

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, June 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, Donnie Hester, Fred “Buck” Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker, and Melissa Hughes.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes led in Prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Julie Lester, 139 Mill Ridge Circle, spoke in opposition of cryptocurrency mining in Tift County.

Christine Tibbets, 1706 Regent Road, spoke in opposition of cryptocurrency mining in Tift County.

Hubert Wood, 1706 Regent Road, spoke in opposition of cryptocurrency mining in Tift County.

Wasdon Graydon, Jr., 4504 Raywood Drive, spoke in opposition of cryptocurrency mining in Tift County.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- 3.1 Tim Petrea, Tift County Recreation Director, was present to receive a Proclamation proclaiming July as National Parks and Recreation month.
- 3.2 Tifton City Manager Pete Pyrzenski was present to discuss options for the landfill with the Board. A report had been previously provided. Mr. Pyrzenski recommended that the landfill be expanded and asked that the Board take action on this in July.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 4.1 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Fire Rescue Chief Joey Fowler stated that Mike Talley with Flint River Consulting will be at the Public Hearing to discuss the update. He also stated that an action item needed to be added to the agenda for the consideration of the adoption of the update.

- 4.1 **TC-TA-22-01:** Text Amendment Application presented by Development Support Services Director Chris Davis to decide if Cryptocurrency Mining will be allowed in the Tift County Unified Development Code and if allowed what would be the most suitable zoning class and are any supplemental standards necessary – **APPLICATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN**

No public hearing will be held since application has been withdrawn.

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**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, JUNE 13, 2022 MEETING:**

- 5.1 **Resolution No. 2022-12, Levy and Collection of an Annual Tax for General Obligation Bond for Tift County School District:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Board of Commissioners is the levying authority for the school board. A referendum was passed allowing for a general obligation bond; therefore, a levy may be necessary for the repayment. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.2 **Grant Award and DATE Fund Request for Tift County DUI-Drug Court:** DUI-Drug Court Coordinator Michelle Calhoun stated that the DUI-Drug Court has been awarded \$138,183 in grant funds from CJCC. This will require a 12% match which is \$16,582. This match is 2% higher than previous years; therefore, Ms. Calhoun asked for \$30,000 in DATE funds for the match and other expenses not included in the grant. County Manager Jim Carter stated that \$25,000 has been budgeted. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda at \$25,000.
- 5.3 **Grant Award and DATE Fund Request for Adult Felony Drug Court:** Adult Felony Drug Court Coordinator Monica Roberts stated that this court has been awarded \$332,949 in grant funds from CJCC. This will require a 12% match which is \$39,954. Ms. Roberts asked for \$25,000 in DATE funds to go towards the match. Irwin and Worth counties also participate in the match. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.4 **Agreement with Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Comprehensive Plan Update:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Comprehensive Plan must be updated every five (5) years. That update is now due. The SGRC will prepare the update for the County at a cost of \$10,000. This is a budgeted item. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.5 **Ordinance No. 2022-03, Transporting Solid Waste and Litter:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell is still drafting the ordinance. Will have ready for Monday's meeting. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.6 **Purchase of Ford Ranger 4x4 for EMS:** EMS Chief Allen Owens stated that the vehicle (2005 Ford F250 Crew Cab) he is currently driving has a blown motor and would cost around \$15,000 to repair. Chief Owens asked to purchase a 2022 Ford Ranger 4x4 from Wade Ford in the amount of \$29,921 which is state contract price. Griffin Ford was unable to provide a quote. This would be funded from General Fund. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.7 **Purchase of Ford F-150 for Fire:** Fire Rescue Chief Joey Fowler asked to purchase a 2022 F-150 which will replace an existing 2011 F-250. Vehicle will be used as the Battalion Chief's command vehicle. The funds will come from the recent sale of Engine 61 to the City of Bronwood, GA. Wade Ford offered a price of \$39,975 which is state contract price and Griffin Ford was unable to provide a quote. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

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- 5.8 **Purchase of Purpose Built Side Arm Mower for Public Works:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that on April 12, 2022, Public Works had a mowing tractor to catch fire and burn. The equipment has been totaled and insurance has issued a payment of \$85,739. Mr. Jordan asked to purchase a purpose built side arm mower as a replacement. Two (2) bids were received. The low bidder is Reynolds-Warren Equipment Co. in the amount of \$213,306.92 which is state contract price and delivery would be in 2-4 weeks. Funds would come from insurance proceeds and TSPLOST. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.9 **Purchase of Two (2) Flex Wing Mowers for Public Works:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated two (2) of the existing flex wing mowers need to be replaced. Life expectancy on this equipment is five (5) years and they have been in service for six (6) years. Two (2) bids were received – Flint Equipment Co and Lasseter Tractor. Ag Pro did not respond to the request for a quote. The low bidder is Flint Equipment Co. for a total of \$53,495.22. Funds would come from TSPLOST. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.10 **Lease Renewal with State Properties Commission for Department of Driver Services**  
5.11 **Lease Renewal with State Properties Commission for Georgia Public Defender Council**  
5.12 **Lease Renewal with State Properties Commission for Juvenile Justice**

County Manager Jim Carter spoke to items 5.10, 5.11 and 5.12. These are yearly renewals. The Board indicated its desire to place all these items on the Consent Agenda.

