

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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, April 11, 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, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes offered an invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS

- 3.1 Chairman Tony McBrayer stated that a proclamation has been issued proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- 3.2 County Manager Jim Carter read a proclamation proclaiming April as National County Government Month.

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) Work Session – March 7, 2022; (2) Regular Session – March 14, 2022; and (3) Executive Session – March 14, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none to report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no items to report.

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REGULAR AGENDA:

- 8.1 **Approval of Nulla Bona:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Tax Commissioner is asking the Board to consider removing the back taxes for tax year 2016 for Tri County Foods, LLC. The company is out of business. Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve the Nulla Bona removing these taxes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.2 **Ordinance No. 2022-01, Burning in the County:** Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that he and the Fire Rescue Chief respectfully asks the Board to amend the County's ordinance regarding the burning of hand piled leaves and limbs to reflect the same requirements as the state code does. State code no longer requires permits for hand piles. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-01. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.3 **Purchase of Firefighter PPE:** Fire Rescue Chief Joey Fowler stated that the purchase of PPE is a budgeted item. Quotes were obtained and the low quote was from Bennett Fire Products Co for 25 sets of turnout gear for a cost of \$69,600. This would be funded from the Fire District Fund. Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve the purchase of turnout gear from Bennett Fire Products Co for \$69,600 to be funded from the Fire District Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.4 **Additions to FY22 LMIG Project List:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan asked that three (3) projects be added to the FY22 LMIG Project list – (1) Culvert Repair on Adams Road; (2) Turn Lane Modifications on Old Ocilla Road; and (3) Paving of Bowen Road. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to add these projects to the FY22 LMIG project list. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.5 **Addendum to Contract with Watkins & Associates, LLC for Engineering Services for the FY2020 CDBG Project Adding Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement in the Target Area**
- 8.6 **Addendum to Contract with Watkins & Associates, LLC for Engineering Services for a Traffic Study on Ferry Lake Road at New River Church Road**
- 8.7 **Addendum to Contract with Watkins & Associates, LLC for Engineering Services for Phase 1 Facility Upgrades at EB Hamilton Park**
- 8.8 **Addendum to Contract with Watkins & Associates, LLC for Engineering Services for Repair of Culvert on Adams Road**
- 8.9 **Addendum to Contract with Watkins & Associates, LLC for Engineering Services for Old Ocilla Road Turn Lane Modifications**

Public Works Director Jason Jordan spoke on items 8.5 to 8.9. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve all addendums in items 8.5 to 8.9. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried. 6-0.

- 8.10 **Purchase of Vehicle for Buildings & Grounds:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated several quotes were obtained and the lowest was from Prince Automotive Group in the amount of

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\$41,883. This vehicle will be used by Building and Grounds. Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to purchase the vehicle from Prince Automotive Group in the amount of \$41,883. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

- 8.11 **Acceptance of Quote for Asbestos Removal in Midstep Building:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that four (4) companies were contacted to obtain quotes for the removal of asbestos in the midstep building. The low bidder was Atlas Environmental Services, LLC in the amount of \$19,874. Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the quote from Atlas Environmental Services, LLC in the amount of \$19,874 for the removal of asbestos in the midstep building. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.12 **Sub-Rental Agreement with Turf Tank for GPS Line Marking Robot:** Assistant Recreation Director Tim Petrea stated that this is a subscription service for three (3) years. It is a robot that paints athletic fields and is controlled by an iPad and soon to be able to control with a phone. Use of this robot will save in man hours and cost of lining fields. The Tourism Authority has agreed to pay the installation and first year subscription service for a total of \$16,500. Cost will be \$15,000 per year after that. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the purchase of this subscription service. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.13 **Recreation Multi-Purpose Building Access Control Project:** Assistant Recreation Director Tim Petrea stated that this proposal is from CooperCraft Communications to add security door access control to the side bathroom doors at the multi-purpose recreation building. This will enable parents and players at Eve Park to use nearby restroom facilities. Cost is \$5,615.66. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to approve this proposal. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.14 **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Jeffrey Dale Thorne for a Retail Malt Beverage Package, Retail Malt Beverage Consumption, Retail Wine Package and Retail Wine Consumption License for Volume Powersports, LLC located at 3620 Highway 82 West:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the applicant desires to enable customers to have a drink while on the premises of their business as well as take beverages with them. After much discussion, Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to table this item to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.15 **Ratification of the Apparatus Purchase Agreement with Toyne, Inc. for Purchase of Fire Trucks:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that it was unknown at the last meeting when these trucks were approved that an agreement would be required. Staff asks that the Board ratify this agreement. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to ratify the Apparatus Purchase Agreement with Toyne, Inc. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.16 **DISCUSSION ONLY – Leadership Tifton:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Leadership Tifton will be at the County on May 10, 2022 from 1 to 4 pm. A proposed agenda was presented to the Board.

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- 8.17 **DISCUSSION ONLY – Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)**: County Manager Jim Carter handed out several documents regarding the process through which LOST negotiations must adhere to. Mr. Carter assured the Board that he will keep them updated on the process.

COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS:

County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that Southwell would like to park their mobile clinic on Magnolia Industrial Blvd (in front of historic large magnolia tree) on property owned by the county. An agreement was provided to the County by Southwell. Mr. Rowell asked the Board if they are interested in allowing the mobile clinic to use this property. General consensus was to allow the use of the property. Therefore, Mr. Rowell will work on the agreement.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hughes invited everyone to attend Donuts with Dispatchers to be held Thursday at 7:30 am at Mi-Lady Bakery. Commissioner Hughes also asked about the progress of the creation of a code enforcement court.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none to report.

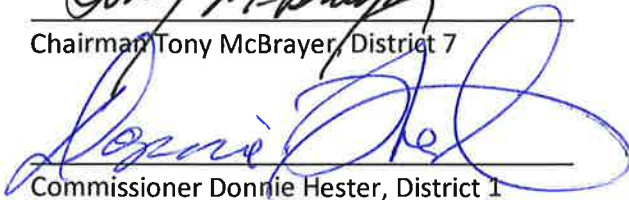
ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.




Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7



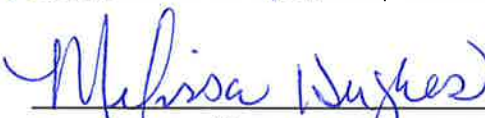
Commissioner Stan Stalaker, District 4



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5




Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6



Vice Chairman Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST: 

May 9, 2022