

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room 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.

Chairman Tony McBrayer led in Prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

Tom Carmichael and Kelsey Jones from Carr, Riggs & Ingram presented the County's financial statements for FY21.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4.1 **TC-ZA-21-06:** Petition is being made by Henry F. Mullis, Jr., owner, and John B. Hicks, III, agent, for rezoning of 2.03 acres of property located on Hwy 125 South – Tax Map 0061 Parcel 103C. The current zoning is RR1 (Rural Single Family Residential) and the requested zoning is WLI (Wholesale Light Industrial) for construction of Coastal Plains Concrete.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the Planning Commission has considered the application. They reviewed the zoning standards and recommend approval. Mr. Davis said he has not received any calls for or against this application.

- 4.2 **TC-ZA-21-07:** Petition is being made by Carolyn T. Dinkins, owner, and Kim Brownlee Meeks, agent, for rezoning of 93.54 acres of property located across from 10 Upper TyTy Road – Tax Map 0032 Parcel 073A. The current zoning is PUD (Planning Urban Development) and the requested zoning is CC (Community Commercial) to allow for a Computerized Driven Data System. ***APPLICATION WITHDRAWN***

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the application was withdrawn before the Planning Commission considered the application.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, JANUARY 10, 2022 MEETING:

- 5.1 **Agreement with State of Georgia Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia for Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Supplemental Program:** Bryce Johnson, District Attorney, and Jodie Spooner, Director of the VOCA Program, presented this item. District Attorney Johnson stated that this CESF grant is replacing the Victim Compensation Advocate VOCA grant. This 100% funds the position of a Victim Compensation Advocate. No match is required. The budget for this

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program has already been approved. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- 5.2 **Agreement between Office of the Circuit Public Defender for the Tifton Judicial Circuit and the State Court of Tift County for Indigent Defense Services:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this agreement is satisfactory to the State Court Judge and needs to be ratified by the Board. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.3 **Resolution No. 2022-01, Provision of County-Funded Positions of the District Attorney be Covered by the Tift County Civil Service System:** Assistant County Manager Mike Walker stated that O.C.G.A. 36-1-21 provides that positions of employment subject to the jurisdiction of elected officials may be covered under the County's civil service system upon written application of the elected official and acceptance by the Board of Commissioners. The District Attorney of the Tifton Judicial Circuit, the Solicitor-General and the Judge of the State Court have all made such application. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.4 **Resolution No. 2022-02, Provision of County-Funded Positions of the Solicitor-General be Covered by the Tift County Civil Service System:** The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.5 **Resolution No. 2022-03, Provision of County-Funded Positions of the Judge of State Court be Covered by the Tift County Civil Service System:** The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.6 **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Nikanth Parekh for a Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for Dixie Food Mart #1 Located at 5070 N. GA Hwy 125:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Sheriff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. Mrs. Jordan notified the Board that one of the partners listed on the application is not a US Citizen. The ordinance states that the person actively involved in the sell of the alcohol must be a US Citizen. Mrs. Jordan stated that if the Board member becomes the one to actively sell the alcohol that there would be cause to suspend the license. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.7 **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Mohammad Y. Dar for a Retail Malt Beverage Package License for Sabrie, LLC dba Sunny Food Mart located at 2473 US Highway 82, Brookfield:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Sheriff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.8 **Appointment to the Board of Appeals:** Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that Nelson Kunes has resigned his position. Mr. Davis recommended that Lynda Fisher be appointed to fill his unexpired term. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

- A. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update: County Manager Jim Carter stated that a timeline and update has been distributed. Mr. Carter reviewed those documents. He asked that the Board consider allocating \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds to recreation improvements and \$600,000 of ARPA funds to purchase a fire truck.

- B. Reapportionment Update: County Manager Jim Carter reviewed the map drafted by the State Reapportionment Office and asked that the Commissioners please let him know any questions or objections they might have with the map.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter thanked staff for its work on the FY21 Audit.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked for help with the establishment of a Code Enforcement Court. Ms. Hughes feels that property owners need to be held responsible for their property. County Manager Jim Carter to establish a committee to review code enforcement ordinances and procedures. Committee to include Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Mr. Carter will bring a recommendation to the Board in 90 days. Ms. Hughes asked that speed bumps be installed on Washington Street and Solomon Nixon. Mr. Carter recommended having a pilot program with some temporary speed bumps. Commissioners Hughes and Hester to give Mr. Carter some street recommendations for this pilot program.

Commissioner Paul Webb asked that illegal dumping signs be installed on Omega-Eldorado Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


There was none to report.

ADJOURN:

There being no further discussion, the Work Session was adjourned.

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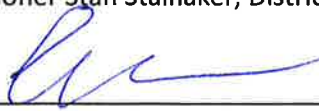

Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7

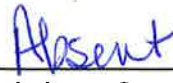

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

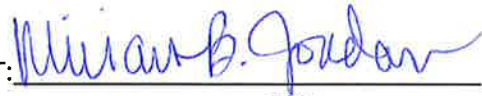

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2


Vice Chairman Paul Webb, District 3


Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4


Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5


Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 
February 14, 2022