

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 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**

A. Proclamation – Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Chairman Tony McBrayer read the proclamation proclaiming September as Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to add the following items to the Regular Agenda:

- D. Lease Agreement with Quadient Leasing for Postage Machine in District Attorney's Office
- E. Addendum B to Contract for Engineering Services with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for a Flood Mitigation Study for Phase I Philipsburg Neighborhood

Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Work Session – August 3, 2021; (2) Executive Session – August 3, 2021; (3) Regular Session – August 9, 2021; and (4) Called Session – August 30, 2021. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. **Ordinance No. 2021-02:** Text Amendment to Chapter 94 "Solid Waste", Article IV "Environment", Division 1 "Generally", Section 94-54 "Transporting solid waste and litter" of the Code of Ordinances of Tift County, Georgia

County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff recommends removing this item from the agenda.

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Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- B. **Ordinance No. 2021-03** – Text Amendment to Chapter 26 “Businesses”, Article II “Annual Business Registration and Inspection”, Section 26-36 “Effect of transacting business without registering and/or paying regulatory fee”, Subsection (a) of the Code of Ordinances of Tift County, Georgia

County Manager Jim Carter stated that the ordinance has been amended since the Work Session to include language that states after July 31 if fee and penalties are not paid then the business is subject to closure.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the Public Hearing.

There being no comments to report, the Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-03. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- C. **Ordinance No. 2021-04** – Text Amendment to Chapter 102 “Taxation”, Article VIII “Special Street Light Tax Districts”, Division 2 “Establishment Procedure”, Section 102-213 “Street light construction by property developers for new subdivisions; constructive knowledge of street light districts created under this article”, Subsection (a) of the Code of Ordinances of Tift County, Georgia and Amendment to Chapter 6 “Infrastructure Improvements” by adding Section 6.05.00 “Requirements for Street Lights” to the Tift County Unified Development Code.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that this change would require developers to install street lights during the construction phase of the subdivision.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the Public Hearing.

There being no comments to report, the Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-04. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- D. **Ordinance No. 2021-05** – Amendment to Chapter 7 “Technical Standards Manual” by adding Section 7 “Finished Water and Distribution Systems” to the Tift County Unified Development Code

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that this ordinance will put standards in place for any utilities placed under county roads.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the Public Hearing.

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There being no comments to report, the Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-05. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- E. **Ordinance No. 2021-06** – Amendment to Chapter 4 “Site Design Standards” by adding Section 4.03A.00 “Residential and Non-Residential Solar Energy Systems and Solar Energy Production Facilities” to the Tift County Unified Development Code

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that this ordinance will help regulate solar farms in the County. Solar farms will be allowed in Agriculture, Wholesale Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial zoning districts and will require a minimum of 10 acres.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the Public Hearing.

There being no comments to report, the Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-06. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Motion to Approve Leases with AMJ Leasing, LLC for Copiers in the Solicitor’s Office, Tax Commissioner’s Office, Recreation Department, Road Department and Fire Rescue Station 51 for the Annual Amount of \$12,780
- B. Motion to Approve Addendum B to Contract with Watkins & Associates, LLC for Bowen Road in the Amount of \$22,599.97 to be Paid from SPLOST VI
- C. Motion to Approve Notice of Award and Contract Agreement with MidState Construction & Striping, LLC for FY21 OSS LMIG in the Amount of \$106,625 to be Paid from LMIG and SPLOST VI
- D. Motion to Appoint Jason Walker and Josh Stitely as Deputy Emergency Management Directors and Authorize the Chairman to Execute Correspondence to GEMA Notifying them of these Appointments
- E. Motion to Approve an Agreement with Traylor Business Services, Inc. for Personal Property Audit Services in the Amount of \$18,000
- F. Motion to Approve the Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program Agreement with the Environmental Protection Division
- G. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2021-17, Surplus Equipment
- H. Motion to Allocate up to \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for a Drainage

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Concept Plan and Hydrology Study of the Unionville and Phillipsburg Areas

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- A. **Adoption of FY22 County Schedule of Fees:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this schedule of fees includes an increase in building permit fees. Fees reflect an average of \$.07 per square foot increase. Of the surrounding counties and municipalities, the average cost of a permit for a 1,500 square foot home is \$707.50 which is still \$123.50 more than the fee proposed by staff.

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve the FY22 County Schedule of Fees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- B. **DISCUSSION – Mandate Requiring Masks in County Buildings:**

County Manager Jim Carter stated that no action is necessary at this time on this item.

- C. **DISCUSSION – American Rescue Plan Funding and Expenditures:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff has identified three (3) areas they feel ARPA funds should be spent and are allowable expenditures – (1) Drainage in Phillipsburg and Unionville Areas; (2) Public Safety; and (3) Recreation. Staff recommends that the drainage plan be completed before any funds are allocated in the other areas.

- D. **Lease Agreement with Quadiant Leasing for Postage Machine in District Attorney's Office:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the District Attorney would like to lease a new postage machine. The cost is exactly the same as the current machine and is already a budgeted item. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with Chairman voting.

- F. **Addendum B to Contract for Engineering Services with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for Flood Mitigation Study for Phase I Phillipsburg Neighborhood:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this Flood Mitigation Study for Phillipsburg Phase I is part of the allocation of \$200,000 of ARPA funds approved on the Consent Agenda. The cost is not to exceed \$50,000. Mr. Carter stated that application is being made to the State for additional monies to help with this project. Applications are due to the State by October 31, 2021 and this study will be part of the application. Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve this Addendum. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

County Manager Jim Carter stated that a brief Executive Session is needed to discuss legal.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked the County Clerk if the list for housing assistance was available yet. She also expressed her concern about shootings in her neighborhood. She asked the Board to help her find a solution to help people feel safe.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of a legal matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. 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 with the Chairman voting.


  
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Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7

  
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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

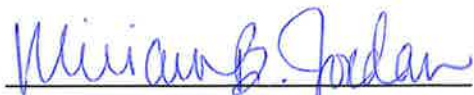
  
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Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3

  
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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

  
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Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

  
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Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST:   
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October 11, 2021