

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 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, March 8, 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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Chairman Tony McBrayer recognized the Director, Manager and volunteers from the Tift County Soup Kitchen for their work feeding the less fortunate in our community.
- B. Chairman Tony McBrayer presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month to Filiberto Hernandez and Lillie McEntyre.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

There were none to report.

MINUTES

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – February 2, 2021; and (2) Regular Session – February 8, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** EMA Director Vickie Hickman stated that the purpose of this hearing was to receive any comments or questions on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Mike Talley with Flint River Consulting was available via teleconference.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the Public Hearing.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to Approve Five (5) Year Lease with Pitney Bowes for a Postage Machine for the Administration Building in the Annual Amount of \$2,775.12
- B. Motion to Approve Addendum to Agreement with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for the Southern Avenue/Highway 41 Improvements Project in the Amount of \$10,000.00 to be Paid from SPLOST VI
- C. Motion to Approve Addendum to Agreement with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for the 2021 LMIG Resurfacing Project in the Amount of \$24,191.00 to be Paid from SPLOST VI and LMIG
- D. Motion to Approve the Fleet Truck Purchase for the Public Works Director from Griffin Ford in the Amount of \$47,000 being Paid from General Fund
- E. Motion to Approve the Purchase of Six (6) 2021 Ford Explorers for the Sheriff's Department from Brannen Ford in the Amount of \$269,214.00 to be Paid from General Fund
- F. Motion to Approve the Agricultural lease with City of Tifton and Jamie Thompson for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 in the Annual Amount of \$1,750
- G. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2021-06, Surplus Vehicle
- H. Motion to Approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Shamir Hooda for a Retail Malt Beverage Package License and a Retail Wine Package License for Dixie Food Mart Located at 5070 GA Highway 125 North, Chula

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. **Ordinance No. 2021-01, Commemorative/Honorary Naming of County Roads:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Board had directed staff to prepare a process/procedure for naming of roads. A copy of the ordinance has been provided to the Board.

Ambrose King expressed his concerns about the ordinance and asked the Board not to vote in favor of the proposed ordinance. Mr. King was present via teleconference.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-01, Commemorative/Honorary Naming of County Roads. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

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- B. **Appointment to the Tift County Zoning Board of Appeals:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term for Robert Todd Green has expired. Mr. Green wishes to be reappointed. No other applications have been received.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the floor for nominations on the statutory appointment. Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Robert Todd Green. There being no other names brought forth, Chairman McBrayer closed the nominations.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to reappoint Robert Todd Green to the Tift County Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that there will be a County Employee Picnic on April 15, 2021. This will be held since we weren't able to have the annual Christmas luncheon. Mr. Carter asked for the Board's support in closing County offices for the picnic. Closing would be advertised well in advance on all media platforms. Mr. Carter also spoke regarding membership to NACo. Lastly, Mr. Carter spoke regarding the litter rake that that Public Works Department has been demoing. The litter vacuum will be here in a couple of weeks for a demo.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes spoke regarding dilapidated structures and trash and passed around pictures are structures in her neighborhood. She asked for the Board's help in putting something in place to address these issues. She also asked to have an Executive Session for a legal matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker.


ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

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Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7


Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

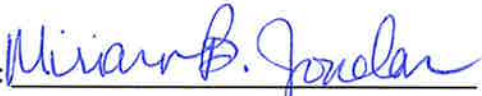

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Absent
Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5


Vice Chairperson Melissa Hughes, District 2


Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6


Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST: 
April 12, 2021