

**BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018 AT 2:00 PM**

The scheduled Budget Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 2:00 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present were Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker and Commissioners Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Robert Setters and Melissa Hughes. Also present were County Manager Jim Carter, Finance Director Diane Kelly, County Clerk Miriam Jordan, Colonel Larry Taylor and Tifton Gazette Editor Stuart Taylor.

County Manager Jim Carter stated that the budget was balanced and there was no tax increase. Mr. Carter distributed several documents – budget highlights/summary and compensation study. Some of those highlights were as follows: (1) no millage rate increase; (2) health care coverage costs increase; (3) employee compensation study complete; and (4) LOST – renegotiating in 2020-2022. Mr. Carter then went through each fund and noted any significant changes.

Mr. Carter stated that this budget included a 3% across the board salary increase for all employees effective July 1, 2018. With the increase in health care costs and the change in the retirement plan, this would ensure that employees would not be making less money. Also, in the compensation plan it calls for an equity increase based on years of service. This increase would be given to employees on January 1, 2019.


Mr. Carter stated that this budget included Grady Hospital managing and operating EMS.

Mr. Carter noted that the Special Tax District now includes Mosquito Control and Development Support Services as well as Fire Services. The City of Tifton no longer wants the County to spray for mosquitos in the City. Mr. Carter also stated that Rescue 51 would no longer answer calls in the City unless mutual aid is called.

Mr. Carter asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

Commission Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and the Workshop. Motion seconded by Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

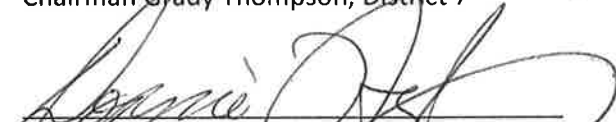
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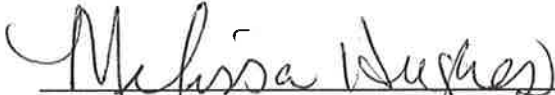
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



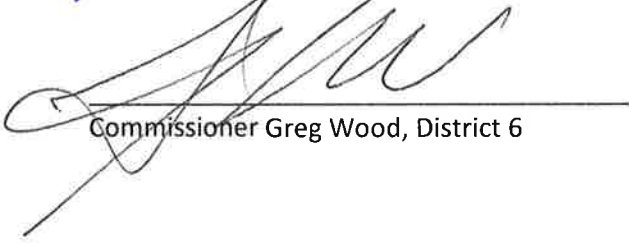
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 
July 9, 2018