

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 (6:00 PM)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present in addition to Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Tony McBrayer, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Commissioner Donnie Hester offered an invocation and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments to report.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Victoria Horst, Tifton-Tift County Public Library, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support. She stated that the library is ready to assist with the 2020 Census. Lastly, Mrs. Horst stated that the Mexican Consulate will be at the library to offer their services on May 8-12, 2020.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to add Item H under New Business to consider Resolution No. 2020-04. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – January 7, 2020; (2) Executive Session – January 7, 2020, (3) Regular Session – January 13, 2020 and (4) Executive Session – January 13, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. TC-ZA-19-07: Application is being made by Stacy Watkins, owner, for rezoning of property located on Whiddon Mill Road – Tax Map 0046B Parcel 063. This request is to rezone 2.44 acres from R-21 (Medium Density Residential) to RP (Residential/Professional).

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated the Planning Commission has considered the application and unanimously recommends approval.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked the Board of Commissioners if any of them, personally, a family member or business relationship has any interest in the property to be considered for

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rezoning that needs to be declared so there will not be any conflict of interest. Mr. Rowell asked that the record reflect there were no affirmative responses.

Mr. Rowell opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from those in support or opposition of the application.

There were no comments to report for or against the application.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve application TC-ZA-19-07. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. TC-ZA-19-08: Application is being made by WCTB Investors, owners, and Brian Jackson, agent, for rezoning property fronting Watson Street and Seminole Trail – Tax Map T020 Parcel 029. This request is to rezone 8.69 acres from R-12 (Medium Density Residential) to R-8 (Medium to High Density Residential).

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated the Planning Commission has considered the application and unanimously recommends approval. Development Support Services has received several calls in opposition to the application.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked the Board of Commissioners if any of them, personally, a family member or business relationship has any interest in the property to be considered for rezoning that needs to be declared so there will not be any conflict of interest. Mr. Rowell asked that the record reflect there were no affirmative responses.

Mr. Rowell opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from those in support or opposition of the application.

Brian Jackson, agent, 606 N. Central Avenue, spoke in favor of the application.

Zane Sharar, 26 Lake Say Hi Drive, spoke in opposition to the application. He is coming on behalf of this neighbors. There were 16 citizens who raised their hand in opposition.

Terry Butler, part owner, spoke in favor of the application.

Wade Crumley, part owner, spoke in favor of the application.

Elaine Cook, 27 Lake Say Hi Drive, spoke in opposition of the application.

Gary Murphy, 28 Seminole Trail, spoke in opposition of the application.

Debbie Edenfield, 36 Seminole Trail, spoke in favor of the application.

Ashley Purvis, 29 Walden Ridge Drive, spoke in opposition of the application.

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There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to deny application TC-ZA-19-08. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 5-1 with Commissioners Hester, Hughes, McBrayer, Wood and Rigdon voting for and Commissioner Stan Stalnaker voting against.

- C. TC-ZA-19-09: Application is being made by Buckley Carson, owner of Copart of Connecticut, Inc. and Stephen Rakestraw, agent, for rezoning of property located on Oakridge Church Road – Tax Map 0061 Parcel 098. This request is to rezone 20.251 acres from WLI (Wholesale/Light Industrial) to HI (Heavy Industrial).

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated the Planning Commission has considered the application and unanimously recommends approval.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked the Board of Commissioners if any of them, personally, a family member or business relationship has any interest in the property to be considered for rezoning that needs to be declared so there will not be any conflict of interest. Mr. Rowell asked that the record reflect there were no affirmative responses.

Mr. Rowell opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from those in support or opposition of the application.

There were no comments to report for or against the application.

Commissioner Tony McBrayer made a motion to approve application TC-ZA-19-09. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

- D. TC-ZA-19-10: Application is being made by Robert A. Hill and Jonathan D. Hill, owners, for rezoning of property located at EB Hamilton Drive – Tax Map 0046 Parcel 029. This request is to rezone 25.674 acres from AG (Agricultural Use) to MR (Multi Family Residential).

