

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JULY 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, July 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, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker 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) Regular Session – May 10, 2021 (Correction); (2) Public Hearing FY22 Budget – June 8, 2021; (3) Work Session – June 8, 2021; (4) Executive Session – June 8, 2021; and (5) Regular Session – June 14, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **TC-ZA-21-03 (TABLED 05.10.21 & 06.14.21):** 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. There will be a Town Hall meeting is held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 to discuss a comprehensive rezoning of an area bounded by MLK Jr Drive, South Central Avenue, Southern Avenue and East Golden Road.

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to table this rezoning application. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

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- C. **TC-ZA-21-04** – Petition is being made by Lisa Hall and Charles Sauser, owners, and Jeffery D. Thorne, Jessica Powell and Luther Overstreet, agents, for 5.61 acres of property located on US Highway 82 West – Tax Map 0034, Parcel 045. The current zoning is AU (Agriculture Use) and the requested zoning is GB (General Business) which would allow for a recreational dealership.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the Planning Commission has met and reviewed all the zoning criteria and each has been met. The Planning Commission recommends 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.

Jessica Powell, agent, spoke in favor of the application.

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

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve TC-ZA-21-04. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- C. **TC-ZA-21-05**: Petition is being made by Walter Walker, owner, for the rezoning of a .33-acre tract located at 4129 US Highway 41 South – Tax Map 0064A, Parcel 030. The current zoning is AU (Agriculture Use) and the requested zoning is GB (General Business) which would allow for an existing building to be renovated and used as a thrift store.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the Planning Commission has met and reviewed all the zoning criteria and each has been met. The Planning Commission recommends 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.

Walter Walker, applicant, spoke in favor of the application.

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

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve TC-ZA-21-05. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to Approve the Requisition for Geographic Information System Services from Southern Georgia Regional Commission in the Annual Amount of \$1,000
- B. Motion to Approve Addendum B to the Contract for Engineering Services with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for the FY2021 LMIG OSS Striping Project in the Amount of \$4,763.01 to be Paid from LMIG and SPLOST VI
- C. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2021-11, Authorization of Judicial In Rem Tax Foreclosures
- D. Motion to Approve Lease of Copier for District Attorney's Office
- E. Motion to Approve a Vehicle Purchase for the District Attorney's Office in the Amount of \$35,000
- F. Motion to Appoint Chief Joey Fowler as Tift County's Emergency Management Director
- G. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2021-12 – Surplus Vehicles
- H. Motion to Approve Submission of Grant Application to EPD for a Scrap Tire Amnesty Event and to Authorize the Chairman to Execute the Quote from Quality Tire Recycling

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- A. **Cybersecurity Software and Monitoring:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that in April 2021 Tift County contracted with ThinkGard to deploy Cisco's Firepower firewall services. During this deployment, the County's antivirus system detected and blocked an active virus within the County's network. As a result, the need to deploy a more aggressive approach is necessary. Quotes were received for the licensing. Staff recommends purchasing the 245 AMP licenses from ThinkGard (who was the lowest bidder) in the amount of \$11,662.43 and deploying the Cybergard services from ThinkGard in the amount of \$23,520 per year for three (3) years plus a one-time \$2,000 setup and configuration fee.

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve these purchases. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- B. **Keep Tift Beautiful Appointments:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are two (2) vacancies on this board. One term would expire 10.31.21 and the other 08.31.22. Two applications have been received – Duncan McClusky and Christopher Burchell.

Chairman Tony McBrayer asked if there were any other names to be brought forth from the Commissioners. There were none.

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Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to appoint Duncan McClusky to this board with a term expiring August 31, 2022 and to appoint Christopher Burchell with a term expiring October 31, 2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter reminded everyone of the Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6 pm at the Neighborhood Service Center on South Central Avenue.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes stated that One Street At A Time picked up trash this past Saturday on Lower Brookfield Road across from Charles Spencer Elementary. She reported that 10 bags of trash, 2 couches and pillows were picked up. Commissioner Hughes stated that she is giving away \$20 gift cards to individuals who get their COVID vaccine for the first time. Lastly, Commissioner Hughes expressed her sadness over the shooting incident over the weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were none to report.

ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.


Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7

Absent
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

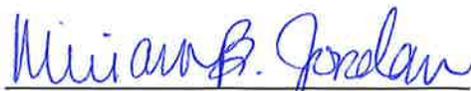

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1


Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

Absent
Vice Chairperson Melissa Hughes, District 2


Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6


Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST: 
August 9, 2021