

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, June 11, 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 and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker was in attendance via phone.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Proposed FY20 Budget

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the public hearing. County Manager Jim Carter discussed some changes that have been made since the Budget Workshop and also discussed the highlights of the budget presented at that Workshop. The General Fund budget is now \$27,869,203.16 and is still balanced.

There were no public comments to report.

Chairman Grady Thompson closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, JUNE 18, 2019 MEETING:

- A. Purchase of Five (5) Dump Trucks for Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that he proposed to purchase five (5) dump trucks instead of leasing. Three (3) proposals were obtained with Rush Truck Centers being the low bidder. The total cost for all five (5) dump trucks is \$684,563.10. Funding will come from SPLOST VI and TSPLOST. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.
- B. Re-Striping of Parking Lots at the Sheriff's Department and Administration Building:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that this is to seal coat and re-stripe both locations. The cost is \$19,100 and will come from SPLOST V. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. Grant Application for Tire Amnesty Event:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated this event would allow any resident of Tift County to dispose of tires free of charge. The event would be held on August 16-17, 2019. This is a fully reimbursing grant so there will be no cost to the County. If awarded, the County will collect passenger tires and farm tires. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the

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- D. **Hazard Mitigation Grant 404 Project:** EMA Director Vickie Hickman stated that the pre-application for this grant has been approved. This is for three (3) generators for critical locations – Fire Stations 54, 58 & 59. Total cost is \$30,143 with the federal share (75%) being \$22,607.25, the state share (10%) being \$3,014.30 and the local match (15%) being \$4,521.25. Funding will come from Contingency and yearly maintenance will come from a budgeted item. The Board indicated its desire to place item “D” on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Proposed Fee Structure for Building Permits and Development:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the current rate structure has been in place for over 16 years. This proposal will apply a fee based on the “value of construction” instead of “per square foot”. Compared to other counties and cities in our area, Tift County will still be one of the lowest. This proposal also changes all zoning and subdivision applications to \$250 and residential plan review to \$100 and commercial plan review to \$200. Rates would be effective July 1, 2019. The Board indicated its desire to place item “E” on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Adult Felony Drug Court FY20 Grant Award:** Cherysh Green requests the approval of the FY20 Grant Award in the amount of \$209,823 and for the allocation of \$25,000 of DATE funds. The Board indicated its desire to place item “F” on the Consent Agenda.
- G. **Tift County DUI Court FY20 Grant Award:** Michelle Calhoun requests the approval of the FY20 Grant Award in the amount of \$127,111 and for the allocation of \$25,000 of DATE funds. The Board indicated its desire to place item “G” on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Agreement with Tax Commissioner and City of Tifton for Municipal Tax Collections:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that language concerning the termination of the agreement needed to be revised. The Board indicated its desire to place item “H” on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Property Tax Bill Write-Offs:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated these properties are uncollectible. The total amount requested to be written off is \$829.18. The Board indicated its desire to place item “I” on the Consent Agenda.
- J. **Alcohol Beverage Application for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for DHRUR 2019, LLC Located at 2710 US Highway 41 South Submitted by Mitalben B. Patel:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Sheriff and staff recommend approval of this application. The Board indicated its desire to place item “J” on the Consent Agenda.
- K. **Resolution No. 2019-05, Adoption of FY20 Budget:** County Manager Jim Carter read the resolution. Commissioner Donnie Hester asked that this item be placed on the Regular Agenda. The Board indicated its desire to place item “K” on the Regular Agenda.
- L. **Setting of Tentative Millage Rate:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that millage has not changed. The Board indicated its desire to place item “L” on the Regular Agenda.

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- M. **Award of Bid for Construction of New Adult Victims Assistance Shelter:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that a bid opening was held for the construction of this building. Harper & Company Builders, Inc. was the low bidder. The Board indicated its desire to place item "M" on the Consent Agenda.
- N. **Agreement for Construction of New Adult Victims Assistance Shelter:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan asked that the Board consider approving this agreement contingent upon the County Attorney's review of the agreement. County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that he will try and have the agreement finalized before the regular meeting. The Board indicated its desire to place item "N" on the Regular Agenda.
- O. **Agreement with Georgia Public Defenders Council for FY20:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this agreement is the same as last year and is included in the General Government portion of the budget. The Board indicated its desire to place item "O" on the Consent Agenda.
- P. **Approval of ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Renewal:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated the insurance renewal went up 8.9% and this increase was across the board for all ACCG members. Also, all vacant properties will now be insured at cash value and not replacement costs. The County has one property that this would affect. The Board indicated its desire to place item "P" on the Consent Agenda.
- Q. **State Properties Commission Lease for DJJ Office Space:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the current lease expired June 2018. Staff has been working on the renegotiation of this lease. The lease will be for \$7.50 per square foot. The Board indicated its desire to place item "Q" on the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that there is a need for an Executive Session for a legal matter.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were no comments

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes – The Tift Regional Mobile Clinic is going around to different areas. She asked her fellow board members if they know of any of their constituents who may need medical assistance. They will be at Eagle Wings Judah on Southern Avenue on Wednesday and on Thursday they will be at Quality Peanut. They will start seeing patients at 9 am.

Commissioner Tony McBrayer thanked staff for the budget. He also congratulated the Tifton Gazette for the awards they received.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Commissioner Rigdon made a motion to go into Executive Session for a legal matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony McBrayer. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Tony McBrayer made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board briefly discussed a request by Lynn Lovett to place an acknowledgement board in the Charles Kent Administration building to recognize donors to their capital campaign for Ruth's Cottage. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

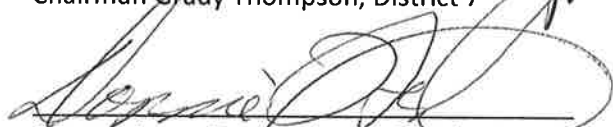
There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.



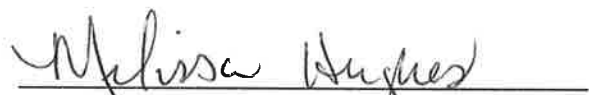
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



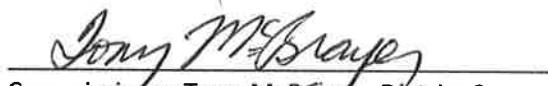
Commissioner Stan Stalaker, District 4




Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1




Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



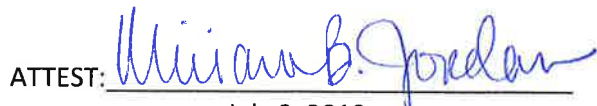
Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

July 8, 2019