

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, August 6, 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:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

Scott Carlson, Roxie Price and Justin Hand gave an update on Extension Services. Handouts were provided.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. TC-ZA-18-03, Application by Tift County Development Authority, Brian Marlowe, agent. This request is for rezoning of a 394.60 acre tract located between Tifton Eldorado Road crossing Lee Ball Road and US Highway 41 South. Subject property begins approximately 2,300 feet south of Oak Ridge Church Road on Tifton Eldorado Road. Proposed rezoning request is for expansion of the Industrial Park. Property currently Zoned AG (Agricultural) and the request is to rezone to WLI (Wholesale Light Industrial). Subject property is Tift County Tax Map 062 Parcels 067, 067A and 067B. – Gene Thompkins, Tift County Building Inspector, was present to answer any questions. County Manager Jim Carter stated that Brian Marlowe will be at the Public Hearing.
- B. Closing of a Portion of the Dirt Road Named Cooper Stone Road – County Manager Jim Carter stated that all property contiguous with the portion of the road requested to be closed is owned by the same owner – Tommy Lee Stone. A notice was published in the Tifton Gazette on July 27th and August 3rd. Letters have been sent to all property owners on Cooper Stone Road.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, AUGUST 13, 2018 MEETING:

- A. **Cancelling of 2017 Tax Bill for Southern Regional College (Tabled 07.17.18):** County Manager Jim Carter recommended denial of this request since appeal was not filed by the County's deadline. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Regular agenda.
- B. **Garbage Price Increase from Golden Environmental (Tabled 07.17.18):** The Board asked the County Manager to meet with Richard Golden prior to the Commission Meeting regarding Mr. Golden's comments about the landfill and how that effects his rate increase request. The County Manager was also asked to call EPD about post closure monies. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Regular agenda.

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- C. **Lease of a 2018 Caterpillar 12M3 BR Motorgrader:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that he received two (2) bids for a Motorgrader – Yancey CAT for \$22,735.19 and Flint Equipment for \$23,494.58. Mr. Jordan recommends the low bidder. This will be a five (5) year lease. The Board indicated its desire to place item “C” on the Consent agenda with it being contingent upon the County Attorney’s review of the lease documents.
- D. **Lease of a 2018 Caterpillar D5K2 Dozer:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that he received two (2) bids for a dozer – Yancey CAT for \$16,421.38 and Flint Equipment for \$19,170.62. Mr. Jordan recommends the low bidder. This will be a five (5) year lease. The Board indicated its desire to place item “D” on the Consent agenda with it being contingent upon the County Attorney’s review of the lease documents.
- E. **TC-FSD-18-04, Application by BSC Investments Group, LLC, David DeLoach as agent, is requesting Final Subdivision Plat Approval for The Cove at Willow Creek Phase 2. This Approval is Consisting of 19 Lots and is Tift County Map 0048, Parcel 025:** County staff development review committee and County Attorney Anthony Rowell recommend approval of this final plat. The Board indicated its desire to place item “E” on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Dedication of Road in Willow Creek Phase 2:** County Manager Jim Carter asked the Board to table this item to allow staff to review the bonding and warranty requirements. The Board indicated its desire to place item “F” on the Consent Agenda to Table for 30 days.
- G. **Renewal of Contract with Traylor Business Services:** Chief Tax Appraiser Teresa Lupo stated that Traylor Business Services is contracted to perform audits of business personal property accounts to discover unreported or under reported equipment, fixtures and inventory. The Board indicated its desire to place item “G” on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Execution of the ACCG-IRMA and ACCG-GSIWCF Safety Discount Verification Forms:** Recreation Director/Safety Coordinator Craig Sowell stated that the County is a member of ACCG’s IRMA (Property Liability) and GSIWCF (Workers Comp) insurance programs. Through these programs there is a safety incentive discount for each type of coverage – 5% on IRMA and 7.5% on GSIWCF. The County has met all of the requirements to receive these discounts. Savings is approximately \$40,000. The Chairman needs to sign the forms in order for the discount to be applied. The Board indicated its desire to place item “H” on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Alcohol Beverage Application (Malt Beverage Package and Wine Package) Submitted by Chintankumar A. Patel for A&N Food Mart Located at 3119 South Central Avenue:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Sheriff and staff recommend approval of this application. The Board indicated its desire to place item “I” on the Consent Agenda.
- J. **Agreement with the Georgia Public Defenders Council for Public Defender Services for FY19:** The Board indicated its desire to place item “J” on the Consent Agenda.

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- K. **Consideration of Annexation Request Received from the City of Tifton for Property Located on Highway 125 North:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the City of Tifton has notified the County of its intent to annex 6.873 acres on Highway 125 North – Parcel Number 0058 014 – except for a ten (10) foot wide strip. The County just recently rezoned this property. County Attorney Anthony Rowell distributed a map of the property identifying the county and city parcels. Mr. Rowell stated that lodging an objection will not be a sustainable position to take. Item was for discussion only. No action required.
- L. **Amendment to Agreement with Bob Roberson & Associates for Completion of the Administrative Services for the 2016 CDBG Project:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that Bob Roberson & Associates currently have a contract with the County for the preparation of the application for the 2016 CDBG project - Brookvale Subdivision. This CDBG grant allows for \$30,000 in administration fees. \$15,000 has already been paid to Mr. Roberson. \$5,000 has been paid to the County for administrative services performed by the Community Development Department. Since the retirement in that department, there is a need for someone to finish the administrative portion of the project. Mr. Roberson has agreed to finish the project for the remaining \$10,000. Since the original agreement was procured in the manner required by the grant, all that will be required is an amendment to the original agreement. The Board indicated its desire to place item “L” on the Consent Agenda.
- M. **Appointments to Keep Tift Beautiful Committee:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are two (2) vacancies on this Committee and that two (2) applications have been received for consideration – Catherine Wilson and Lorie Felton. These positions would be for four (4) year terms. The Board indicated its desire to place item “M” on the Regular Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:

Commissioner Donnie Hester asked for the status of the ABM Contract.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker addressed an online publication that stated the County had boycotted a joint meeting with the City of Tifton. Commissioner Stalnaker stated that the County never agreed to a joint meeting but had requested that the Service Delivery committee meet to discuss all the remaining service delivery issues. Marianne Hill suggested that Commissioner Stan Stalnaker write a letter to the editor about this issue.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes talked about her participation in the Mental Health Summit held by ACCG in Macon, GA. Commissioner Hughes asked that the Sheriff, E911 and Hospital provide her data regarding persons they come in contact with that have mental health issues.

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Chairman Grady Thompson thanked County Manager Jim Carter for teaching County Department Heads leadership skills during their department head meeting.

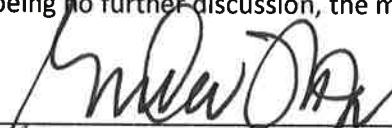
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnakar. 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.



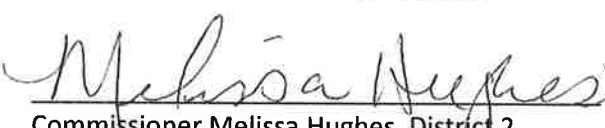
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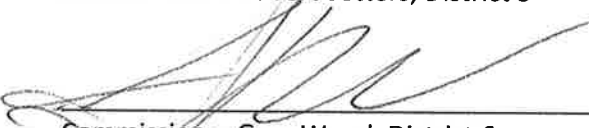
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

September 10, 2018