

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 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 Thompson were Commissioners Paul Webb, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was available via teleconference. Notice of this meeting was given to the Tifton Gazette (legal organ), WALB News, Fun Channel, Grapevine, posted on the County's Website and Facebook page and posted at the Charles Kent Administration Building. The notice contained direction and opportunity for any citizens desiring to attend the meeting by phone.

Commissioner Paul Webb led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were none to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. **TC-ZA-21-01:** Petition is being made by Clint Adam Hurst, owner, for rezoning of 1 acre of a 3-acre tract of property located at 787 Chula Brookfield Road – Tax Map 0054 Parcel 047. The current zoning is AU (Agricultural Use) and the requested zoning is RR-1 (Rural Single-Family Residential). The other two (2) acres of the 3-acre tract would remain AU.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the application and recommends approval.

- B. **Special Street Light Tax District Petition – Turnberry Circle and Gleneagle Drive**

County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that a petition has been received by Tammy Little asking that street lights be installed on Turnberry Circle and Gleneagle Drive. The petition contained the required number of signatures. The Public Hearing was advertised.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MEETING:

- A. **DISCUSSION ONLY – Tift County Recreation Spring Sports and Facility Use as it Relates to COVID-19:** County Manager Jim Carter asked for the Board's direction on whether or not to play spring sports and about rental of recreational facilities. Mr. Carter asked them to think about this and give him some direction at the Regular Session.

WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

- B. **Next Generation Vesta Phone System:** E911 Director Tina Gay stated that the current phone system reached end of life three (3) years ago. She stated that the system has recently started to give them troubles and has had to shut it down and restart it several times. The cost of the upgrade is \$287,563.30 and can be paid in a lump sum or Motorola is willing to finance over three (3) years. County Manager Jim Carter stated that this would be a FY22 expenditure. He also stated that there are two (2) agreements that must be approved for this upgrade. The Board indicated its desire to place this on the Consent Agenda as item "A" to pay as a lump sum.
- C. **Resolution No. 2021-06, Board of Tax Assessors Appointment:** Chief Tax Appraiser Hayward Becton stated that the Board had reappointed Marianne Hill to the Board of Assessors for six (6) years at the November 2020 meeting. The State is now requiring a resolution for these appointments. The Board indicated its desire to place this on the Consent Agenda as item "B".
- D. **Resolution No. 2021-01, Refunding of Tift County Hospital Authority's Series 2013 Revenue Certificate and Letter of Intent:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that he has spoken with the hospital and is satisfied with this item. The Board indicated its desire to place this on the Consent Agenda as item "C".
- E. **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Kavish Patel for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package for Evans 522, LLC dba Eagle T.C. located at 104 Chula Brookfield Road:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this applicant did not submit renewal paperwork by the deadline so a new application had to be made. The Sheriff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place this on the Consent Agenda as item "D".
- F. **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Shannon Thomas for Retail Malt Beverage and Retail Wine Package for Dollar General located at 1290 Highway 82:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this applicant did not submit renewal paperwork by the deadline so a new application had to be made. The Sheriff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place this on the Consent Agenda as item "E".
- G. **Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated the term for Nelson Kunes has expired. Mr. Kunes wishes to serve another five (5) year term. No other applications have been received. The Board indicated its desire to place this on the Regular Agenda as item "A".
- H. **Appointments to the Tift County Development Authority:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the terms for Frankie Mathis, Norman Hill and Richard Golden expire this month. All three (3) wish to be reappointed for another four (4) year term. No other applications have been received. The Board indicated its desire to place this on the Regular Agenda as item "B".

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that a Department Head Meeting was held today to express appreciate for their teamwork this past year.

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes agreed that the Department Head meeting was good. She asked for prayers for the family for the passing of Magnolia Henderson. Commissioner Hughes asked that staff look into creating a Code Enforcement Court and taking code enforcement issues through State Court. She also asked staff about using the property on 5th Avenue for Plight.

Commissioner Paul Webb announced about March Madness Canned Food Drive. He also thanked the County for flowers sent when his brother passed away.

Commissioner Greg Wood asked that everyone stay safe.

Commissioner Donnie Hester thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Chairman Tony McBrayer agreed that the Department Head Meeting was good.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none to report.

ADJOURN:


There being no further discussion, Chairman Tony McBrayer adjourned the meeting.




Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4




Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



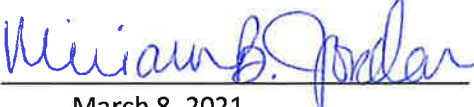
Vice Chairperson Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6



Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST: 

March 8, 2021