

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, June 5, 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, Melissa Hughes and Fred "Buck" Rigdon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Melanie Lester, 2304 Dorminey Street, expressed concerns about her ditch. There is a problem with the ditch staying cut. When it rains, the ditch overflows. She owns South Tifton Learning Center and is afraid of the danger of snakes with kids at the property. The ditches haven't been cleaned in a while. She also asked for an explanation of her water bill.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes stated how important it is for our community to stop putting trash in the ditches. Litter prevents the flow of water.

Lynn Burnette, 3586 US Hwy 82 West, expressed her concerns regarding there being monies allocated for a bike/walking trail in the TSPLOST list of projects.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, JUNE 11, 2018 MEETING:

- A. **Acceptance of Quote for Renewal of Everbridge Notification System for EMA:** EMA Director Vickie Hickman stated that the Everbridge system sends out emergency notifications via phone, text and email to those who have signed up to receive the service. The price (\$11,000) and terms of the service are unchanged from last year. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent agenda.
- B. **Recipient-Subrecipient Agreement with GEMA for Grant Award for Damages During Hurricane Irma:** EMA Director Vickie Hickman stated that on September 11, 2017 Hurricane Irma impacted Tift County causing heavy damage. This grant award is one of four that are to be awarded. This one is for debris management. The total of this grant award is \$77,158.89 – Federal share \$65,585.06, State share \$4,629.53 and the County's share \$6,944.30. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent agenda authorizing the Chairman to execute all documents necessary for this grant and the other three remaining grant awards.
- C. **Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions for Vesta Pallas E911 Phone System:** E911 Director Tina Gay stated that this is the yearly contract for the E911 phone system. Total cost is \$18,489.40. Ms. Gay also stated that this software is reaching end of life and will have to be replaced in the near future. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent agenda.
- D. **Adult Felony Drug Court Fiscal Year 2019 Grant Award:** Cherysh Green, coordinator of Adult Felony Drug Court, stated there are 27 participants in this program and three (3) will be graduating. The State wants 31 participants in the program and Ms. Green feels there will be by the end of June. The grant amount is a 30% increase more than last year with a 100% reimbursement rate. The grant award is

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\$197,405 which requires a 10% County match. Ms. Green requests \$25,000 from DATE funds for this match. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Regular Agenda approving contingent upon the budget being approved.

- E. **Tift County DUI Drug Court Grant Award:** Judge Herbert Benson, State Court, graduated five (5) participants from the program. There are eight (8) in the program now with six (6) in the application process. Judge Benson stated he is looking to expand the program to include drug court as well as DUI for low and high risk individuals. The grant award is for 123,621 which requires a 10% match. Judge Benson is requesting \$25,000 from DATE funds for this match and for monies to expand the program. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Regular Agenda and combine Items E & F contingent upon budget approved.
- F. **Tift County DUI Court – DATE Funds Request:** Judge Herbert Benson wants this to expand the DUI Drug Court program. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Regular Agenda and combine with item E.
- G. **Reconsideration of Declaration of Taking for Forest Lakes Entrance Project:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that at the last Board meeting this declaration of taking was approved contingent upon the Homeowners Association paying for the taking. However, that was incorrect. The County will need to pay for the taking. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Reconsideration of Utility Facility Encroachment Permit for USDA for the Replacement of a Weir on Whiddon Mill Road:** Jason Jordan, Public Works Director, stated that at the last Board meeting an encroachment permit was approved. However, USDA would like a Utility Facility Easement agreement executed. The Board indicated its desire place item "H" on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Appointment to Elections Board:** Elections Supervisor Leila Dollison stated that the term of Patricia Robinson would soon be expiring. She asked that the Board consider reappointing Ms. Robinson for another term. The Board indicated its desire to place item "I" on the Regular Agenda.
- J. **Appointments to Library Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that five positions on this Board are expiring. Betty Jean Prince, Van Vanags and Filiberto Hernandez wish to be reappointed for another term. Dottie Royal has already served four (4) terms which is the maximum allowed. Jim Lavery has resigned from the Board. The County has received four (4) applications for this Board. Librarian Victoria Horst has asked that the Board consider appointing Nancy Trawick to the Library Board. The Board indicated its desire to place item "J" on the Regular Agenda.
- K. **Appointment to Tift County Board of Family & Children Services:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Director Annie Clark from the Department of Family and Children Services has asked the Board to consider reappointing Carol Bell to the Board of Family and Children Services for another term. The Board indicated its desire to place item "K" on the Regular Agenda.
- L. **Appointment to Community Service Board for Behavioral Health Services:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Pamela Cartwright from Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia has asked the Board to consider reappointing Chad Alexander as the government representative on the Community Service

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Board for Behavioral Health. The Board indicated its desire to place item “L” on the Regular Agenda.

