

**Tift County Board of Commissioners
Budget Workshop
May 30, 2019 at 5:30 pm**

Present – Chairman Grady Thompson, Commissioners Stan Stalnaker, Donnie Hester, Tony McBrayer, Melissa Hughes, County Manager Jim Carter, Finance Director Diane Kelly, Human Resources Director Mike Walker and County Clerk Miriam Jordan.

Absent – Commissioners Fred “Buck” Rigdon and Greg Wood

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the Budget Workshop. County Manager Jim Carter began the conversation about the budget and began to work through a handout he prepared explaining budget highlights. A copy of this document is attached.

Mr. Carter stated that there are two (2) requests that have been received that staff needs direction on. Adult Felony Drug Court has asked for an additional \$5,000 for grant matching funds. At this time, Staff does not recommend funding the request because the total amount requested from the grant was not received. If additional grant funds are awarded in the future, the additional match monies could be considered at that time.


The Library has requested an additional \$30,000 in their funding request. Staff asked that the Library provide more information on their current expenditures before a recommendation can be made. Mr. Carter and Mrs. Kelly to schedule a meeting with Kim Fletcher, Business Manager for the Library, to look over information for the consideration of this request.

Commissioner Tony McBrayer asked where the revenues from recreation events go to. Mrs. Kelly explained that those revenues go in the general fund under Charges for Services.

Commissioner Donnie Hester asked several questions regarding the COLA increase for employees. Mr. Carter stated that the budget includes a 2% COLA to be effective January 1, 2020.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker asked if there have been any discussions with ABAC and Omega for non-emergent calls. Mr. Carter stated that he wanted to finalize discussions with the City of Tifton before talking with ABAC and Omega.

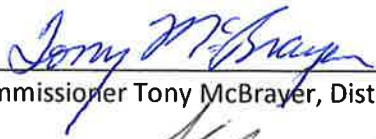
There being no further discussion, Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the Workshop at 6:33 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 5-0 with the Chairman voting.


Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

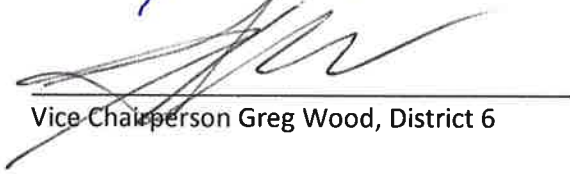

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4


Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1


Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



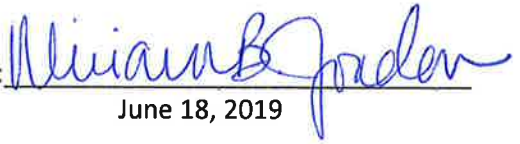
Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3



Vice-Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST: 

June 18, 2019