

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Tony McBrayer on Tuesday, December 7, 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:

- 4.1 Joint Public Hearing to Announce the Beginning of an Amendment to the 2018 Comprehensive Plan to Include a Broadband Element for Tift County and the Cities of Omega, Tifton and TyTy

County Manager Jim Carter stated that this amendment is necessary to make sure that Tift County is prepared for the State's broadband initiative.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, DECEMBER 13, 2021 MEETING:

- 5.1 **Agreement with State of Georgia Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia for Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program:** Jodie Spooner, Director of the VOCA Program, thanked the Board for their support of this program for over 30 years. The grant funds the salaries of three (3) victim advocates. The budget for this program has already been approved. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.2 **Facility Use Agreement with City of Tifton for Use of Fire Training Center:** Fire Rescue Chief Joey Fowler stated this agreement is for calendar year 2022 and is a budgeted item. The annual cost is \$6,000. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.3 **Agreement with Georgia Public Defender Council and the Circuit Public Defender Office of Tifton Judicial Circuit for Indigent Defense Services:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this agreement implements the provisions of the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003. The Public Defender Office agrees to use these funds for the purpose of paying the salary and benefits for county funded public defenders and assistants in addition to the expenditures necessary to equip, maintain and furnish the Public Defender Office. Approved budgeted amount is \$276,604.92. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

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- 5.4 **Resolution No. 2021-19, Supporting Reform to Georgia’s Annexation Dispute Resolution Law:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that ACCG asks that Tift County please consider this resolution supporting changes to Georgia’s annexation law, particularly the arbitration/dispute resolution process. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.5 **Resolution No. 2021-20, Surplus Vehicles:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that there is one (1) tractor and several trucks from the Public Works Department that need to be surplus and sold on GovDeals. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.6 **Appointments to Hospital Authority:** Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon stated that the Hospital Authority has submitted three (3) names for each of the two (2) vacancies as required. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.7 **Appointment of County Attorney:** The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.8 **Appointment of County Clerk:** The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Regular Agenda.
- 5.9 **Alcohol Beverage License Renewals:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that all applicants on the provided list have completed renewal applications, paid the fee, purchased their business license and have been reviewed by the Sheriff. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.10 **Agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for Misdemeanor Probation Services for State Court:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Professional Court Services, Inc. has provided probation services for State Court for many years. The term of this agreement is January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.
- 5.11 **Agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for Misdemeanor Probation Services for Superior Court:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Professional Court Services, Inc. has provided probation services for Superior Court for many years. The term of this agreement is January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The Board indicated its desire to place this item on the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

There were none to report.

COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter reminded everyone of the Gnat Drop on New Year’s Eve.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:


Chairman Tony McBrayer thanked everyone for the Christmas Luncheon. He also stated that Nancy Bryan, Director of Ruth's Cottage, asked for one of the Commissioners to serve on their board. Commissioner Paul Webb agreed to serve in that capacity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

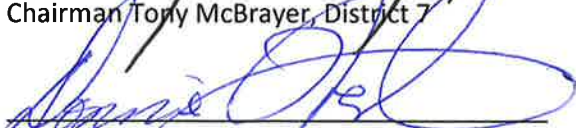
There was none to report.

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: 

January 10, 2022