

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 (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 14, 2022 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, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Donnie Hester was absent.

Vice Chairman Paul Webb offered an invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none to report.

**APPOINTMENTS**

There were none to report.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

- 4.1 Add the Replacement of Water & Wastewater Lines to the Phillipsburg CDBG – SPLOST VI Drainage Project

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to add this as item 8.4 to the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Work Session – February 8, 2022; (2) Executive Session – February 8, 2022; and (3) Regular Session – February 14, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 6.1 **TC-ZA-22-01:** Petition is being made by John Hicks, owner, and Donnie Crosby, Jr., agent, for rezoning of nine (9) acres of property located at 21 Briarwood Lane – Tax Map 0064 Parcel 054. The current zoning is RR1 (Rural Single Family Residential) and the requested zoning is GB (General Business) for the purpose of constructing an RV Park.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that this property consists of nine (9) acres and is contiguous to property currently zoned GB which is owned by the applicant. They wish to add this 9-acre tract to their existing tract to construct a larger RV park. They are fully aware of all the supplemental standards required for a RV park and wish to continue. There have been calls concerning this request in opposition. There were several at the Planning Commission meeting against the project. On Friday, March 11, 2022, a petition was received

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with 114 signatures against the application. The Planning Commission heard this request on February 10, 2022 and recommends approval.

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon confirmed that all the zoning criteria had been considered by staff and the Planning Commission and all the criteria had been met.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the public hearing.

Donnie Ray Crosby, 21 & 23 Briarwood Lane, spoke in favor of the application

Tammy Pate, 137 Omega Eldorado Road, spoke against the application.

Pam James, 72 Briarwood Court, spoke against the application.

Gregory James, 72 Briarwood Court, spoke against the application.

Tresa Crist, 63 Briarwood Lane, spoke against the application.

There being no further comments, County Attorney Anthony Rowell closed the public hearing.

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.

A copy of the petition will be on file in the County Clerk's office.

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve application TC-ZA-22-01. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Commissioners Paul Webb, Stan Stalnaker and Fred "Buck" Rigdon voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Tony McBrayer and Commissioners Melissa Hughes and Greg Wood voted against the motion. Motion failed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 7.1. Motion to Approve Purchase of Three (3) Custom Class A Rescue Pumpers from Toyne, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,664,401.00 to be Funded from ARPA Funds
- 7.2. Motion to Approve Purchase of Four (4) High Speed Dell Switches, Three (3) Dell Enterprise Servers and Two (2) Dell Equallogic SAN Servers from SHI at the State Contract Price of \$130,261.05 to be Funded by SPLOST VI
- 7.3. Motion to Approve Additional Repairs to Baldwin Drive Pool in the Amount of \$11,243.75 to be Funded by SPLOST VI

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- 7.4. Motion to Approve Tift County's Participation as a Local Political Subdivision of the State of Georgia in the National Opioid Settlement and for the Chairman to Electronically Sign the State of Georgia's Memorandum of Understanding Document and Any Other Documents Required for Tift County's Participation in the National Distributor and Johnson & Johnson Opioid Settlements.
- 7.5. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2022-07, Adoption of Amended and Restated ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Tift County Employees
- 7.6. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2022-08, Adoption of Amended and Restated ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management Employees of Tift County
- 7.7. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2022-06, Surplus Vehicles, Equipment and Property
- 7.8. Motion to Approve Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Dolgen Corp, LLC for a Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for Dollar General Store 10931 Located at 1290 Hwy 82 E
- 7.9. Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with The Tift Museum of Arts and Heritage for Use of Recreation Properties for Education and Recreation Programs

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 8.1 **Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Sagheer Ahmad for a Retail Malt Beverage Package for Brookfield Food & Gas, Inc. Located at 2473 US Hwy 82 E, Brookfield:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this location has historically held a license. New owners have purchased the store. Mrs. Jordan has verified that the address is located on Highway 82 East and not 82 West as discussed in the Work Session. The Sheriff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve the alcohol license. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.
- 8.2 **Appointments to the Human Resources Appeals Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the terms for all five (5) members are soon to expire. All five (5) wish to be reappointed.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Dr. Homer Day, Mr. David Fant, Mr. Steve Hyman, Mrs. Kelly Passmore and Mr. Kevin Dobard.

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

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Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to reappoint Dr. Homer Day, Mr. David Fant, Mr. Steve Hyman, Mrs. Kelly Passmore and Mr. Kevin Dobard to the Human Resources Appeals Board for another three (3) year term. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- 8.3 **DISCUSSION ONLY – Cryptocurrency Mining:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff has been contacted about the possibility of a cryptocurrency mining operation locating in Tift County. Currently, cryptocurrency mining is not permitted per Tift County's Unified Development Code Permissible Use Table. Staff asked the organization seeking to locate the mining operation in Tift County to provide documentation showing noise and environmental impacts the proposed cryptocurrency operation would have on surrounding properties. The noise study was provided by Whiterock Solutions, Inc. as requested. Charles Hong and Tiffany Wong from Whiterock Solutions, Inc. were present and spoke on the noise study and their proposed project. The Board will take into consideration all items discussed.
- 8.4 **Add the Replacement of Water & Wastewater Lines to the Phillipsburg CDBG – SPLOST VI Drainage Project:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the original project consists of storm drainage and street improvements with an estimated total project cost of \$2,016,919.00 (\$750,000 CDBG & \$1,266,919.00 SPLOST VI). Due to the age, condition, and location of water and sewer lines in the project area, staff recommends replacing the lines rather than relocating. The cost estimate provided by the County Engineer to replace water and sewer lines in the project area is \$1,225,305.00. Funding for the water and sewer infrastructure replacement will come from SPLOST VI Public Utility Capital Outlay and Facility Improvements. The total project cost inclusive of the water and sewer infrastructure replacement is \$3,242,224. Commissioner Hughes made a motion to approve the replacement of the water and wastewater lines in the Phillipsburg CDBG project for an additional cost of \$1,225,305.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

County Manager Jim Carter recommended that the County hold off on paving projects because of oil and fuel prices. Mr. Carter stated that a brief Executive Session is needed for legal.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked everyone to pray for Ukraine.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

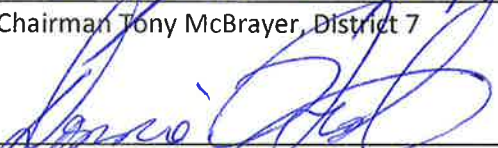
Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to enter into Executive Session for a legal matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further discussion, Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

  
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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4


  
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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

  
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Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

  
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Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

  
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Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

  
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Vice Chairman Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST:   
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April 11, 2022