

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 9, 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, May 9, 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 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 ACCG Employee Safety Grant Application to Purchase AEDs – Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to add this item to the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.2 Purchase of Ambulances – Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to add this item to the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.3 Resolution No. 2022-10, Surplus Vehicles – Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to add this item to the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.4 Purchase of Trucks for Development Support Services – Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to add this item to the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Work Session – April 5, 2022 and (2) Regular Session – April 11, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 6.1 Transmittal Hearing for Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Addition of a Broadband Element

Loretta Hylton, Southern Georgia Regional Commission, stated that the purpose of this hearing was to receive questions or comments on the transmittal of the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). This amendment would add a broadband element to the existing plan.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the public hearing.

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

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to amend the agenda by adding an action item to the Regular Agenda to consider the approval of transmitting this plan amendment to DCA. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

- 6.2 **TC-ZA-22-02:** Petition to being made by JMG Family Properties, owner, and Jonathan P. Garvey, agent, for rezoning of 18.5 acres of property located at the corner of Lower Brookfield Road and Tucker Loop – Tax Map 0084 Parcel 092. The current zoning is AG (Agriculture) and the requested zoning is RR1 (Rural Single Family) for the purpose of dividing into lots and building homes.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that this would be a minor subdivision which will not require any infrastructure improvements as all lots will face a county public road. The Greater Tift County Planning and Zoning Commission heard this request on April 7, 2022 and recommends approval. No one was in attendance to speak in opposition nor has anyone called or visited the office in reference to the application.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the public hearing.

There being no 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.

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve application TC-ZA-22-02. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

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- 6.3 **TC-ZA-22-03:** Petition is being made by Algernon Parson, owner, for rezoning of a 1.1-acre tract of property located at 2907 US Hwy 41 South – Tax Map T060 Parcel 043. The current zoning is R-8 (Medium to High Density Residential) to GB (General Business) for the purpose of allowing a business to utilize the property.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that there is a steel building on the property and has been used as a church in the past. However, the church is no longer using the building. The applicant would like to rezone the property so that he may market his property as commercial to allow for other businesses to access his building. The property is contiguous to GB zoning. The Greater Tift County Planning and Zoning Commission heard this request on April 7, 2022 and recommends approval. No one was in attendance to speak in opposition nor has anyone called or visited the office in reference to the application.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the public hearing.

There being no 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.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve application TC-ZA-22-03. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 7.1 Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2022-02, Transporting Solid Waste and Litter
- 7.2 Motion to Approve the Purchase of 38 Network Switches from SHI in the Amount of \$266,933.44 to be Funded by SPLOST VI
- 7.3 Motion to Approve the Purchase of a John Deere ProGator with HD 200 Sprayer from Greenville Turf & Tractor in the Amount of \$15,000 to be Funded from Insurance Proceeds
- 7.4 Motion to Approve the Purchase of a Power Loader for an Ambulance from Stryker in the Amount of \$22,800.98 to be Funded from General Fund
- 7.5 Motion to Approve the Purchase of a Ford Explorer for EMS from Fitzgerald Ford in the Amount of \$32,930 to be Funded from Insurance Proceeds and General Fund

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

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REGULAR AGENDA:

8.1 **Property Use & Access Agreement with Tift Regional Health System, Inc.:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked that this item be removed from the agenda. The hospital has found another location with one of the businesses in the industrial park to park the mobile health clinic unit. Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to remove this item. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

8.2 **Alcohol Beverage Application submitted by Jeffrey Dale Thorne for Retail Malt Beverage Package, Retail Malt Beverage Consumption, Retail Wine Package and Retail Wine Consumption Licenses for Volume Powersports, LLC located at 3620 Hwy 82 W – TABLED 04.11.22:** Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve these licenses. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

8.3 **Resolution No. 2022-09, Creation of the Tift County Coalition Against Opioid Abuse:** Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve this resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

8.4 **Appointment to Planning Commission:** Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that he would like the Board to consider appointing Gene Tompkins to the Planning Commission. Mr. Tompkins will retire from the Development Support Services Department on June 30, 2022. He would fill the vacancy now and refrain from any zoning matters at his current job until his retirement.

