

REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 (6:00 PM)

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm in Room 207 of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present in addition to Chairman McBrayer were Commissioners Paul Webb, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Due to social distancing recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was also available via teleconference. Notice of this meeting was given to the Tifton Gazette (legal organ), WALB News, Fun Channel, Grapevine, posted on the County's Website and Facebook page and posted at the Charles Kent Administration Building. The notice contained direction and opportunity for any citizens desiring to attend the meeting by phone.

Grady Thompson offered an invocation and Chairman Tony McBrayer led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marvin Broadwater, Sr. with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. invited the Commission to a virtual Fatherhood Conversation event on January 23, 2021 at 9 am.

Grady Thompson gave general comments.

APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to add a User Agreement with the Georgia Crime Information Center as item "G" on the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to add the purchase of two (2) 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles for the Sheriff's Department as item "H" on the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – December 8, 2020; (2) Executive Session – December 8, 2020; (3) Regular Session – December 14, 2020; and (4) Executive Session – December 14, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **TC-ZA-20-06:** Petition is being made by Norma Ann Carrington Boyd, owner, and Ryan Sanders, agent, for rezoning of 35.03 acres of property located on parcels 197 and 261 of Carrington Drexler Road – Tax Map 0057 Parcels 055 & 060. The current zoning is R-1 (Single Family Residential) and the requested zoning is AU (Agricultural Use).

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated the applicant would like to rezone this property so that a solar farm can be placed there. The Planning Commission met to consider this application and they recommend approval. However, staff does not recommend approval because several standards for exercising zoning powers were found to cause possible adverse conditions. Also, Mr. Davis stated that this would create spot zoning since none of the contiguous properties are zoned AU. All contiguous properties are zoned R-1.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked the Board of Commissioners if any of them, personally, a family member or business relationship has any interest in the property to be considered for rezoning that needs to be declared so there will not be any conflict of interest. Mr. Rowell asked that the record reflect there were no affirmative responses.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the Public Hearing.

Ryan Sanders, Beltline Energy, spoke in favor of the application.

Norma Boyd, applicant, spoke in favor of the application.

There being no further comments, Chairman McBrayer closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon made a motion to deny application TC-ZA-20-06. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Paul Webb voting in opposition to the motion.

- B. **TC-ZA-20-07:** Petition is being made by Carrington Farms, Inc., owner, and Ryan Sanders, agent, for rezoning of 25 acres of a 30-acre tract of property located on Carrington Drexler Road – Tax Map 0058 Parcel 011. The current zoning is R-1 (Single Family Residential) and the requested zoning is AU (Agriculture Use).

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Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the Public Hearing.

Ryan Sanders, Beltline Energy, spoke in favor of the application.

Grady Thompson spoke in favor of the application.

There being no further comments, Chairman McBrayer closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to deny application TC-ZA-20-07. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Paul Webb voting in opposition to the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to Approve an Agreement with Plant TiftNet, Inc. for Fiber Transport Services for \$4,281.32 per Month
- B. Motion to Approve GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application to include Central Avenue from I-75 to 17th Street, WB Parks Road from Salem Church Road to Worth County Line and from Worth County Line to TyTy, TyTy Whiddon Mill Road from Highway 82 to Whiddon Mill Road and the North Portion of Whiddon Mill Road from Red Oak Road to County Line to be Funded from LMIG, SPLOST VI and TIA
- C. Motion to Approve Lease of a Motorgrader with Sloper from Yancey CAT in the Amount of \$40,270.46 per year for Five (5) Years to be Paid from General Fund and Approve Resolution No. 2021-03 as Required by Yancey CAT and to Authorize the Chairman to Execute the Lease Documents
- D. Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Tift Board of Health for Deployment of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) in Tift County for Potential COVID Vaccines
- E. Motion to Approve a Contract Extension with Golden Environmental for Six (6) Months
- F. Motion to Submit an Opt Out Letter to GDOT for the County's FY22 5311 Grant Application for Transit Services
- G. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2021-02, FY21 Budget Adjustment for Cost of Living Increases

