

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, October 2, 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 Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cherysh Green, Drug Court Coordinator, gave an update of Drug Court activities for the first quarter. She stated that she would be applying for a supplemental grant and that an agreement has been executed for an in-house drug screening lab.

APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Proclamation – Go Light Your World Day – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Tiftarea Commission on Children and Youth hold this event every year. It will be October 24, 2018 starting at 7 pm. Luminaries are placed in support of children and youth in Tift County.
- B. Proclamation – National Disability Employment Awareness Month – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Diversified Services is asking that the Board proclaim October 2018 at National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 8, 2018 MEETING:

- A. **Dedication of Roads in The Cove at Willow Creek Phase 2 (Tabled 08.13.18 and 09.10.18):** County Manager Jim Carter asked that this item be removed from the agenda. Staff is working to amend the Unified Development Code regarding bonding requirements. Once all necessary changes have been reviewed, advertised and voted on, this item will be brought forth with a recommendation based on that amendment. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Garbage Price Increase from Golden Environmental (Tabled 07.17.18, 08.13.18 and 09.10.18):** County Manager Jim Carter asked that this item be removed from the agenda. He stated that the Service Delivery Coordinating Committee is requesting an increase in tipping fees which will affect the increases allowed by contract for Golden Environmental. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Proposed Increase to Landfill Tipping Fees:** County Manager Jim Carter to communicate with the City that the Board desires for the Service Delivery Coordinating Committee (SDCC) to meet to discuss the

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options before it comes to the Board for a vote. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Regular Agenda.

- D. **Agreement with Plant TiftNet, Inc. for Fiber Transport and Internet Services for Six County Buildings – E911, EMS, Administration, Public Works, Recreation and Extension:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that Tift County's Local Area Network (LAN) utilizes fiber optics provided by Plant Telecommunications running to six (6) county buildings. These connections allow county employees at each of these buildings to access County servers running a variety of applications including financial, payroll, jail records, email, etc. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent agenda.
- E. **Agreement with Plant TiftNet, Inc. for Dedicated Internet Service:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that Tift County relies heavily on a fast and stable internet connection for external email, remote user connectivity, sheriff deputy mobile connections, vendor application support, IT backups, and sheriff deputy video uploads. An increase in internet bandwidth is needed to accommodate the growing number of applications and users needing access to the internet. Tift County received bids from Altaworx and Plant Telephone. Plant Telephone came in with the lower bid for a 100 megabit connection. This will double the county's internet speed and provide for any future internet needs. The contract is for three (3) years with \$500 install fee and monthly charges of \$899.95/month. The county currently pays \$1,295/month for a 50 megabit connection. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Agreement with HTS Construction, Inc. for Construction of the EB Hamilton Road Project:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that the Board voted to award the contract for this project on July 17, 2018. This will be a GDOT/County/City project. GDOT will contribute \$2,000,000 towards construction. The remaining cost will be shared 50/50 with the City of Tifton. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Consent Agenda.
- G. **Change Order for Driveway Improvements on Springhill Church Road and Sand Hammock Lake Road:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that in November 2017 the Board voted to award to Rountree Construction Phase I of street and drainage improvements for these roads. Public Works performed most of the work on this road; however, the curb and gutter and paving was to be completed by a contractor. During the course of the project, it was determined that residential driveway aprons would have to be improved to allow adequate access to homes. The improvements were made by the contractor as part of the construction process. The total cost of the change order is \$42,093.25. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Contract for Emergency Billing & Collection Services:** EMS Director Junior Horton stated that the County solicited RFPs for emergency billing and collection services. A total of six (6) RFPs were received. County Manager Jim Carter stated that he has worked with staff to choose the top three (3) proposals. After those were chosen, webinars were scheduled for further review. After this review, it was determined that EMS Billing & Collections will deliver the highest collections in the shortest amount of time. Mr. Carter will work with this company to finalize a contract before the Monday meeting. The Board indicated its desire to place item "H" on the Regular Agenda.

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- I. **Additional Repairs Needed for Rescue 51:** Chief Joey Fowler stated that at the June 2018 Board meeting, the Board approved repairs to the motor of Rescue 51 in the amount of \$7,000 understanding that there may be another \$900 expenditure if the cylinder head was bad. Once repairs began, EPS discovered additional repairs needed. The total of these additional repairs was \$10,402.36. The Board indicated its desire to place item "I" on the Consent Agenda.
- J. **Funding Source for Purchase of Body Cams for Sheriff's Department:** Finance Director Diane Kelly stated that staff recommends that payment be made from SPLOST V & VI for the body cams. The Board indicated its desire to place item "J" on the Consent Agenda.
- K. **Alcohol License Application Submitted by Mukeshkumar Chaudhari for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package for 3336 US Highway 41, Chula:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated this application comes to the Board with the Sheriff not recommending approval. The applicant's fingerprints were rejected for "unfixable poor quality". The applicant was made aware and was to retry to have fingerprints done; however, as of this meeting, the applicant has not done so. The Board indicated its desire to place item "K" 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 Melissa Hughes invited everyone to attend the Gnat Drop on December 31, 2018 from 6 pm until Midnight. Anyone who wants to be involved with the planning is invited to attend the next planning meeting on October 9, 2018 at 5 pm in Ms. Hughes' office. Commissioner Hughes reminded the Commissioners of the ACCG District Meeting on October 25, 2018 from 4-6 pm in Douglas. She asked that the County Manager and County Attorney attend. Lastly, Commissioner Hughes thanked everyone for their participation in the clean-up event held last Saturday in Commissioner Hester's district.

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There was none to report.

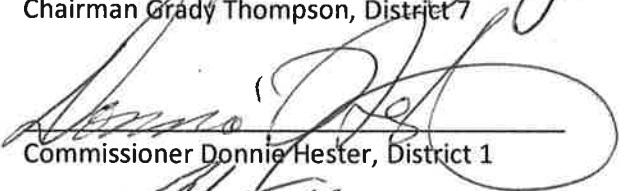
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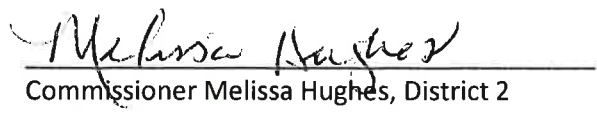
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker, District 4

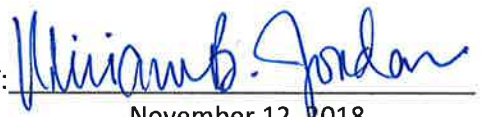

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1


Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2


Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Absent
Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5


Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 
November 12, 2018