

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, June 8, 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, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Commissioner Paul Webb led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were none to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. **Hazard Mitigation Plan** - The County is required to hold three (3) public hearings during the hazard mitigation plan update process. This will be the second public hearing.

- B. **TC-ZA-21-01 (TABLED 05.10.21)** – Petition is being made by Randy Barnes, owner, for rezoning of .29 acres of property located at 48 Pecan Street – Tax Map T047, Parcel 020. The current zoning is R-8 (Medium to High Density Residential) and the requested zoning is R-8M (Medium to High Density Residential) which would allow for an HUD approved manufactured house.

Staff recommended tabling this action until more study could be done in regards to a comprehensive rezoning of the area. Commission would like a Town Hall Meeting held with residents in the area.

- C. **TC-ZA-21-02** – Petition is being made by Melvin Mathis, owner, for 50.18 acres of property located at and around 298 Highway 125 South – Tax Map 0061, Parcel 103. The current zoning is WLI (Wholesale Light Industrial) and RR1 (Rural Single Family Residential) and the requested zoning is AG (Agriculture) which would allow for a RV park.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the applicant has hired Jackson Engineering Firm and has a site plan that meets all the Tift County Development Code requirements. There has been a couple of calls from citizens in the area wishing to stand against this request. These citizens were encouraged to attend the public hearing. The Planning Commission heard this request on May 13, 2021 and voted 4 to 1 to recommend approval.

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ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, JUNE 14, 2021 MEETING:

- A. **Tift County Accountability Courts Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Award:** Court Administrator Lindsey Forshee stated that in order to continue service provision, program enhancements and provide community-wide benefits, it is requested that the Board approve the FY22 grant award in the amount of \$270,487 and she requested an allocation of \$25,000 from DATE funds for this court. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Tift County DUI Court – Grant Award & DATE Fund Request:** Program Director Michelle Calhoun stated that DUI Court is requesting that the Board approve the grant award in the amount of \$114,445 and is requesting an allocation of \$25,000 in Date funds for this court. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Notice of Award for LMIG Roadway Resurfacing and Central Avenue Project and Approval of Contract Agreement:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that bids were received for the resurfacing for the LMIG project and Central Avenue. Four (4) bids were received with The Scruggs Company being the lowest bidder at \$2,070,922.08. GDOT's contribution is \$686,603.50. Remaining funds will come from SPLOST VI. The Scruggs Company is also willing to resurface Carpenter Road from Zion Hope Road to the City Limits using these unit prices. Cost would be \$47,268. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- D. **Notice of Award for Highway 41 & Southern Avenue Intersection Improvements and Contract Agreement:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that bids were received for this project on June 2, 2021. The low bidder was Sumner Construction in the amount of \$101,493.65. Funding will come from SPLOST VI. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Utility Relocation on Bowen Road:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that Colquitt EMC will move their utilities on Bowen Road for \$9,926.21. Once these utilities are moved, the road can be built and paved. Funding will come from SPLOST VI. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **S2 Software Maintenance Agreement:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that the County utilizes a S2 door locking system for providing a safe and monitored environment for staff and visitors. This system has been deployed at the Law Enforcement Center, Administration Building, Recreation, EMS, Juvenile Court and Courthouse buildings. To maintain and insure optimal performance this system requires applying software updates as they are made available from the manufacturer. A maintenance agreement is required for these updates to be installed. The current agreement has expired and needs to be renewed. The new agreement will run through June 30, 2022. Annual cost is \$6,747.54 and is a budgeted item. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- G. **Resolution No. 2021-09, Adoption of FY22 Budget:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the required public hearing has been held. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.

