

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, October 4, 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.

Chairman Tony McBrayer led in Prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

DeShundra Henderson, 112 W 18<sup>th</sup> St, expressed her concerns with her son's schedule for flag football.

Rachel Price, 2415 Madison Dr, expressed her concerns with the County's reserved fund balance and with the County's tax policy. She also expressed her concerns regarding LOST and HOST.

Julie Lester, 139 Mill Ridge Circle, expressed her concerns regarding the County's communication and transparency. She spoke concerning crypto currency, county finances and the comprehensive planning process. She also spoke regarding the county's administrative leadership.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- 3.1 Chairman Tony McBrayer read a Proclamation proclaiming October 19, 2022 as Go Light Your World Day and presented the proclamation to Filiberto Hernandez who was there representing the Tift County Council on Children and Youth.
- 3.2 Mike Beatty was unable to attend and provide information on the Community Champion Initiative due to a family emergency. This discussion will be rescheduled.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There were none to report.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 10, 2022 MEETING:**

- 5.1 **Security System Support Agreement:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that the County uses video surveillance as well as automatic locking technology to insure employee and public safety. Mobile Communications America has quoted a 12-month support agreement for this service for a cost of \$27,500. This is a budgeted item. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.2 **Obligation of Remaining ARPA Funds for Recreation:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the cost for the purchase of the ambulances (to be funded from ARPA) came in lower than expected. He asked that the remaining ARPA funds in the amount of \$235,301 be obligated to recreation related projects and capital purchases. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

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- 5.3 **Purchase of Tractor with Attachments for Recreation Department:** Recreation Director Tim Petrea stated that quotes were obtained for a tractor. This tractor would be used for the Trimax Mowing System. The Recreation Director recommended purchasing the tractor from Perrin Farm Equipment in the Amount of \$46,400 to be funded from insurance proceeds and ARPA. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.4 **Purchase of Trimax Mower for Recreation Department:** Recreation Director Tim Petrea stated that the Trimax Mowing system was demonstrated at EB Hamilton in July for the purpose of showing a more efficient method of mowing the athletic fields and common areas. The cost of the system is \$44,890 and would be funded from ARPA. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.5 **Amendment to Schedule D-2 of the Administrative Services Agreement with Respect to the ACCG Deferred Compensation & Defined Contribution Plans:** Assistant County Manager Mike Walker stated that the ACCG Retirement DC Board of Directors recommends amending Schedule D-2 of the Administrative Services Agreement thereby offering new investment options to employees who participate in either the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan or the 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan. The new options would simply afford the employee with enhanced opportunity for investment diversification. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.6 **Appointment to Hospital Authority:** Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon stated that there is a term that has expired or will expire shortly and the Hospital Authority has submitted three (3) names for consideration. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.7 **Addendum to Contract with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for the Brookfield Well Abandonment Project:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the County has been contacted by EPD concerning the well located off of US 82 in Brookfield. Per EPD, the well needs to be abandoned. Since Tift County took the well out of service prior to the 2005 system merger, staff believes the County is responsible for properly abandoning the site in question. A scope of services from Watkins is provided in the addendum. The cost for engineering services is not to exceed \$5,000 and will be funded from SPLOST VI. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.8 **Georgia Department of Public Safety Aviation Hangar:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the County, the Georgia Department of Public Safety (GSP), the Airport Authority and the Development Authority are working together to relocate GSP's Southwest Aviation Field Hangar to the Henry Tift Myers Airport. Tift County will manage the project and each party will participate with funding – Tift County - \$300,000; Development Authority - \$300,000; GSP Aviation - \$200,000 and Airport Authority - \$200,000. Funding from the County would come from reserves. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.

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- 5.9 **Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Kassie Lane Gaskin for a Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for Hwy 82 East, LLC dba Big Daddy Food Mart to be Located at 1103 US Hwy 82 East:** 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.
- 5.10 **Reappointments to Athletic Advisory Committee:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that three (3) members of the Athletic Advisory Committee have terms that have expired – Phil Salter, Scott Burgess and Dennis Reese. All are willing to serve another 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:**

County Manager Jim Carter gave a brief explanation of the County's reserve fund balance.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

There were none to report.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker assured County Manager Jim Carter that he has his full support.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of legal and personnel. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.


Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

**ADJOURN:**

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

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

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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:   
November 14, 2022