

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, October 5, 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 Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Greg Wood was present via teleconference. Commissioner Paul Webb was absent.

Commissioner Melissa Hughes led in Prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Tony McBrayer presented a proclamation to Lillie McIntyre, Executive Director of the Tift County Council on Children and Youth, proclaiming October 20, 2021 as Go Light Up Your World Day.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 11, 2021 MEETING:

- 5.1 **Agreement with Plant TiftNet, Inc. for Fiber Transport Services:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that the County's Local Area Network (LAN) utilizes fiber optics provided by Plant Telecommunications running to six (6) county buildings – Administration, EMS, Extension, Recreation, Public Safety and Public Works. These connections allow county employees to access the Tift County servers running a variety of applications including financial, payroll, jail records, email, etc. Stephenson stated that the cost will remain the same - \$4,281.32 per month. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.2 **Agreement with Plant TiftNet, Inc. for Dedicated Internet Services:** It Director Al Stephenson stated that the County relies heavily on a fast and stable internet connection for external email, remote user connectivity, sheriff deputy mobile connections and video uploads, vendor application support and IT backups. A three (3) year contract is coming up for renewal. The new contract is also for three (3) years lowering the monthly cost for this connection to \$599.95/month. This is a savings of \$3,600 per year. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.3 **Purchase of Unication G-Series P25 Pagers:** Fire Rescue Chief Joey Fowler stated that there is a need to upgrade from the old analog VHF pagers to P25 capable voice pagers. Upgrading the pagers will streamline the process for dispatching fire emergencies. Two (2) quotes were received. Mobile Communications America was the low bidder at \$30,250. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

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- 5.4 **Appointment of Voting Delegate:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that all counties are asked to designate an official who will vote on the Policy Agenda and help to identify legislative priorities for the 2022 legislative session. Historically, Commissioner Donnie Hester has served in this role. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda appointing Commissioner Hester as the delegate.
- 5.5 **Resolution No. 2021-18, Support of Application by SGRC for Regional Transit Services:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that GDOT has issued the call for 5311 Grant Applications for transit services. This resolution is needed as part of SGRC's grant application for regional transit services. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.6 **Airport Authority Appointment:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the term for David Bryan expired on August 30, 2021. Mr. Bryan wishes to be reappointed and the Airport Authority supports that reappointment. There have been no other applications received. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.7 **DISCUSSION ONLY: Update on Objection Sent to City of Tifton for Annexation (Carrington):** County Manager Jim Carter read the most recent letter sent to the City of Tifton regarding the County's objection to the annexation on Carrington-Drexler Road for the purpose of installing a solar farm. Chairman Tony McBrayer asked City Manager Pete Pyrzenski and Community Development Director Crystal Gaillard, who were present at the Commission Meeting, if action has been taken during the City's Special Called Meeting Monday night. Both affirmed that action had been taken.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated he and three (3) others participated as a County team in the Chamber Golf Tournament yesterday. Carter also spoke about using CAD for fire services so that the services of Motorola were not needed which will save the County money.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Donnie Hester asked for staff to fix the numerous potholes in the county. Hester asked about the status of resurfacing MLK. He also expressed his appreciation for the framed proclamation received for Sickle Cell Awareness.

County Clerk Miriam Jordan reminded everyone of the Scrap Tire Event on October 8 & 9.


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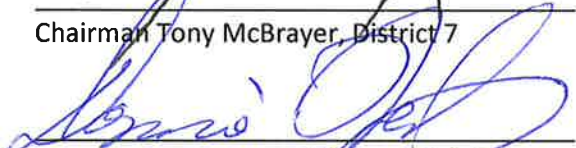
There were none to report.

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



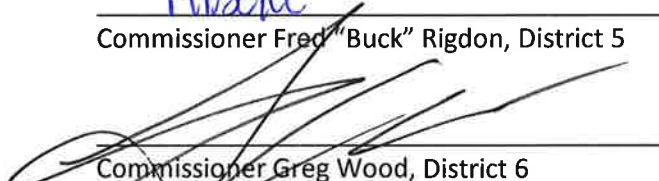
Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

November 8, 2021