 US Hwy 82 West, spoke regarding several concerns. A copy of the list she submitted is attached to these minutes as part of the record.

Sharon Petzel, Tiftarea Greenway Association, spoke on the benefits of having a walking/biking trail in the community.

Marianne Hill, 1021 Love Avenue, spoke regarding the following items: (1) ordinances on code enforcement need to be worked on to help clean up blighted properties; (2) the community's perception of the county is not good; and (3) walking trails do not belong in TSPLOST.

APPOINTMENTS: There were none to report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

County Manager Jim Carter read the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2017-08 – 90th Birthday Celebration Resolution for Mrs. Ruthie Lee Gray Gordon

- B. Motion to Approve 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

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- C. Motion to Approve 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
- D. Motion to Approve Agreement with State of Georgia Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia for Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program
- E. Motion to Commit \$100,000 for the Moore Highway Improvement Project
- G. Motion to Issue the Notice of Award to Rountree Construction for Street & Drainage Improvements for Springhill Church Road and Sand Hammock Lake Road (Phase I) in the Amount of \$256,156.50
- H. Motion to Issue the Notice of Award to Reeves Construction Company for FY2018 LMIG in the Amount of \$1,937,273.70
- J. Motion to Declare Designated Vehicles as Surplus and Authorize Disposal via Govdeals.com

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- F. **Notice of Award to The Scruggs Company for Moore Highway Improvements in the Amount of \$1,069,763.93:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that he has received commitment from the City of Tifton and the Development Authority regarding their participation in this project. Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to issue the Notice of Award. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- I. **Memorandum of Understanding with City of Tifton for Use of Fire Training Center:** Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to table this item. Motion was seconded by Fred “Buck” Rigdon. After some discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes amended her motion to table this item for 30 days subject to resolution in the interim or for report or action at the next meeting. Motion amendment seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.
- K. **Appointment to Tifton-Tift County Library Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there is one (1) vacancy on this board and that one (1) application has been received from Juan C. Diaz Perez. Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Robert Setters nominated Juan C. Diaz Perez. There being no further nominations, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations.

Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to appoint Juan C. Diaz Perez to the Tifton-Tift County Library Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

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COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: County Manager Jim Carter stated he needed an Executive Session for pending litigation, personnel and real estate.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Donnie Hester thanked everyone for their comments. He assured those present that the County will work on their code enforcement ordinances.

Commissioner Robert Setters commented that issues that come before the Board are worked on way before the meetings. He stated that none of the Commissioners take their jobs lightly.

COUNTY CLERK'S COMMENTS:

County Clerk Miriam Jordan asked which Commissioners will be able to attend the PLIGHT dinner on Thursday and the luncheon sponsored by the City of Adel on November 20th. Commissioner Donnie Hester stated he will attend the PLIGHT dinner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commission Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

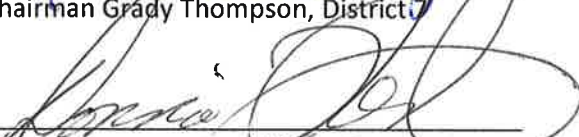
ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Robert Setters. Motion carried 6-0.



Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1




Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



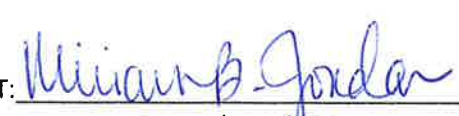
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

December 11, 2017