

REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 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 and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none to report.

MINUTES

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Called Session – June 1, 2018; (2) Executive Session – June 1, 2018; (3) Workshop Session – July 9, 2018; (4) Regular Session – July 17, 2018; and (5) Executive Session – July 17, 2018. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. The motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. TC-ZA-18-03, Application by Tift County Development Authority, Brian Marlowe as agent. This request is for the 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 Tift Eldorado Road. Proposed rezoning request is for expansion of the Industrial Park. Property is 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.

Tift County Building Inspection Gene Thompkins and County Manager Jim Carter presented the application.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked the Board of Commissioners if there was any conflict of interest with the Board members. There was no conflict noted.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the Public Hearing.

Mark Sandifer, attorney for the Tift County Development Authority, spoke in favor of the application.

Matthew Waldrop, 1200 Tifton Eldorado Road, urged the Board to proceed with caution with this application. He asked that the Board consider preserving the tree line along Tifton Eldorado Road and to watch for blight in the area. He stated he didn't want this project to become a "negative" for the residents of Eldorado.

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There being no further comments, Chairman Thompson closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve application TC-ZA-18-03 to rezone from RA to WLI of Tift County Tax Map 062 Parcels 067, 067A and 067B. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Robert Setters. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- B. Requested Submitted by Shane Stone for the Closing of a Portion of the Dirt Road Named Cooper Stone Road

County Manager Jim Carter presented the request to the Board.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked the Board of Commissioners if there was any conflict of interest with the Board members. There was no conflict noted.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the Public Hearing.

Shane Stone, 33 Ben Lee Drive, spoke in favor of the application.

Zach Stone, 278 Lower Brookfield Road, spoke in favor of the application.

Melanie Grimes, 28 Cooper Stone Road, expressed concerns on how this closure will affect her trash and mail services. Shane Stone and Zach Stone both stated that they would be sure to leave enough room for those service vehicles to be able to turn around.

There being no further comments, Chairman Thompson closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve the closing of a portion of the dirt road named Cooper Stone Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Robert Setters. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- C. Motion to Approve Lease Agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for Purchase of a 2018 12M3 BR Motorgrader for the Road Department Contingent Upon the County Attorney's Review of the Lease
- D. Motion to Approve Lease Agreement with First Continental Leasing, a Division of Bancorp South Bank, for the Purchase of a 2018 Caterpillar D5K2 Dozer Contingent Upon the County Attorney's Review of the Lease
- E. Motion to Approve TC-FSD-18-04, Application by BSC Investments Group, LLC, David DeLoach as agent, Requesting Final Subdivision Plat Approval for The Cove at Willow Creek Phase 2. This Approval Consist

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of 19 Lots and is Tift County Map 0048, Parcel 025.

- F. Motion to Table for 30 Days the Request for Dedication of Roads in Willow Creek Phase 2
- G. Motion to Approve Renewal of Contract with Traylor Business Services for Business Personal Property Verification Services
- H. Motion to Approve the Chairman Executing the ACCG-IRMA and ACCG-GSIWCF Safety Discount Verification Forms
- I. Motion to Approve the 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
- J. Motion to Approve an Agreement with the Georgia Public Defenders Council for Public Defender Services for FY19
- L. Motion to Approve an Amendment to the Agreement with Bob Roberson & Associates for Completion of Administrative Services for the 2016 CDBG Project

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. **Cancelling of 2017 Tax Bill for Southern Regional Technical College (Tabled 07.17.18):** Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to deny this request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.
- B. **Garbage Price Increase from Golden Environmental:** Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to table this item for 30 days. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.
- M. **Appointments to the Keep Tift Beautiful Committee:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated there are two (2) vacancies on this Committee. Two (2) applications have been submitted for consideration – Catherine Wilson and Lorie Felton. Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker nominated Catherine Wilson and Lorie Felton. There being no further nominations, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to appoint Catherine Wilson and Lorie Felton to the Keep Tift Beautiful Committee for four (4) year terms. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

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COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter asked for a brief Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes invited those present to attend a planning meeting for the New Year's Eve Gnat Drop event. The planning meeting will be held on Wednesday at 5 pm in Commissioner Hughes' office.


EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.



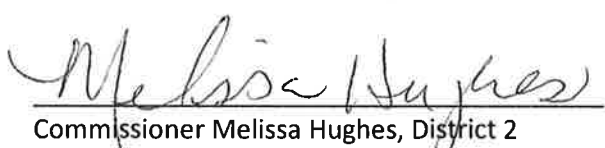
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3



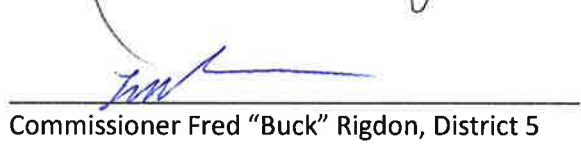
Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



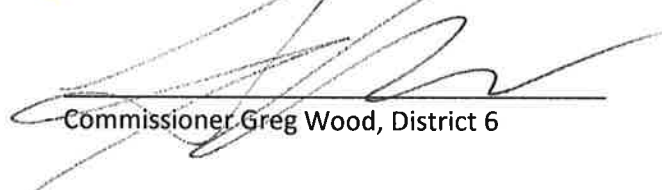
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2




Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

September 10, 2018