

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, April 6, 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 McBrayer were Commissioners Paul Webb, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Greg Wood was absent.

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 Melissa Hughes led in prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Chairman Tony McBrayer presented a proclamation to Victoria Horst and Dina Willis proclaiming April 4-10, 2021 as National Library Week.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There were none to report.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, APRIL 12, 2021 MEETING:**

- A. **FY2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that Tift County was selected for the FY2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan. Tift County was selected using crash data compiled from accident reports. The County can apply for up to \$350,000 worth of striping and raised pavement markers. However, projects must come from the list provided from GDOT. A minimum of 10% match is required. Staff recommends applying for the full \$350,000; however, it is not anticipated that the full amount will be awarded. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Purchase of Trucks for Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that the current fleet of Public Works trucks are in poor to very poor condition. Two (2) bids were received. Griffin Ford was the low bidder at \$244,893 for nine (9) vehicles. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Purchase of Litter Picker for Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that this piece of equipment would be used to pick up litter on County roadway ditches. During the demonstration of the equipment, staff noticed that it will only pick up 75% of the

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trash. Staff feels that this piece of equipment would be an effective tool in helping with our trash problem. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- D. **Memorandum of Condemnation Settlement Agreement – Daltel, LLC:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that in 2019 the County settled two (2) condemnations (Parcel 57 – Squire Brown and Parcel 66 – Daltel) on Carpenter Road. Approval of this settlement agreement is needed so that the attorneys can close the issue with the court. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Memorandum of Condemnation Settlement Agreement – Squire Brown:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that in 2019 the County settled two (2) condemnations (Parcel 57 – Squire Brown and Parcel 66 – Daltel) on Carpenter Road. Approval of this settlement agreement is needed so that the attorneys can close the issue with the court. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Application for Commemorative/Honorary Road Naming Submitted by Joan Poole Cobb:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that Joan Poole Cobb has made application for the honorary naming of Cascade Drive as Mildred Glover Poole Way. County Clerk Miriam Jordan read the guidelines for the commemorative/honorary road naming from the recently adopted ordinance. Mr. Carter asked that the Board review the application and let him know if they have any questions. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- G. **Lease Amendment with USDA for 1468 Carpenter Road:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that USDA rents the County’s facility at 1468 Carpenter Road. This facility houses their service center. The annual lease payment is \$37,552. This represents \$7.50 per square foot for 5,007 square feet of usable space. The Board approved a lease amendment in July 2020 but that lease amendment had to be amended because it required the County to provide janitorial services to that building. The County has never provided them that service. This lease amendment excludes that provision. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Kinzal Patel for a Retail Malt Beverage Package and a Retail Wine Package License for Verai Tifton, Inc. located at 367 GA Highway 125 South:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Sheriff has reviewed this application and recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Appointment to South Georgia Community Service Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Elizabeth O’Rear is unable to fulfill her term on this Board. The Community Service Board asked that the Commissioners consider appointing City of Tifton Assistant Police Chief Chris Griffin to fill this unexpired term. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- J. **Appointment to Planning & Zoning Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Seth Carlos is unable to fulfill his term on this Board. The only application that has been received is from L. Dustin Pitts. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- K. **Report from Solid Waste Collection Committee:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the committee is still working on the contract for solid waste collection. Items being discussed are (1) proposed contract extension with Golden in July; (2) Using the landfill in Atkinson County; and (3) whether Tifton-Tift County

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landfill should be "moth balled" or another cell added. Mr. Carter has tried to reach EPD and the engineer for further clarification. Mr. Carter will report further at Monday's meeting.

- L. **Consideration of Termination of Resolution No. 2020-17 Requiring Masks in County Buildings:** County Manager Jim Carter asked the Board for direction on whether Resolution No. 2020-17 should be discontinued or not. Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked that the Board wait one more month before discontinuing. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
  
- M. **Purchase of Ambulance:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that there is a need to purchase an ambulance. EMS Chief Allen Owens has obtained three (3) bids on demo models of ambulances. With demo models, we could receive the ambulance within 60 days. If we purchased a new one, it could take 6-8 months to build. Staff recommends purchasing the low bid for the diesel model from ETR for \$174,781. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

County Manager Jim Carter stated that he has conducted several interviews for the Recreation Director position.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

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There were none to report.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 5-0 with the Chairman voting.

**[SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE]**

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*Greg Wood*

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ATTEST: *Miriam B. Jordan*

May 10, 2021