

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Monday, March 7, 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 (arrived late), Donnie Hester, Stan Stalnaker, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

Chairman Tony McBrayer led in Prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Samuel L. Pridgen, Tift County Concerned Pastoral Alliance, spoke regarding his concerns on the use of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. Mr. Pridgen asked the following: (1) for an initial meeting with the County Manager, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Hester; (2) for an extended meeting with the County Manager, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Hester; (3) for a reconsideration of the expenditure of ARPA funds; and (4) a response be given tonight.

Luther Overstreet, 192 Ross Road, introduced his guest Mr. Charles Huang.

Charles Huang from Canada representing White Rock Solution spoke regarding his interest in locating a bitcoin mining business in Tift County.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were none to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4.1 **TC-ZA-22-01:** Petition is being made by John Hicks, owner, and Donnie Crosby, Jr., agent, for rezoning of nine (9) acres of property located at 21 Briarwood Lane – Tax Map 0064 Parcel 054. The current zoning is RR1 (Rural Single Family Residential) and the requested zoning is GB (General Business) for the purpose of constructing an RV Park.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that this property consists of nine (9) acres and is contiguous to property currently zoned GB which is owned by the applicant. They wish to add this 9-acre tract to their existing tract to construct a larger RV park. They are fully aware of all the supplemental standards required for a RV park and wish to continue. There has only been one person who called concerning this request in opposition. There were several at the Planning Commission meeting against the project. The Planning Commission heard this request on February 10, 2022 and recommends approval.

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

- 5.1 **Purchase of Custom Class A Rescue Pumpers:** Fire Rescue Director Joey Fowler stated that four (4) bids were received from the RFB that was issued. After reviewing the bids, only two (2) vendors met the specifications of the RFB. They were Toyne, Inc. and NAFECO. After reviewing

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the bids and considering the cost, warranty, service and delivery, staff recommends the low bidder – Toyne, Inc. – at \$1,664,401. Estimated build and delivery time is 13 months. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- 5.2 **Purchase of Enterprise Server and Storage:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that the County has deployed an enterprise storage and virtualization system to run all county applications including email, finance, jail management, court system applications, etc. The system consists of four (4) high speed Dell switches, three (3) Dell enterprise servers and two (2) Dell Equallogic SAN (Storage Area Network) servers. This system was originally installed in 2015 and has provided the County with a stable, reliable and high performance system solution. The equipment has reached its end of life support with Dell and requires replacing. Since this equipment is no longer being supported by Dell, replacement hardware needs to be acquired. The cost is \$130,261.05 and would be funded from SPLOST VI. The price quoted is State Contract price. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.3 **Resurfacing of Baldwin Drive Swimming Pool Additional Repairs:** Assistant Recreation Director Tim Petrea stated that while preparing the pool for resurfacing, it was discovered that a majority of the plaster is delaminated. Due to the age of the plaster, aggressive water, and oxidation of the metals in the water (staining) it has caused the plaster to be porous and soft. The added cost to turbo tip the soft top layer of plaster off is \$11,243.75. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.4 **Participation as a Subdivision of Georgia in the National Opioid Class Action Litigation/Settlement:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that the State of Georgia recently opted into ongoing national opioid litigation and, in doing so, created an opportunity for local governments that have not previously and separately engaged in the local government opioid class action litigation to opt-in as part of the State of Georgia's settlement claim. Currently, we do not know the settlement dollar amount. Moreover, we are uncertain what evidence or proof a county will ultimately have to show, if any, supporting damages or loss. Without knowing more, we can only recommend that we move forward with participating in the lawsuit. If and when the State's class-action suit is settled, we can provide specific guidance on the distribution of any funds received by Tift County. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.5 **Resolution No. 2022-07, Restatement of ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan:** Assistant County Manager Mike Walker stated periodic changes in federal law requires sponsoring employers to restate their respective Plans to incorporate changes that must be made in order to protect the tax-qualified status under the Internal Revenue Code. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.6 **Resolution No. 2022-08, Restatement of ACCG 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan for Senior Management Employees of Tift County:** Assistant County Manager Mike Walker stated that periodic changes in federal law requires sponsoring employers to restate their respective Plans to incorporate changes that must be made in order to protect the tax-qualified status under the

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Internal Revenue Code. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- 5.7 **Resolution No. 2022-06, Surplus Vehicles, Equipment and Property:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that since new vehicles have finally been received, there are vehicles that need to be surplussed and sold. Mrs. Jordan stated that on the list there was a 2009 GMC Yukon that had previously been surplussed and authorized to sell on GovDeals; however, the District Attorney has asked that the Prosecuting Attorney's Council (PAC) be allowed to purchase the vehicle. PAC is willing to pay the blue book trade in value. Mrs. Jordan also pointed out that there was a piece of property to be surplussed but would have to be sold via sealed bids. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.8 **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Dolgen Corp, LLC for a Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for Dollar General Store 10931 located at 1290 Hwy 82 E:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this location has held a license for several years. However, they failed to submit their renewal by the deadline. The application has been reviewed by the Sheriff and recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.9 **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Sagheer Ahmad for a Retail Malt Beverage Package License for Brookfield Food & Gas, Inc. located at 2473 Hwy 82 E:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this location has previously had a license. The store has a new owner. The application has been reviewed by the Sheriff and recommends approval. The Board asked the County Clerk to verify the address of the store as to whether it is Hwy 82 East or West. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.10 **Appointments to the Human Resources Appeal Board:** Assistant County Manager Mike Walker stated that the Tift County Personnel Policy requires a Human Resources Appeals Board comprised of five (5) members. The term of all current members expires in April. Each member has expressed interest in continuing to serve for another 3-year term if the Board of Commissioners so chooses. The members are Dr. Homer Day, Mr. David Fant, Mr. Steve Hyman, Mrs. Kelly Passmore and Mr. Kevin Dobard. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

There were none to report.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that he and Development Support Services Director Chris Davis are investigating bitcoin mining.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Paul Webb stated that the canned food drive is still ongoing. He asked for everyone's assistance in collecting canned food and donations.

Chairman Tony McBrayer asked everyone to pray for Ukraine.

Commissioner Donnie Hester thanked everyone for coming.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none to report.

ADJOURN:

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



Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



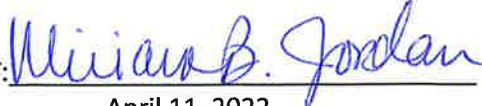
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6



Vice Chairman Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST: 

April 11, 2022