

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 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.

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

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 – May 4, 2021; and (2) Regular Session – May 10, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **Hazard Mitigation Plan** – Mike Talley with Flint River Consulting was present to answer any questions about the plan update. County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, County Attorney Rowell closed the Public Hearing.

- B. **TC-ZA-21-03 (TABLED 05.10.21)**: Petition is being made by Randy Barnes, owner, for rezoning of .29 acres of property located at 48 Pecan Street – Tax Map T047, Parcel 020. The current zoning is R-8 (Medium to High Density Residential) and the requested zoning is R-8M (Medium to High Density Residential) which would allow for an HUD approved manufactured home

County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff recommends tabling consideration of the application until further study can be done for this area for a possible comprehensive rezoning. Development Support Services Director Chris Davis has already been working on this. A Town Hall Meeting will be scheduled as requested.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to table this rezoning application. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

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- C. **TC-ZA-21-02** – Petition is being made by Melvin Mathis, owner, for 50.18 acres of property located at and around 298 Highway 125 South – Tax Map 0061, Parcel 103. The current zoning is WLI (Wholesale Light Industrial) and RR1 (Rural Single Family Residential) and the requested zoning is AG (Agriculture) which would allow for a RV park.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the applicant has hired Jackson Engineering Firm and has a site plan that meets all the Tift County Development Code requirements. There has been a couple of calls from citizens in the area wishing to stand against this request. These citizens were encouraged to attend the public hearing. The Planning Commission heard this request on May 13, 2021 and voted 4 to 1 to recommend approval.

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.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the Public Hearing.

Melvin Mathis, 111 Springhill Drive West, spoke in favor of the application.

Brian Jackson, Civil Engineer, spoke in favor of the application.

There being no further comments, Mr. Rowell closed the Public Hearing.

County Manager Jim Carter recommended that staff look at the current zoning classifications of this property to see if they could be amended to allow this use with certain stipulations – buffers, lot sizes, etc.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to deny the rezoning request of TC-ZA-21-02. Motion seconded by Donnie Hester. Motion carried 4-3. Those voting for the motion were Chairman Tony McBrayer and Commissioners Melissa Hughes, Donnie Hester and Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Those voting against the motion were Commissioners Paul Webb, Greg Wood and Stan Stalnaker.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to Approve the FY22 Grant Award for the Adult Felony Drug Court in the Amount of \$270,487 and Approve the Allocation of \$25,000 from DATE Funds for this Court
- B. Motion to Approve the FY22 Grant Award for the DUI Court in the Amount of \$114,445 and Approve the Allocation of \$25,000 from DATE Funds for this Court

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- C. Motion to Approve the Notice of Award and Contract Agreement with The Scruggs Company in the Amount of \$2,070,922.08 for the LMIG Resurfacing Project and Central Avenue Project and to Approve the Resurfacing of Carpenter Road from Zion Hope Road to the City Limits in the Amount of \$47,268 with all being paid from LMIG and SPLOST VI
- D. Motion to Approve the Notice of Award and Contract Agreement with Sumner Construction in the Amount of \$101,493.65 for the Highway 41/Southern Avenue Intersection Improvements Project to be paid from SPLOST VI
- E. Motion to Approve Relocation of Utilities on Bowen Road by Colquitt EMC in the Amount of \$9,926.21 to be Paid from SPLOST VI
- F. Motion to Approve S2 Software Maintenance Agreement in the Amount of \$6,747.54 for the Door Locking System in County Buildings
- G. Motion to Approve Lease Renewal with State Properties Commission for 3057 Highway 41 South to be Utilized by the Department of Driver Services
- H. Motion to Approve Lease Renewal with State Properties Commission for Space in the Charles Kent Administration Building to be Utilized by the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- I. Motion to Approve the First Amendment and Lease Renewal with the State Properties Commission for 225 Tift Avenue North, Building C, Suite 2 to be Utilized by the Georgia Public Defenders Council
- J. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2021-10 Designating Northeast Middle School as a Courthouse Annex and Approve the Agreement with the Tift County Board of Education for Use of this School Campus
- K. Motion to Approve the Chairman to Execute the Necessary Documents for the American Rescue Plan Act Funding
- L. Motion to Approve Lease Agreement Walker Aviation
- M. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2021-08, Surplus Vehicles
- N. Motion to Approve Renewal of Property and Liability Insurance with ACCG for FY22

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

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REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. **Resolution No. 2021-09, Adoption of FY22 Budget:** Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-09. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Golden Waste Solid Waste Collection Agreement Renewal:** Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Collection Agreement with Golden Environmental. Motion was seconded by Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. **Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Roshni Patel for a Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for Pennywise located at 607 Short Street:** Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to deny the application. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester.

Pastor Walter Walker, 604 Sugar Street, spoke in opposition of the application.

Motion carried 4-2. Those voting in favor of the motion were Commissioners Melissa Hughes, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Greg Wood. Those voting against were Commissioners Stan Stalnaker and Paul Webb.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage Application. Motion was seconded by Paul Webb. Motion did not carry 2-4. Those voting in favor of the application were Commissioners Stan Stalnaker and Paul Webb. Those voting against the motion were Commissioners Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

- D. **Appointment to Board of Elections:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term for Stephanie McKee expires in July 2021. Elections Supervisor Leila Dollison has recommended Ms. McKee's reappointment. Mrs. Jordan stated that no other applications have been received.

Chairman Tony McBrayer opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker nominated Stephanie McKee.

There being no further names brought forth, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to appoint Stephanie McKee to the Board of Elections. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

- E. **Appointment to Library Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the terms for Betty Jean Prince, Nancy Trawick, Val Vanags and Filiberto Hernandez all expire at the end of June 2021. All wish to be reappointed. The term for Barbara Pratt also expires at the end of June 2021. However, Branch Manager Victoria Horst does not recommend her reappointment because of

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attendance issues. Mrs. Horst submitted an application for Dr. Shubha Chatterjee for this post. County Clerk Jordan stated that no other applications have been received.

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Commissioner Melissa Hughes nominated Betty Jean Prince, Nancy Trawick, Val Vanags, Filiberto Hernandez and Dr. Shubha Chatterjee.

There being no further names brought forth, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to appoint Betty Jean Prince, Nancy Trawick, Val Vanags, Filiberto Hernandez and Dr. Shubha Chatterjee to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Donnie Hester asked that staff get the Board registered for ICS training.

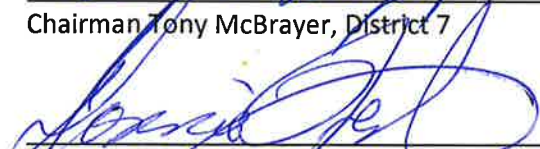
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were none to report.

ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. 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



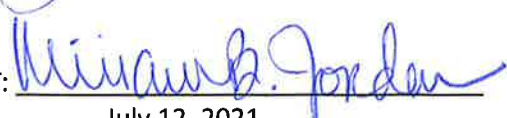
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

July 12, 2021