

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, February 8, 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, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

Commissioner Donnie Hester led in Prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were none to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 MEETING:

- 5.1 **Purchase of Copier for District Attorney's Office:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that the District Attorney's office in Worth County currently utilizes a Canon C5045 multi-function device for scanning/emailing, printing and copying. This device was purchased and is owned by the DA's office. Parts are not readily available due to its age. Ashley's has quoted a Canon C5840 to replace this machine. The lease amount is for \$229/month for 60 months. Based on the copy and print volumes, the total cost for this device will be \$303/month. Finance Director Diane Kelly stated that the lease amount would be billed to Worth County by Tift County. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.2 **Resurfacing Baldwin Drive Swimming Pool:** Assistant Recreation Director Tim Petrea stated that the competition pool on Baldwin Drive is in urgent need of repair/resurfacing. There are many areas of the pool surface that are in such disrepair that the rebar is visible. This can cause structural issues. It is important that this job be allowed to start in February 2022 to allow adequate time to complete the job and be prepared for the Spring/Summer swim season. Funding will come from the Tourism Authority. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.3 **Engage Timber Consultant/Agent to Cruise Timber at Public Works Facility and EB Hamilton Park:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that timber prices are at an all-time high. Nelson Kunes, timber agent, has provided a contract for his services to locate a company to cruise the timber. The County Attorney has the contract. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

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- 5.4 **Repair of Sidewalk on the West Side of the Administration Building:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that the repairs needed are on the South side of the building. This section of sidewalk is heavily traveled by employees and the public. The repair is estimated to cost \$13,500. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.5 **Phase 1 Facility Upgrades to EB Hamilton Park:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the EB Hamilton facility is over 30 years old and is in major need of an overhaul. A proposed design was presented. Funding would be as follows: \$2,700,000 from ARPA, \$1,300,00 from SPLOST VI and \$1,491,380 from General Fund Reserves. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.6 **Authorize Chairman to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Property at E.B. Hamilton Park:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Development Authority currently owns the property at EB Hamilton Park where the five soccer fields are located. The Parcel Number is 0033 027. This quitclaim deed will convey this property to Tift County. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.7 **Authorize Chairman to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Property on Tift Avenue Across from Administration Building:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this property is part of the parking lot across from the Administration Building and is currently owned by the Development Authority. The Parcel Number is T043 074. This quitclaim deed will convey this property to Tift County. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.8 **Authorize Chairman to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Property at the Jail:** County Manager Jim Carter stated the Development Authority owns the property where the Sheriff's Office and Jail are located. The Parcel Number is T030 050. This quitclaim deed will convey this property to Tift County. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.9 **Change of March Work Session Date:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the March Work Session date needed to be moved because of the Legislative Breakfast to be held in Atlanta which will be attended by several Commission members as well as the County Manager. Monday, March 7, 2022 was discussed as the rescheduled date. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.10 **Resolution No. 2022-05, Ratification of Qualifying Fees:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated the qualifying fees for the 2022 elections have been published in the Legal Organ and this Board needs to ratify those fees. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

- A. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update:** County Manager Jim Carter distributed a document containing the amount of ARPA funds received and to be received, the amount already obligated

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and the proposed amounts to be obligated. The Board asked for the proposed obligations be added to the Consent Agenda.

- B. **Reapportionment Update:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the legislation has been introduced to the House of Representatives and assigned to the Intergovernmental Coordination Committee.

- C. **Demolition of MidStep Building:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the MidStep building has been unoccupied for years. Over the last decade, several governments and others have looked at the viability of restoring/upgrading the building. Unfortunately, no one has been able to come up with a restoration plan for the building that is fiscally viable. Due to the fiscal restraints associated with restoring the building and the need for additional parking, staff recommends demolishing the building creating open space for the future annex building and associated parking. Should the Board agree to demo the building, the first step would be to engage an asbestos mitigation consultant to perform an asbestos study and develop an asbestos remediation plan. After some discussion, Mr. Carter was directed to engage an asbestos mitigation consultant for this building.

COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that an Executive Session is needed for pending litigation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:

Commissioner Paul Webb stated that the canned food drive is getting kicked off. He asked for everyone’s assistance in collecting canned food and donations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

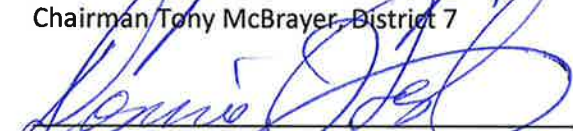
ADJOURN:


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

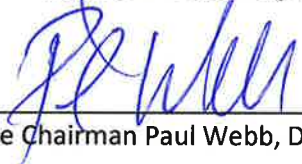
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Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

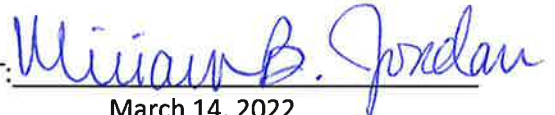

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2


Vice Chairman Paul Webb, District 3


Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4


Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5


Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 
March 14, 2022