- 5.13 **Agreement with Georgia Public Defenders Council and the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Tifton Judicial Circuit for Indigent Defense Services:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this agreement implements the provisions of the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003. This agreement covers Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The Public Defender Office agrees to use these funds for the purpose of paying the salary and benefits for county funded public defenders and assistants in addition to the expenditures necessary to equip, maintain and furnish the Public Defender Office. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.14 **Renewal of Property and Liability Insurance:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there was an 18% increase in insurance this year. Net cost to the County is \$524,715.35. Policy year is July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.15 **Acceptance of Bid for Wilton Avenue Property:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that at the March 2022 Regular Session the Board voted to surplus property on Wilton Avenue – Parcel T060 077. The invitation to bid was issued. Only one bid was received – Frank Jefferson for \$3,500. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.16 **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Chetankumar Patel for a Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for Jiya and Niya LLC located at 2473 US Highway 82 E, 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 Consent Agenda.

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- 5.17 **Resolution No. 2022-11, Surplus Vehicles:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are five (5) vehicles at Public Works, two (2) at Development Support Services and one at EMS that need to be surplussed and sold on GovDeals. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.18 **Obligation of ARPA Funds:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that \$250,000 of ARPA funds need to be deobligated. These funds were originally obligated to purchase the Sheriff's Department a contraband x-ray scanner. Senator Carden Summers secured funding to purchase this piece of equipment with state funds. Also, staff asked to obligate \$75,00 for marketing, branding and creation of a county app. In addition, staff asked that \$30,000 be obligated to purchase a van for Extension Service. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.19 **Appointments to the Athletic Advisory Committee:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that several terms on this Committee were expiring – Carl Johnson, Jr., Bobbie Fresh, Paul Nelson, Fred “Buck” Rigdon and Jeff Robbins – and they wish to be reappointed. There are five (5) vacancies and five (5) applications have been received – Kristin Dixon, Jeremy Camp, David Dixon, Priscilla Bishop and Jonathan Judy. All would be three (3) year terms. The Board indicated its desire to place this time on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.20 **Appointments to the Family & Children Services Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the terms for Hal Baxley, Greg Crumley and Rodney Griffin will expire on June 30, 2022. All have expressed their willingness to serve another five (5) year term. Tift County DFCS Director Annie Clark sent a letter in support of these reappointments. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.21 **Appointment to Dangerous Dog Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there is a vacancy on the Dangerous Dog Board for an alternate position. One application has been received – Elizabeth Daniel. This would be a three (3) year term. The Board indicated its desire to place this on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.22 **Appointment to Board of Elections:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term for Patricia Robinson will expire on July 6, 2022. Ms. Robinson wishes to be reappointed. Elections Supervisor Leila Dollison on behalf of the Tift County Board of Elections & Registration sent a letter in support of the reappointment. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.23 **Appointment to Keep Tift Beautiful:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there is one vacancy on this board. One application has been received – Jennifer Vieth. This would be a four (4) year appointment. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.24 **Indemnification and Right of Entry Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Co:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that the TSPLOST paving project includes a portion of Zion Hope Road. This portion of road has railroad tracks. For the paving to be done, we must execute an Indemnification and Right of Entry Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Co. As

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part of the agreement, the County must pay a Risk Financing Fee in the amount of \$1,900 and provide proof of liability insurance. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- 5.25 **Appointment to the Library Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term for Jason Hoffman is expiring and he is not eligible to serve again because of the four term limit. One application has been received – Dr. Franzelle Mathis-Pertilla. This would be a three (3) year term. 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:**

There were none to report.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Melissa Hughes distributed several photos of dilapidated structures and trash in her district. She, once again, asked for assistance in cleaning up this nuisance. She also expressed her concerns about the Tourism Authority and Tift County's representation in tourism.

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There was none to report.


**ADJOURN:**

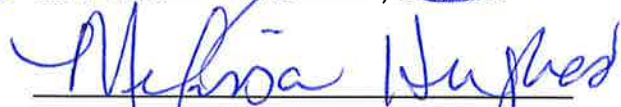
There being no further discussion, the Work Session was adjourned.


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Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7

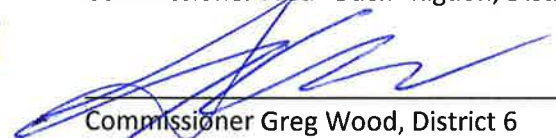
  
Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

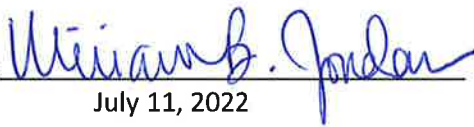
  
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

  
Vice Chairman Paul Webb, District 3

  
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

  
Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

  
Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST:   
July 11, 2022