

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 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, April 12, 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, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon was absent.

Commissioner 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

There were none to report.

MINUTES

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – March 2, 2021; (2) Executive Session – March 2, 2021; (3) Regular Session – March 8, 2021; and (4) Executive Session – March 8, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none to report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to Approve FY2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan
- B. Motion to Approve Purchase of Trucks for the Public Works Department from Griffin Ford in the Amount of \$244,893 to be Paid from TSPLOST
- C. Motion to Approve Purchase of Barber Litter Picker in the Amount of \$37,525 to be Paid from General Fund
- D. Motion to Approve Memorandum of Condemnation Settlement for Daltel, LLC for Parcel 66 on Carpenter Road in the Amount of \$950

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- E. Motion to Approve Memorandum of Condemnation Settlement for Squire Brown for Parcel 57 on Carpenter Road in the Amount of \$5,900
- F. Motion to Approve Lease Amendment with USDA for 1468 Carpenter Road
- G. Motion to Approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Kinzal Patel for a Retail Malt Beverage Package License and a Retail Wine Package License for Verai Tifton, Inc. Located at 367 GA Highway 125 South

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. **Application for Commemorative/Honorary Road Naming Submitted by Joan Poole Cobb:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff makes the following recommendation: (1) Approve current application as submitted; (2) Place a moratorium on the renaming ordinance until clarity in the ordinance is achieved; and (3) Ordinance revision coming back to the Board within 60 days. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.
- B. **Appointment to South Georgia Community Service Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated Elizabeth O'Rear is unable to fulfill her term on this Board. The Community Service Board has asked the Commissioners to consider appointing City of Tifton Assistant Police Chief Chris Griffin to fill this unexpired term.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker nominated Chris Griffin. There being no other names brought forth, Chairman McBrayer closed the nominations.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to appoint Chris Griffin to the South Georgia Community Service Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- C. **Appointment to Planning & Zoning Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Seth Carlos is unable to fulfill his term on this Board. One application has been received for this vacancy – L. Dustin Pitts.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated L. Dustin Pitts. There being no other names brought forth, Chairman McBrayer closed the nominations.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to appoint L. Dustin Pitts to the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

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- D. **Purchase of Ambulance:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the purchase of an ambulance was listed on the Georgia Procurement Registry. None of the companies who inquired were able to provide pricing for a demo model. Therefore, staff recommends purchasing the ambulance from ETR in the amount of \$174,781. Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to purchase the ambulance from ETR in the amount of \$174,781. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.
- E. **Consideration of Termination of Resolution No. 2020-17 Requiring Masks in County Buildings:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that he has had discussions with the judges and they have asked that the mask mandate not be lifted. They stated that the Chief Justice is still requiring masks when people are in court. Mr. Carter stated that staff recommends having the resolution remain effective until May 31, 2021 at which time it would terminate. If something needs to be changed in the interim, the Board could meet again to reconsider. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion that Resolution No. 2020-17 will terminate on May 31, 2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.
- F. **DISCUSSION ONLY – Solid Waste Collection:** County Manager Jim Carter stated discussions have started with EPD and Stubbs Engineering about the Tifton-Tift County landfill. They will be looking at the importance of the diversion of the unincorporated County's waste stream. Mr. Carter also discussed the recycling center and the possibility of adding another one. Mr. Carter will continue to keep the Board informed.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that the County Employee Appreciation Picnic will be next Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Black Shank Farms. He also stated that an Executive Session is needed for personnel and legal.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Donnie Hester asked for updates on the CDBG project and the South Central Avenue project.

Commissioner Paul Webb said that the canned food drive has been successful. He hopes by the May meeting to give a report of how much was collected.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked her fellow Commissioners to help her find a solution to derelict properties and excessive trash problems. She asked if perhaps Code Enforcement could perform inspections before a property is rented.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

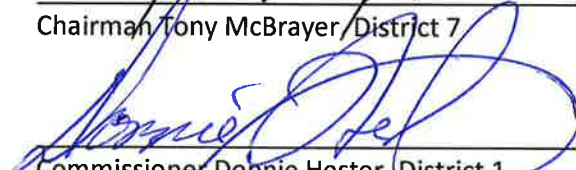
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Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

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.



Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1




Vice Chairperson Melissa Hughes, District 2




Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3



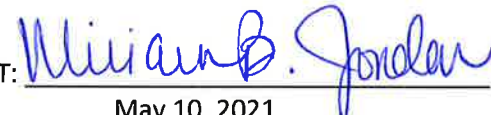
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

May 10, 2021