

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, September 4, 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 and Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Commissioner Melissa Hughes was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

Recreation Department Craig Sowell and County Manager Jim Carter presented a Resolution from the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) and plaque to Roger Sears who retired from Tift County Recreation Department after 29.5 years of service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. TC-ZA-18-04, Application by Corey Thompson, owner; Tyler Graybill, Chris West, Josh Hufstetler and Teramore Development, LLC as agents. The current zoning classification of the property is AG (Agricultural). The 4.40 acre tract of land is located at the intersection of Chula Brookfield Road and US Highway 41 North. The application is requesting approval to divide the existing tract of land into two (2) parcels and that a new zoning classification be approved for each parcel. The proposed rezoning asks that a 2.40 acre parcel be rezoned from AG (Agricultural) to GB (General Business) allowing for the construction of a 7,500 square foot Dollar General retail store. Additionally, the applicant asks that a 2.0 acre parcel be changed from AG (Agricultural) to RR1 (Rural Single-Family Residential)

Tift County Building Inspector Gene Thompkins presented the application. He stated that the application met all the zoning criteria. The Greater Tiftarea Planning Commission has considered the application and recommend approval.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 MEETING:

- A. **Garbage Price Increase from Golden Environmental (Tabled 07.17.18 and 08.13.18):** County Manager Jim Carter stated that contractually Golden Environmental would be entitled to an increase in fees if tipping fees are increased. He stated that the Service Delivery Coordinating Committee will be meeting on Friday and an increase in tipping fees will be discussed. Mr. Carter hopes to have better direction for the Board by the Regular meeting on Monday. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Regular agenda.

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- B. **Dedication of Roads in The Cove at Willow Creek Phase 2 (Tabled 08.13.18):** County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff is still working on the bonding and warranty requirements for the acceptance of these roads. Mr. Carter stated that it is the intent to have a recommendation for the Board by the Regular meeting on Monday. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Regular agenda.
- C. **Lease with AMJ Leasing, LLC for a Copier for Clerk of Court:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that the Clerk of Court has a copier with a lease that is about to expire. Quotes were received from Ashley's and Ricoh. Mr. Stephenson recommends the low bidder AMJ Leasing, LLC (Ashley's) for a Cannon C5535i. The annual lease payment would be \$1,859.76 and the lease is for four (4) years. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent agenda.
- D. **Contract Renewal with Physio Control for Maintenance of Cardiac Monitors:** EMS Director Alver Horton stated that this contract renewal was for the maintenance of four (4) Life Pack-12 cardiac monitors. The annual cost is \$6,192 and is a budgeted expense. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent agenda.
- E. **Contract Renewal with Physio Control for Maintenance of Cardiac Monitors and a Lucas Resuscitation Device:** EMS Director Alver Horton stated that this contract renewal was for the maintenance of four (4) Life Pack-15 cardiac monitors and a Lucas resuscitation device. The annual cost is \$8,424 and is a budgeted expense. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the EB Hamilton Road Project:** County Manager Jim Carter stated the EB Hamilton widening project is a joint infrastructure improvement project between the Georgia Department of Transportation, City of Tifton and Tift County. Mr. Carter called attention to an email from City Manager Pete Pyrzenski dated February 24, 2017 referencing the City of Tifton's understanding and participation in the project funding. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Regular Agenda. A memorandum of understanding is needed with the City of Tifton for the funding.
- G. **Scanning and Indexing of Documents for Clerk of Court:** Clerk of Court Clay Pate stated that he has received five (5) bids for scanning of documents. Mr. Pate recommends the bid from Kofile. The total cost for the project is \$712,330. There is \$395,900 in SPLOST III that can be used for this project. County Manager Jim Carter stated he would like to speak with Kofile about some financing options. Mr. Carter stated that SPLOST VI has money earmarked for this. Mr. Carter hopes to be able to have this resolved by the Regular meeting on Monday. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Regular Agenda.
- H. **Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for Transit Services for FY19:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated this is the annual contract for Tift Lift. The total contract amount is \$233,672 and the County's match is 50% - \$116,836. This is a budgeted expense. The Board indicated its desire to place item "H" on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Letter of Intent and Lease Agreement with State Properties for DEFACS:** County Manager Jim Carter asked that the Board consider approval of this lease. The Board indicated its desire to place item "I" on the Consent Agenda.

