

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018 (6:00 PM)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, May 14, 2018 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 Vice Chairperson Stan Stalnaker and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

Recreation Director Craig Sowell offered an invocation and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – April 3, 2018; and (2) Regular Session – April 9, 2018. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing to Review and Transmit the Greater Tift County and Cities of Omega, Tifton and TyTy Comprehensive Plan Update to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for Review

Loretta Hylton with the SGRC was present to answer any questions regarding the update.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the Public Hearing. Dave Hetzel thanked the SGRC for their work on the plan update. There were no further comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- B. Motion to Approve Purchase of Six (6) Vehicles from Don Jackson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in the Amount of \$134,940 with Five (5) Vehicles Being Utilized by the Sheriff's Department and One (1) by Magistrate Court
- C. Motion to Approve a Utility Facility Encroachment Permit for USDA for the Replacement of a Weir on Whiddon Mill Road
- D. Motion to File Declaration of Taking for a Temporary Easement for the EB Hamilton Road Project

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- E. Motion to File Declaration of Taking for a Right of Way for the EB Hamilton Road Project
- F. Motion to File Declaration of Taking for Forest Lakes Entrance Project Contingent upon the Homeowner's Association Paying the Cost for the Right of Way and Engineering Costs
- G. Motion to Approve Purchase of Two (2) Mowers from Chris' Mower in the Amount of \$11,370.64 for the Recreation Department
- I. Approve Resolution No. 2018-06 – Declaration of Surplus Vehicles/Equipment

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Clerk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Donnie Hester stated for the record that the sheriff's vehicles are being purchased with budgeted monies.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. **Transmittal of Comprehensive Plan Update to DCA for Review:** County Manager Jim Carter said that this letter is required to be submitted with the draft Comprehensive Plan for DCA to review. Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- H. **Replacement of Lights at D.L. Lastinger Recreation Area:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that Recreation Director Craig Sowell had obtained the prices requested by the Commission at the Work Session regarding needed repairs at Eve Park. The total costs for all repairs including repairs previously discussed and the new costs obtained is \$154,900. The repairs to be made at Eve Park will include replacing lights and poles as well as the switchgear. Repairs will be paid from SPLOST V and contingency if needed. Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion approve the repairs for a total costs of \$154,900. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.
- J. **Appointments to Greater Tift County Planning and Zoning Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are two (2) vacancies on this Board and the County has received three (3) applications. Applications have been received by Shawn Utley, Mark Brown and James Laycock. Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Shawn Utley and James Laycock. There were no other nominations so Chairman Thompson closed the nominations. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to appoint Shawn Utley and James Laycock to the Tift County Planning and Zoning Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.
- K. **Appointments to Athletic Advisory Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are three (3) individuals who Recreation Director Craig Sowell would like to reappoint to this board. Mr. Sowell read the names – Buck Rigdon, Phil Salter and Jeff Robbins. Mr. Sowell said he has

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other vacancies and is taking applications for those positions. Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Buck Rigdon, Phil Salter and Jeff Robbins for re-appointment. There being no other nominations, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to re-appointment Buck Rigdon, Phil Salter and Jeff Robbins to the Athletic Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon abstained from the vote.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that there is a SDS meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

COUNTY CLERK'S COMMENTS: There were none to report.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Donnie Hester asked for the status on the ABM contract and Tift Lift. County Manager Jim Carter stated that there will probably be a called meeting to discuss the ABM contract. He stated that the RFP for transit services is currently being reviewed by GDOT and will be advertised as soon as that is returned.

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



Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7


Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1


Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2


Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker, District 4


Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5


Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 
June 11, 2018