

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 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 Commissioners Tony McBrayer, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Lori Murphy, Mission 22, spoke regarding the services that Mission 22 offers to veterans who suffer from PTSD.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, MARCH 11, 2019 MEETING:

- A. **Tift County Livestock Multipurpose Carpet Installation:** Jon Conley with the Livestock Association spoke regarding the need for carpet to be installed at the livestock facility. Three (3) bids have been received. Mr. Conley needs to have the bid from the local company verified. Mr. Conley will have that information to the County Manager or County Clerk before Monday's meeting. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Regular Agenda.
- B. **Contract with Credit Bureau Associates:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the County has been doing business with the Credit Bureau since the 80s. There has never been a contract. Since switching to the new ambulance billing company and because of HIPAA regulations, there is a need to have an agreement in place. County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that the agreement is a little narrow in his opinion and that there might be a more robust agreement coming before the Board in the future. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Agreement with Tax Commissioner and City of Tifton for Tax Collections:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the agreement allows the Tax Commissioner to assess and collect municipal taxes for the City of Tifton. The City pays to Tift County the sum of 2.5% of the taxes collected as their fee pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-5-359.1. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.
- D. **Lease Amendment with United States Department of Agriculture for USDA Located at 1468 Carpenter Road:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the United States Department of Agriculture rents 1468 Carpenter Road which houses USDA. This amendment would be for a term from January 1, 2019 to

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December 31, 2020. They will pay an annual rent of \$37,552 which represents \$7.50 per 5,007 square feet. This is the same amount they have been paying. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent Agenda.

- E. **Memorandum of Agreement with FEMA for IPAWS Program:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this is an agreement for an emergency response notification system which was discussed at the last meeting. This would not replace the weather sirens but be added as an additional service for weather notifications. Tift County EMA has completed all of the required classes and training for the implementation of the system. For this agreement, the Board must also approve the Tift County Public Alert and Warning Plan being considered as item "F". The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Tift County Public Alert and Warning Plan:** County Manager Jim Carter stated this alert and warning plan will allow Tift County EMA to operate the IPAWS notification system. This plan explains how and when we will activate the system and who has authority to activate it. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Consent Agenda.
- G. **Tift County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** County Manager Jim Carter stated in accordance with FEMA regulations Tift County must maintain a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and update that plan every five (5) years. The County's current plan was approved in 2017 and is due for an update in 2022. This is an application for a planning grant for this process. The local match would be \$5,720 of in-kind services. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Resolution No. 2019-02, Surplus Vehicles:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are three (3) vehicles that need to be surplus and sold on GovDeals. Two (2) are from the Sheriff's Department and one (1) from the Tax Assessor's Office. The cost of repairs on all three (3) vehicles exceed the value of those vehicles. The Board indicated its desire to place item "H" on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Ryan Rutland for the Market at Rutland Farms Located at 5641 Union Road for Retail Wine Package:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the applicant did not submit his renewal paperwork within the timeframe allowed so therefore the applicant had to reapply for this license. The Sheriff has investigated the application and recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place item "I" on the Consent Agenda.
- J. **Purchase of Ad for Tifton Gazette Progress Edition:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Tifton Gazette has contacted her regarding the purchase of an ad in their Progress edition. A copy of the ad prices and the ad from last year were provided to the Board. The Board discussed placing an ad on the back page. The Board indicated its desire to place item "J" on the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

There were none to report.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.


There being no further discussion, Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN:

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Greg Wood.



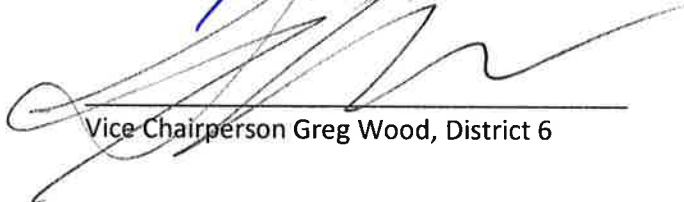
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3




Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6



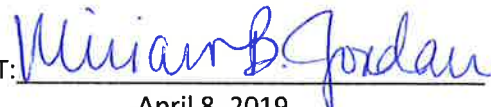
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST: 

April 8, 2019