

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, April 2, 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, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner/Vice Chairperson Greg Wood was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Crystell Wesley, 3106 Southern Avenue, expressed her concerns regarding adults loitering at Copeland Park. People are staying at the park after the hours allowed. She asked for the police to control the area after park hours.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There were none to report.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, APRIL 8, 2019 MEETING:**

- A. **Telecom Service with BullsEye Telecom for Phone Service at the Airport:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that there are three (3) lines at the Airport that are currently with AT&T. By switching the service to BullsEye Telecom, the County can save \$5,214.36 a year. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Lease with AMJ Leasing, Inc. (Ashley's) for Copier at the Sheriff's Department:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that the Sheriff's Department uses a Canon 6255 and 4235 for its color copying/printing as well as network scanning. The leases for these devices are expiring. This lease is for newer model machines – Canon 6555 and 4545i. The lease price is the same. However, due to more efficient engines in these new devices they offer a reduced maintenance contract. This should save the County approximately \$268 per month. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Application for Additional Funding for the Off System Safety Program:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that GDOT has additional monies available in their LMIG program that they are awarding in the form of an off-system safety program. These funds can be used for striping, signing and raised payment markers. Tift County's award amount is \$44,400. The project list contains projects totaling \$130,756.54. Additional funding will come from TSPLOST dollars collected. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.

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- D. **Lease for 2019 Motorgrader:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that he received two (2) bids for the Motorgrader – Flint Equipment (John Deere) in the amount of \$34,831.52/ year for five (5) years and Yancey Bros (CAT) in the amount of \$35,035.84 for five (5) years. Mr. Jordan recommended the low bidder. The Board indicated its desire to place item “D” on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Lighting Services Agreements with Georgia Power:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that Georgia Power is proposing to change the outdoor lighting at three (3) county locations to LED lights – Pickett Building, DFACS Building and Extension Building. There is no cost to the county for these fixtures. The County should see a savings in the energy cost for these lights. The Board indicated its desire to place item “E” on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Contract with Physio Control for Maintenance of Cardiac Monitors:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this is a preventative maintenance contract for three (3) – Life Pack 12 cardiac monitors, four (4) – Life Pack 15 monitors and one (1) – Lucas CPR device. The Life Pack 12 monitors are reaching end of life but Physio Control is willing to service them for one more year. The Board indicated its desire to place item “F” on the Consent Agenda.
- G. **Agricultural Lease Agreement with Wesley Lassiter:** County Manager Jim Carter stated this lease is between Mr. Lassiter, the County and City of Tifton. This is for the lease of 25 acres adjacent to the Tifton-Tift County Landfill for \$1,750 per year. Monies from this lease agreement are deposited in the Enterprise Fund for the landfill. Mr. Carter stated that the City of Tifton has already executed the lease agreement. The Board indicated its desire to place item “G” on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Agreement with Rankin & Associates for Construction Administration Services during Construction of a New Adult Victim Services Facility:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that this agreement is for the construction administration services for the new adult victims’ services facility. The cost of the agreement is \$27,500. The Board indicated its desire to place item “H” on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Memorandum of Understanding with Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc. for Funding of Construction of a New Adult Victim Services Facility:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that this agreement provides the funding mechanism for this project. The CDBG Grant is \$750,000 and \$250,000 will be used from the Revolving Loan Fund. Any costs over the \$1,000,000 will be the responsibility of TJCS/RC. The Board indicated its desire to place item “I” on the Consent Agenda.
- J. **Lease with Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. (Headstart) for Use of County Property at 64 Tifton Eldorado Road:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the lease agreement with the Coastal Plan Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. has expired. This new lease is for a term of three (3) years same as the previous lease. The Board indicated its desire to place item “J” on the Consent Agenda.
- K. **Resolution No. 2019-03 – Surplus of County Property:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there is a pickup truck at the Road Department with a blown motor and 23 chairs that need to be surplus and sold. The Board indicated its desire to place item “k” on the Consent Agenda.

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- L. **Appointments to the Hospital Authority:** Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon stated that two (2) positions have become vacant on the Hospital Authority – Dr. Joel Johnson and Joyce Mims. Commissioner Rigdon stated that he has a recommendation from the Hospital Authority for the vacancies. Commissioner Donnie Hester stated that Joyce Mims wishes to remain on the Authority. Commissioner Rigdon and Commissioner Hester to look into this. The Board indicated its desire to place item “I” on the Regular Agenda.
  
- M. **Appointments to the Human Resources Appeals Board:** Human Resources Director Mike Walker stated that the five (5) members currently on the Board wish to be reappointed – Kevin Dobard, Cpt. Steve Hyman, Dr. Homer Day, David Fant and Kelly Passmore. The Board indicated its desire to place item “M” on the Regular Agenda.
  
- N. **Nondisclosure Agreement with Georgia Emergency Communications Authority:** County Manager Jim Carter and County Attorney Anthony Rowel stated that this agreement is necessary to obtain reports from the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority regarding the collection of 911 surcharge fees. The Board indicated its desire to place item “n” on the Consent Agenda.

**COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Donnie Hester stated that he little boy almost get hit by a car walking home from school. The car was swerving to miss a pothole in the road and the boy had to jump in the ditch to avoid being hit. County Manager Jim Carter to have the Public Works Director check into this situation.

Commissioner Tony McBrayer wants to know who is in control of maintenance at the Courthouse. At the prayer vigil held at the Courthouse, Commissioner McBrayer saw grass growing up through the steps, etc. County Manager Jim Carter stated that these maintenance issues have been taken care of.

Chairman Grady Thompson thanked those working on the Ruth’s Cottage project.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was none to report.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Grady Thompson.

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Absent


Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

  
Commissioner Stan Stalaker, District 4

  
Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

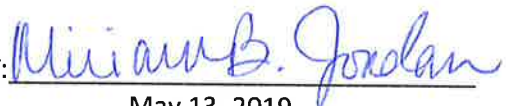
  
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

  
Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3

  
Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

  
Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST:

  
May 13, 2019