- M. **Motor Replacement/Rebuild for Rescue 51:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that Rescue 51 has been out of service for six (6) weeks due to a motor issue. Mr. Carter stated that due to the age of the motor it is recommended to place the motor with a re-manufactured unit rather than rebuilding it. However, Mr. Carter was unsure about if a re-manufactured motor is available and hopes to locate one by the regular meeting. Purchase of this motor will be paid for from contingency. The Board indicated its desire to place item “M” on the Regular agenda.

- N. **Purchase of Three (3) Vehicles for the Road Department:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that three (3) vehicles in Public Works need to be replaced – 1996 F150 with 101,911 miles; 2002 Dodge Dakota with 120,470 miles; and 2004 F250 with 166,151 miles. The 1996 and 2002 vehicles will be surplused and the 2004 will be utilized by the Recreation Department. Griffin Ford has extended state contract pricing on three (3) vehicles – 2018 F150 (V8) for \$25,352; 2018 (V6) for \$22,109; and 2019 F-Series SD for \$33,613. The Board indicated its desire to place item “N” on the Consent agenda.

- O. **Resolution No. 2018-07 – Surplus Vehicles:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the vehicles being replaced in Public Works will need to be surplused and sold on GovDeals. The Board of indicated its desire to place item “O” on the Consent agenda

Chairman Grady Thompson called County Manager Jim Carter and Mayor Julie Smith to the podium and asked for an update on the SDS submittal. After calls with DCA, it seems the best course of action has been delineated. Mayor Smith indicated that the City Council will meet to approve the SDS submittal either later in the week or early the following week.

COUNTY CLERK’S COMMENTS:

There will be a Commission Budget Workshop on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 2 pm in Room 204. On this same day, there will be a Special Called Meeting at 5 pm to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. Then following that Special Called Meeting there will be another Commission Workshop to listen to presentations from attorneys regarding opioid issues. On Wednesday, June 20, 2018, there will be a Public Hearing at Noon for comment and review of the FY19 budget.

COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

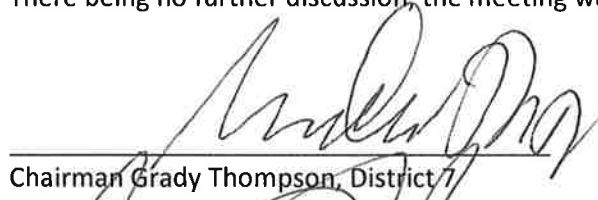
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COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:


Commissioner Melissa Hughes thanked County Manager Jim Carter and the SDS Board (Setters and Stalnaker) for working diligently on the service delivery submittal.

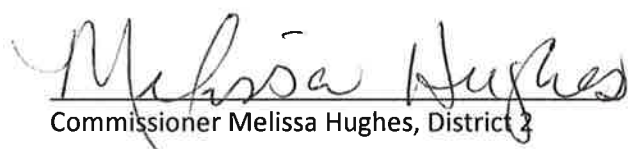
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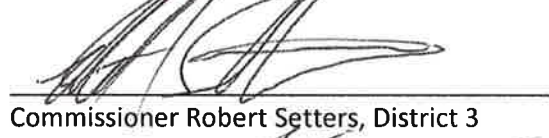
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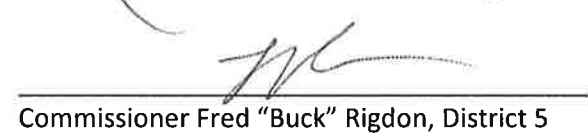

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

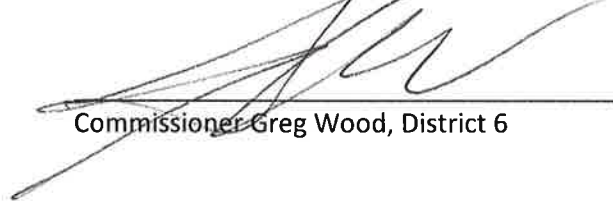

Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker, District 4


Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1


Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 3


Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3


Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5


Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 
July 9, 2018