

WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2018

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, July 9, 2018 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 Stan Stalnaker and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Melissa Hughes and Fred "Buck" Rigdon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Huggins, 506 Mt. Olive Church Road, distributed a proposed ordinance amendment regarding allowing off-road vehicles on dirt roads in the County. He asked the Board to consider the amendment.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, JULY 17, 2018 MEETING:

- A. **Lease Agreement with John Deere Financial for Purchase of a Backhoe for the Road**
Department: Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated he received two (2) bids for the backhoe lease – Flint Equipment and Yancey. Director Jordan recommended accepting the low bid from Flint Equipment Co. in the amount of \$13,112.83/year for five (5) years. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent agenda contingent upon the County Attorney's review of the lease.
- B. **Recommendation for the FY19 LMIG Project:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan recommended Ferry Lake Road from Highway 319 to the County line as the FY19 LMIG project. This would be a full depth reclamation and two-foot widening of this road. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent agenda.
- C. **Cancelling of 2017 Tax Bill for Southern Regional Technical College:** Chief Tax Assessor Teresa Lupo stated that Southern Regional Technical College requests canceling their 2017 tax bill as exempt an educational institute. Southern Regional Tech received this property in 2016 but did not contact the Assessor's Office to confirm the property qualified as exempt due to use as an educational institute. Ownership of the property by an exempt organization does not automatically qualify for exemption UNLESS the property is used by the exempt organization in accordance with Georgia Law. The BOA was not notified of the use until May 11, 2018. This property is used as wildlife management and forestry training classes. The use of the property for educational training was confirmed by BOA in June 2018. No appeal was filed in 2017 and the Board of Assessors has no authority to cancel the 2017 tax bill. County Attorney Anthony Rowell to research whether the Board of Commissioners can consider this request. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Regular agenda.
- D. **Professional Services Agreement with Lose Design for a Facility Master Plan for the Recreation**
Department: Recreation Director Craig Sowell stated that staff has recently met with Lose Design and Watkins & Associates to discuss a facility master plan for the Friendly City Park Recreation Area. Staff would like to recommend approval of this proposal so the facility plans & preliminary designs would be available for the County to move forward as SPLOST funds allow. The \$14,850 would be reimbursed to Tift County by the Tourism Association's Tourism Recreation Grant. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent Agenda contingent upon the County Attorney reviewing the agreement.

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- E. **Garbage Price Increase from Golden Environmental:** Richard Golden was supposed to be in attendance to present the increase. However, he was not at the meeting. County Manager Jim Carter stated that Mr. Golden proposes to increase the residential pick up rate by 6%. He stated that according to the agreement, a portion was included in the Board's package, states there shall not be more than a 2% increase in any one year. County Clerk to forward the entire agreement to the Board. Mr. Carter to ensure that Mr. Golden attends the Regular meeting. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Regular Agenda.
- F. **Alcoholic Beverage Application Submitted by Michael J. Eld for Chula General Store Located at 3336 US Highway 41:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Sheriff and staff do not recommend approval of this application due to criminal history. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Regular Agenda.

At this time County Manager Jim Carter distributed a packet of information regarding sewer rate increases sent to him from City Manager Pete Pyrzenski. Mr. Carter stated that Mr. Pyrzenski will be at the next meeting to present this information to the Board.

- G. **Discussion of Employment Contract for County Manager (Tabled from 06.28.18 meeting):** There was not recommendation for action on this item.

COUNTY CLERK'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked for participation in the Mental Health Summit to be held by ACCG. The Summit will be August 1st in Macon, GA. She also stated her and Commissioner Donnie Hester will be hosting a Phillipsburg-Unionville Town Hall Meeting on July 10, 2018 at 6pm at the Community Center.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker thanked Recreation Director Craig Sowell for a job well done at the district swim meet and looks for to the State Swim Meet this weekend. He thanked the Tourism Association for the purchase of the water cannons. The cannons are working well to keep the water temperatures down.

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Commissioner Donnie Hester asked for the status of the ABM Contract. County Attorney Anthony Rowell to set up meetings with the Commissioners to discuss.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN:


There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.




Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



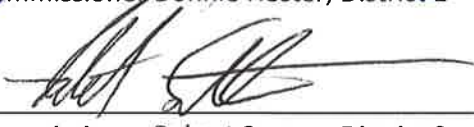
Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker, District 4




Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1




Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



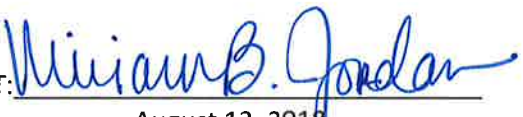
Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

August 13, 2018