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- H. **Lease Renewal with State Properties Commission for 3057 Highway 41 South to be Utilized by Department of Driver Services** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that State Properties leases 6,000 square feet of space located at 3057 Highway 41 South for use by the Georgia Department of Driver Services. State Properties has notified the County of their intentions to seek renewal of this lease for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Lease Renewal with State Properties Commission for Space in the Charles Kent Administration Building to be Utilized by the Department of Juvenile Justice** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that State Properties leases space in the Charles Kent Administration Building for use by the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice. State Properties has notified the County of their intentions to seek renewal of this lease for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- J. **First Amendment to Lease Agreement and Lease Renewal with State Properties Commission for 225 Tift Avenue North, Building C, Suite 2 to be Utilized by the Georgia Public Defenders Council** – County Manager Jim Carter stated State Properties leases space in Building C, Suite 2 for use by the Georgia Public Defenders Council. State Properties has notified the County of their intentions to seek renewal of this lease for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Additionally, the lease needs to be amended to indicate the correct location of property being leased. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- K. **Alternate Court Facility** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tift County Superior Court has a large backlog of cases that requires adjudication. In order to hear the backlogged cases in the most expedient manner possible, the Chief Superior Court Judge has decided to hold trial in two (2) separate locations. The Tift County Courthouse will be the primary location while the Court will utilize the Northeast Middle School as the secondary or alternate site to hold court. The Board needs to approve a resolution designating the Northeast campus as a Courthouse annex. The Board will also need to approve an agreement with the Tift County Board of Education for use of this property. There is no charge for this use. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- L. **Golden Waste Solid Waste Collection Agreement** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that this agreement is very similar to the current agreement. Mr. Carter stated that this agreement provides for two (2) convenience centers which can be utilized by all residents of Tift County. The rate structure is also provided for in the agreement. The Commission asked that a letter be sent to residents regarding the changes. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker asked that the County get confirmation from the City of Tifton regarding the convenience centers and how they would be funded. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- [Commissioner Paul Webb left the meeting]
- M. **Authorize Chairman to Execute Necessary Documents for American Rescue Plan Act Funding** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that several documents will need to be executed for the County to drawdown the first 50% of the monies available from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

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- N. **Lease Agreement with Walker Aviation, Inc.** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that Walker Aviation, Inc. leases space at the Henry Tift Myers Airport. The lease has expired. The proposed lease is the same as the expired lease. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- O. **Resolution No. 2021-08, Surplus Vehicles** – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are vehicles from the Sheriff's Department, EMA and Recreation that need to be surplussed and sold on GovDeals. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- P. **Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Roshni Patel for a Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for Pennywise located at 607 Short Street** – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Sheriff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked that this item be placed on the Regular Agenda for further discussion. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- Q. **Appointment to Board of Elections** – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term for Stephanie McKee expires in July 2021. Elections Supervisor Leila Dollison has recommended Ms. McKee's reappointment. Mrs. Jordan stated that no other applications have been received. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- R. **Appointment to Library Board** – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the terms for Betty Jean Prince, Nancy Trawick, Val Vanags and Filiberto Hernandez all expire at the end of June 2021. All wish to be reappointed. The term for Barbara Pratt also expires at the end of June 2021. However, Branch Manager Victoria Horst does not recommend her reappointment because of attendance issues. Mrs. Horst submitted an application for Dr. Shubha Chatterjee for this post. County Clerk Jordan stated that no other applications have been received. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- S. **Approval of ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Renewal** – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the renewal date for the County's property and liability insurance is July 1, 2021. There is a 5.98% increase in net cost from last year. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that an Executive Session is needed for a real estate matter.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes spoke regarding the pictures she had taken of accumulated trash on Southern Avenue next to the Georgia Vegetable location.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to enter into Executive Session for a real estate matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Paul Webb had already left the meeting.

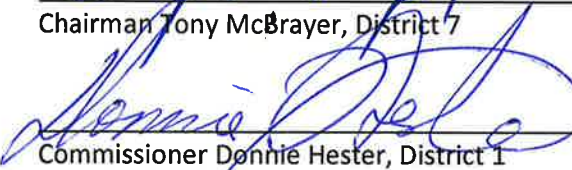
Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Paul Webb was not present in the Executive Session

ADJOURN:

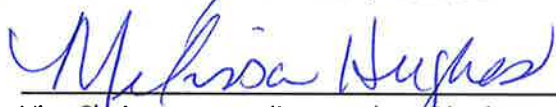
There being no further discussion, the Work Session was adjourned.



Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Vice Chairperson Melissa Hughes, District 2



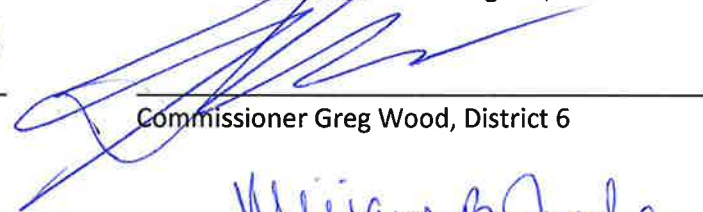
Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3



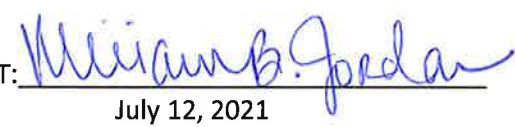
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 
July 12, 2021