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- H. Motion to Amend Resolution No. 2020-17, Requirement of Masks in County Buildings to Allow for the Extension of this Requirement

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. **Agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for Probation Services for State Court:**

County Manager Jim Carter stated that Professional Court Services, Inc. has provided probation services for State Court for many years. Mr. Carter stated that the Board has two (2) agreements before them – a one-year agreement and a two-year agreement- for their consideration.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve a one-year agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for probation services for State Court. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Donnie Hester voting in opposition to the motion.

- B. **Agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for Probation Services for Superior Court:**

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- C. **Resolution No. 2021-01, Refunding of Tift County Hospital Authority's Series 2013 Revenue**

Certificate and Letter of Intent: County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff recommends tabling this item until further information is received from the Hospital Authority.

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. **Petition to Change Street Name of Hale Avenue:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff needs time to develop guidelines for changing street names. Mr. Carter asked that the item be removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to remove the consideration of this request from the agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

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- E. **Appointments to the Library Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there is a vacant seat on the Library Board. One application has been received and it was from Judith Hutt Thomas.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Judith Hutt Thomas.

There being no further names brought forth, Chairman McBrayer closed the nominations.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to appoint Judith Hutt Thomas to the Library Board for a term of three (3) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term of Juan C. Diaz Perez has expired and Mr. Perez wishes to be reappointed.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Juan C. Diaz Perez.

There being no further names brought forth, Chairman McBrayer closed the nominations.

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to appoint Juan C. Diaz Perez to the Library Board for a term of three (3) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

- F. **Appointment to Keep Tift Beautiful:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there is a vacancy on the Keep Tift Beautiful Board. One application has been received and it is from David J. Rhode.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Greg Wood nominated David J. Rhode.

There being no further names brought forth, Chairman McBrayer closed the nominations.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to appoint David J. Rhode to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board for a term of four (4) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

- G. **User Agreement with Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC):** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that GCIC is used for fingerprinting services for the issuance of alcohol beverage licenses. This agreement is needed to continue those services.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the User Agreement with GCIC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0

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- H. **Purchase of Two (2) 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles for Sheriff's Department:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Sheriff's Department has received \$76,123 in seized funds from a coin operated amusement machine sting operation. The monies have been awarded to the Sheriff's Department through Superior Court. The Sheriff would like to purchase two (2) 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles with these funds. A proposal has been received from Brannen Motor Company in the amount of \$37,263 per vehicle which would total \$74,526. Mr. Carter stated that this is state contract pricing.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to purchase the two (2) 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Brannen Motor Company for the total amount of \$74,526. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked about the County Manager's meeting with Curtis Brown and Commissioner Hughes offered condolences to Commissioners Paul Webb and Donnie Hester in the loss of their brothers recently.

Chairman McBrayer also offered his condolences to Commissioners Paul Webb and Donnie Hester.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none to report.

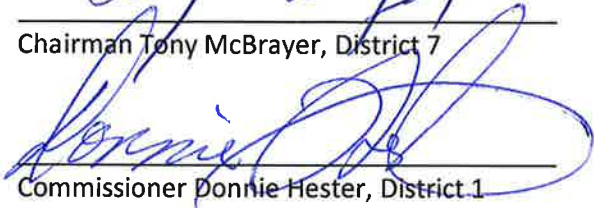
ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

[SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE]

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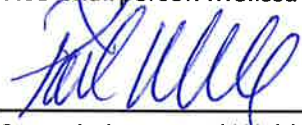
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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1




Vice Chairperson Melissa Hughes, District 2




Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3



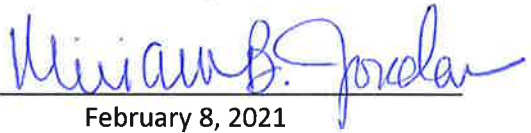
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

February 8, 2021