

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, August 3, 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, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Stan Stalnaker. Commissioners Donnie Hester and Melissa Hughes were absent.

Chairman Tony McBrayer led in prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. Chief Ranger III Al Potts gave an operations report for FY21 for the Georgia Forestry Commission.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **TC-ZA-21-01 (TABLED 05.10.21, 06.14.21 & 07.12.21)** – 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 denying this request because it would cause spot zoning.

- B. **Petition for Special Street Light Tax District – Edgewater Subdivision**

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that a petition has been submitted asking for street lights in phase I of Edgewater Subdivision. A total of 11 lights are proposed for Phase I but since there are still some roads that are not paved there will only be eight (8) lights installed at this time. This will be Special Street Light Tax District Phase 1A of Edgewater Subdivision Phase I if the Board approves the creation of this district.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, AUGUST 9, 2021 MEETING:**

- A. **Purchase of 2019 John Deere 6120E Cab Tractor for Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that this tractor was leased by the Development Authority and the lease has expired. The County can purchase this tractor from Lasseter Tractor for \$32,000 which will include the trade-in of two (2) older tractors the County has. This tractor will be used to pull the litter picker. Funding will come from TSPLOST. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

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- B. **Purchase of Diamond Mower for Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that this mower would attach to the mini excavator and would be used to mow ditches in South Tifton. The purchase price is \$12,308 and would be paid from TSPLOST. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Purchase of Fleet Vehicle for Emergency Management Agency:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this truck will replace the current Emergency Management vehicle. If approved, this purchase will add the Emergency Management Director's truck to the truck fleet program. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- D. **Purchase of Vehicle for E911:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that three (3) bids have been received and Griffin Ford/Chevrolet was the lower bidder at \$24,360. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Notice of Annexation from City of Tifton for Carrington Drexler Road (0057 060)**
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County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that there are defects in the applications and notices to the County regarding these annexations – acreage does not comport to deeds and the possibility tracts may create a county island. The County will contact the City about the defects. If defects are not corrected, an objection may have to be considered. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.

- G. **ACCG Safety Discount Forms:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that a benefit of participating in ACCG's IRMA and GSIWCF insurances is the safety discount – 5% on IRMA and 7.5% on GSIWCF. This is an estimated savings of \$54,957. One of the requirements of the program is to submit Safety Discount Verification forms for each program. Staff asks that the Chairman be authorized to execute the needed documents. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Roshni Patel for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package for N&D Food Mart located at 607 Short Street:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that Roshni Patel applied a few months ago and was denied. Application has been made again. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- I. **Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation to Transfer Section 5311 Vehicles from the County to Southern Georgia Regional Commission for Regional Transit Program:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this would allow the Tift Lift vans to be utilized in the regional transit program. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- J. **Appointment to Tourism Board:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that Roger Dill has resigned from the Tourism Board. Tyrone Spearman has recommended that Pat Welker be appointed to this position. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.

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**COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

County Manager Jim Carter stated that an Executive Session is needed for legal and personnel.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to enter into Executive Session for legal and personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 5-0 with the Chairman voting.


Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 5-0 with the Chairman voting.

**ADJOURN:**

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


  
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Chairman Tony McBrayer, District 7

  
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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

  
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Vice Chairperson Melissa Hughes, District 2

  
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Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3

*Absent*  
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Commissioner Stan Stalaker, District 4

  
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Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

  
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Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST:   
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September 13, 2021