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- J. **Purchase of Vehicle for District Attorney:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the District Attorney's office has a 2003 Ford Explorer with approximately 143,000 miles with transmission problems. The vehicle is currently located in Turner County because it broke down while there in court. The budget includes a lease payment for a new vehicle. However, because of other savings in this department, there are funds available to purchase the vehicle. A quote from Don Jackson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram was obtained and is for a 2018 Dodge Charger in the State contract amount of \$21,816. The Board indicated its desire to place item "J" on the Consent Agenda.
- K. **Resolution No. 2018-13 & 2018-14, Pertaining to the Collection of E911 Fees:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that HB 751 was passed during the 2018 legislative session which created the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (GECA). This legislation implements a new centralized process by which all 9-1-1 fees are to be collected and remitted to local governments by the Department of Revenue (DOR). Jurisdictions with existing resolution(s) are encouraged to adopt and submit the attached new model resolutions for (a) landline and wireless 9-1-1 fees, and (b) prepaid 9-1-1 fees. ACCG wants to be sure that each and every county has submitted resolutions by September 30, 2018, so that every jurisdiction will be eligible to levy the 9-1-1 fees. The Board indicated its desire to place item "K" on the Consent agenda.
- L. **Revised Background Check Policies for Tift County Recreation:** Recreation Director Craig Sowell stated that the major changes to these policies outlined definitions regarding various crimes and criteria for exclusion along with various clarifications. The Athletic Advisory Board has met and reviewed these changes. The Board indicated its desire to place item "L" on the Consent Agenda.
- M. **Athletic Advisory Committee Appointment:** Recreation Director Craig Sowell stated that the Tift County Recreation Department and the Athletic Advisory Committee would like to recommend that Paul Nelson be appointed to serve on the Athletic Advisory Committee. If so appointed, the term would expire May 2021. The Board indicated its desire to place item "M" on the Regular Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that there will be Service Delivery Coordinating Committee meeting on Friday, September 7, 2018 at Noon in Room 204. He also stated that the County Attorney needed an Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Donnie Hester thanked everyone for their kindness during the passing of his wife.

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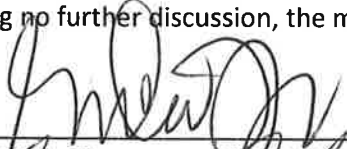
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

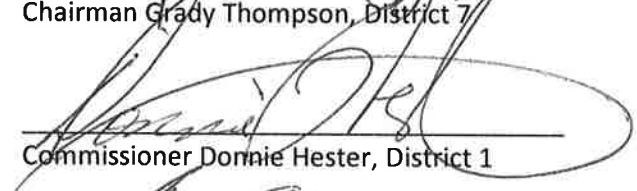
Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

ADJOURN:


There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



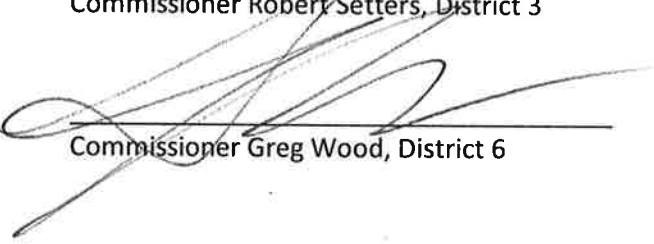
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



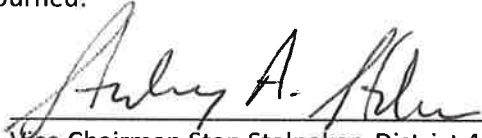
Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6



Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Absent

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST: 

September 10, 2018