

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

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission were Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker (arrived late) and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Charles Ray, 2308 Dorminy Street, expressed his concerns regarding flooding in his neighborhood.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. Tom Carmichael presented an update to the County's FY18 year-end audit.
- B. Richard Golden, Golden Environmental – This item was removed from the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There were none to report.

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

- A. **Resolution No. 2018-19 – Georgia Search and Rescue Task Force 2:** Fire Chief Joey Fowler stated that Georgia Search and Rescue Task Force 2 is based out of Valdosta and provides technical rescue equipment and trained personnel to 23 Southwest Georgia counties. Currently, Tift Fire Rescue has 20 personnel assigned to Task Force 2. In the event of a deployment, we are not required to send personnel. This is left up to the local government to send personnel if available. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Resolution No. 2018-198 – Georgia Mutual Aid Group:** Fire Chief Joey Fowler stated that the purpose of the Georgia Mutual Aid Group is to assist local agencies in mitigating the effects of natural and man-made disasters. In the event of a disaster, resources can be requested from GMAG for additional personnel and equipment. This resolution will also allow us to send our resources to other cities or counties in need. The decision to fill the request is left up to the local government. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Fire Training Facility Use Agreement with City of Tifton:** Fire Chief Joey Fowler stated that this is the annual renewal for use of the City of Tifton's fire training center. Chief Fowler stated that this arrangement for training has worked out well. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.
- D. **Lease Agreement with Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc. for Ruth's Cottage Location:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that per the special conditions of the CDBG grant for Ruth's Cottage, the County must

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provide DCA a lease agreement for the use of the facility to be constructed. County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that the legal counsel for Ruth's Cottage has reviewed the lease and has asked for a few changes. These changes need to be incorporated into the document. Changes should be made by the Board's meeting on Monday. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Regular agenda.

- E. **Alcohol Beverage License Application for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package Submitted by Dolgencorp, LLC for Dollar General Located at 1290 US Highway 82 East:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this location currently holds a license but did not return their renewal paperwork by the deadline established in the County's ordinances. Therefore, Dolgencorp, LLC had to reapply. The Sheriff recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Alcohol Beverage License Application for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package Submitted by Pennywise Management, LLC for Short Stop Food Mart Located at 607 Short Street:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this location currently has a license but the store is being sold to Pennywise Management, LLC. Therefore, the new owners are applying for the license. The Sheriff recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Consent Agenda.
- G. **Appointment to Keep Tift Beautiful Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term for Karen Shultz will expire on December 31, 2018. Ms. Shultz has asked to be considered for reappointment to this position. There have been no other applications received expressing interest in serving on this board. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Regular Agenda.
- H. **Appointment to Board of Assessors:** Chief Tax Assessor Teresa Lupo stated that the Georgia Department of Revenue requires all members of the Board of Assessors to be certified before they are eligible to vote in meetings. Frankie Mathis is a certified member of the Board of Assessors. Mr. Mathis is an excellent assessor and is a compliment to Tift County. The members of the Board of Assessors and the staff of the Assessor's office strongly recommend reappointing Mr. Frankie Mathis. There have been no other applications received expressing interest in serving on this board. The Board indicated its desire to place item "H" on the Regular Agenda.
- I. **Appointment of County Attorney:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the position of County Attorney is to be appointed annually. The Board indicated its desire to place item "I" on the Regular Agenda.
- J. **Appointment of County Clerk:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the position of County Clerk is to be appointed annually. The Board indicated its desire to place item "J" on the Regular Agenda.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

County Manager Jim Carter recognized retired County employee Wendell Lupo who was in the audience. Mr. Carter also stated that the large amounts of rain the County received in a short time is part of the problem with flooding but staff is working on the issue.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

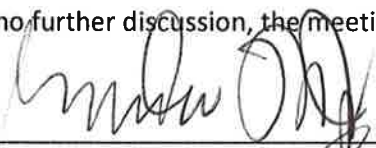
Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked that residents please keep their ditches cleaned. This would help with some of the flooding problems. Commissioner Hughes also announced the Gnat Drop to be held on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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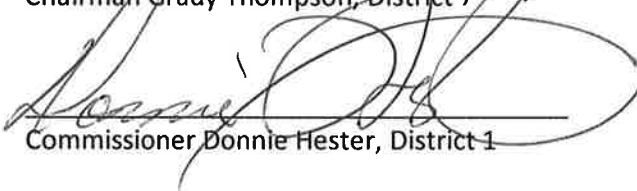
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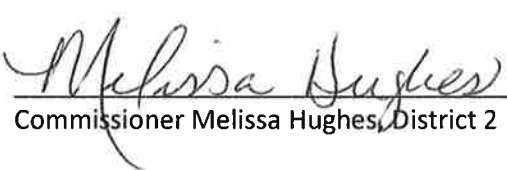
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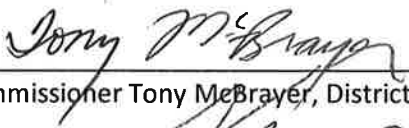
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

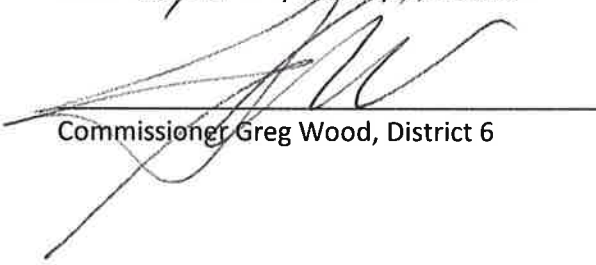
  
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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

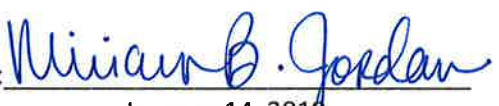
  
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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

  
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Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

  
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Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3

  
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Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

  
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Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST:   
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January 14, 2019