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated the Planning Commission has considered the application and unanimously recommends approval.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked the Board of Commissioners if any of them, personally, a family member or business relationship has any interest in the property to be considered for rezoning that needs to be declared so there will not be any conflict of interest. Mr. Rowell asked that the record reflect there were no affirmative responses.

Mr. Rowell opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from those in support or opposition of the application.

Robert Hill, 5905 Forest Lake Drive, spoke in favor of the application.

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There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve application TC-ZA-19-10. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony McBrayer. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to Approve the Recipient-Subrecipient Agreement with the State of Georgia for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Award to Update the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan with the County's Grant Match Requirement Being a FY21 Budget Item
- B. Motion to Approve Unitrends Backup Solution Upgrade in the Amount of \$11,119.74 to be Paid from General Fund
- C. Motion to Approve Purchase of 36 Inmate Bunks for the Tift County Detention Center from Tifton Machine Works in the Amount of \$18,747 to be Paid from the Jail Construction Fund
- D. Motion to Approve Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Chetna D. Rana for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package for Pennywise Management LLC Located at 607 Short Street
- E. Motion to Approve Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Ron Shamblin for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package for Kamping Adventures, LLC/Tifton KOA Located at 4632 Union Road

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- F. **Agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for Probation Services for State Court:**
County Manager Jim Carter stated staff recommends approving this agreement for a year and during that year staff will meet with Professional Court Services, Inc. to discuss the issues discussed during the Work Session. Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve this agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.
- G. **Agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for Probation Services for Superior Court:**
County Manager Jim Carter stated staff recommends approving this agreement for a year and during that year staff will meet with Professional Court Services, Inc. to discuss the issues discussed during the Work Session. Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve this agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.
- H. **Resolution No. 2020-04:** – County Manager Jim Carter read the resolution which states that Commissioner Tony McBrayer is resigning his seat effective February 18, 2020 and calling for a

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special election to fill his unexpired term. Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-04. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Tony McBrayer stated that he has thoroughly enjoyed 14 months on Commission.

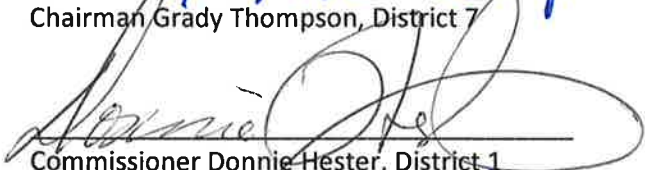
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were none to report.


ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.



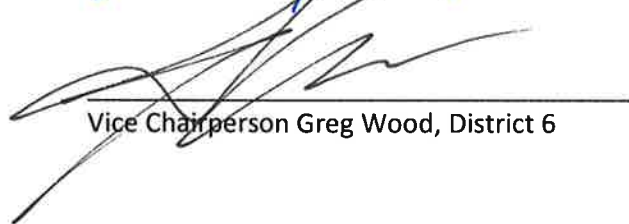
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



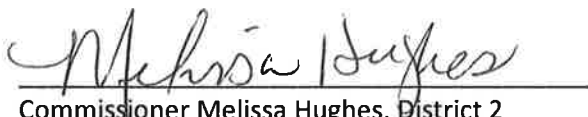
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



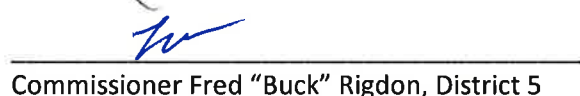
Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6

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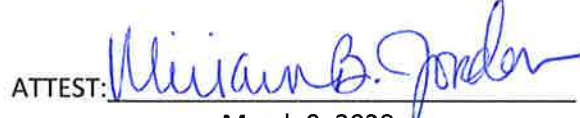
Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST: 

March 9, 2020