

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

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

Commissioner Melissa Hughes led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Chairman Karen Shultz and Board Members Dr. Lorie Felton, Dr. David Rhode, Dr. Chris Beals and Dr. Ryan Voris gave an update on Keep Tift Beautiful programs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. **TC-ZA-21-01 (TABLED 05.10.21 & 06.14.21)** – 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.

County Manager Jim Carter stated that staff recommends tabling consideration of the application. There will be a Town Hall meeting is held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 to discuss a comprehensive rezoning of an area bounded by MLK Jr Drive, South Central Avenue, Southern Avenue and East Golden Road.

- B. **TC-ZA-21-04** – Petition is being made by Lisa Hall and Charles Sauser, owners, and Jeffery D. Thorne, Jessica Powell and Luther Overstreet, agents, for 5.61 acres of property located at US Highway 82 West – Tax Map 0034, Parcel 045. The current zoning is AU (Agriculture Use) and the requested zoning is GB (General Business) which would allow for a recreational dealership.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the Planning Commission has considered the application. They reviewed the zoning standards and recommend approval. Mr. Davis said he has not received any calls for or against this application

- C. **TC-ZA-21-05** - Petition is being made by Walter Walker, owner, for the rezoning of a .33-acre tract located at 4129 US Highway 41 South – Tax Map 0064A, Parcel 030. The current zoning is AU (Agriculture Use) and the requested zoning is GB (General Business) which would allow for an existing building to be renovated and used as a thrift store.

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

- A. **Requisition for Geographic Information System Services from Southern Georgia Regional Commission:** Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the Southern Georgia Regional Commission provides mapping services for several County departments. This is a renewal/extension of the current agreement. The cost is \$1,000 per year. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- B. **Addendum B to Contract for Engineering Services with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for the FY2021 LMIG OSS Striping Project:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that the County has received additional LMIG monies to stripe and install reflective pavement markers. This Addendum will allow the County Engineer to assist with bid opening, preparing contract documents, etc. The cost is \$4,763.01 and would be paid from LMIG and SPLOST VI. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- C. **Resolution No. 2021-11 – Authorization of Judicial In Rem Tax Foreclosures:** Tax Commissioner Chad Alexander stated that this would allow him to sell property through the courts. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- D. **Lease of copier for District Attorney’s Office:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the District Attorney’s office 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. The device is experiencing multiple part failures making it inoperable. Parts are not readily available due to its age. Ashley’s has quoted a Canon C5840 to replace this machine. The lease amount is \$229/month for 60 months. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- E. **Vehicle Purchase for District Attorney’s Office:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that a new vehicle was budgeted for the DA. The total amount budgeted was \$35,000. Any cost over this amount will be the responsibility of the DA’s office. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

- F. **Cybersecurity Software and Monitoring:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that in April 2021, Tift County contracted with ThinkGard to deploy Cisco’s Firepower firewall services. During this deployment, the County’s antivirus system detected and blocked an active virus within the County’s network. As a result, the need to deploy a more aggressive approach is necessary. Quotes were received for the licensing. Staff recommends purchasing the 245 AMP licenses from ThinkGard (who was the lowest bidder) in the amount of \$11,662.43 and deploying the Cybergard services from ThinkGard in the amount of \$23,520 per year for three (3) years plus a one-time \$2,000 setup and configuration fee. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda so that more information can be gathered regarding the company’s guarantee if there is an attack.

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- G. **Board Nomination for Emergency Management Director** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that he recommends that Chief Joey Fowler be appointed as Emergency Management Director. If appointed, the Chairman will need to send a letter to GEMA notifying them of the appointment. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Resolution No. 2021-12, Surplus Vehicles** – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are two vehicles, a trailer and a concessions trailer that need to be surplussed and sold on GovDeals. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Scrap Tire Event Application** – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this is a EPD grant application which is fully reimbursable for collection and recycling of tires. The only cost to the County would be personnel. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- J. **Hospital Authority Appointments** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Hospital Authority is not ready at this time to make any recommendations for appointments to the authority.
- K. **Keep Tift Beautiful** – County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there are two (2) vacancies on this board. Two (2) applications have been received – Duncan McClusky and Christopher Burchell. The terms would expire 10.31.21 and 08.31.22. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter gave a briefing of the current weather conditions as it relates to Tropical Storm Elsa.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes invited everyone to a street clean-up on Saturday starting at 8 am across from Charles Spencer School. She also stated that she is giving away \$20 gift cards to individuals who get their COVID vaccine for the first time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none to report.

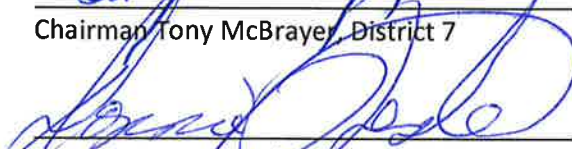
ADJOURN:

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

[SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE]


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Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7

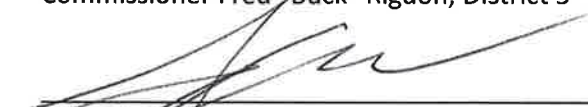

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1


Absent
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: 
August 9, 2021