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

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to appoint Gene Tompkins to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

8.5 **Appointment to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission’s Aging Advisory Council:** Chairman Tony McBrayer stated that Gary McCurdy has expressed interest in serving on this aging council.

Chairman McBrayer opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker nominated Gary McCurdy. There being no additional names brought forth, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to appoint Gary McCurdy to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission’s Aging Advisory Council. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

8.6 **ACCG Employee Safety Grant Application for Purchase of AEDs:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the ACCG Group Self-Insurance Workers’ Compensation Fund allows for the application of a grant to provide financial assistance to members for the purpose of reducing

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employees' injuries through additional training, equipment or services. This grant, if awarded, would provide up to \$6,000 for this purchase. First aid equipment such as AEDs are eligible. Staff recommends purchasing two (2) AEDs in the amount of \$5,458 to be placed in two (2) county buildings yet to be determined. Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

- 8.7 **Purchase of Ambulances:** EMS Director Allen Owens stated that bids were received for the purchase of two (2) ambulances. The low bidder was Ten 8 Fire & Safety Equipment in the amount of \$375,268. Delivery should be Summer 2022 depending upon the arrival of the chassis. This will be funded from ARPA. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the purchase of these ambulances. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalaker. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.8 **Resolution No. 2022-10, Surplus Vehicle:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the City of Bronwood, Georgia is without a fire truck and they wish to purchase the County's 1998 Ford F-61 F800. They have offered \$50,000. This resolution would surplus the vehicle and authorize the sell to the City of Bronwood. Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-10 selling the vehicle to City of Bronwood, Georgia for \$50,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalaker. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.9 **Purchase of Trucks for Development Support Services (DSS):** County Manager Jim Carter stated that two (2) trucks need to be replaced in the Development Support Services Department. Quotes were obtained and Wade Ford offered the lowest cost of \$64,000. Wade Ford has these trucks on their lot. This would be funded by ARPA. Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to obligate \$64,000 of ARPA funds to buy to trucks for DSS and the authorize the purchase from Wade Ford. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8.10 **Transmittal of Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Georgia Department of Community Affairs:** Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the transmittal of the comprehensive plan amendment adding a broadband element to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim 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 stated that the Arts in Black event was a success. She expressed her desire for the County to develop an app. County Clerk Miriam Jordan to contact vendor for more

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information. Commissioner Hughes invited everyone to the New Georgia Economy Tour. Lastly, Commissioner Hughes asked what could be done about derelict vehicles.

Chairman Tony McBrayer thanked Commissioner Paul Webb for coordinating the food drive. Chairman McBrayer also stated that there is a need for someone to serve on the Library Board.

County Clerk Miriam Jordan reminded everyone about the reception for Commissioner Melissa Hughes celebrating her appointment as President of ACCG. The reception is Monday, May 16, 2022, 4-6 pm on the 2nd Floor of the Admin Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to enter into Executive Session for legal. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

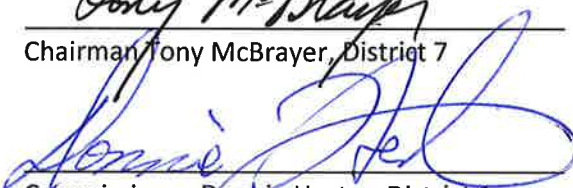
ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.



Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



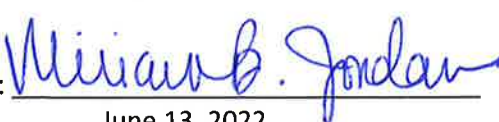
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6



Vice Chairman Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST: 

June 13, 2022