

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, MAY 11, 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, May 11, 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 Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Due to social distancing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, only the Commissioners and limited staff were in attendance. All others were able to attend via teleconference. Notice of this meeting was given to the Tifton Gazette (legal organ), WALB News, Fun Channel, Grapevine, posted on the County's Website and Facebook page and posted at the Charles Kent Administration Building. The notice contained direction and opportunity for any citizens desiring to attend the meeting by phone.

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**

There were none to report.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

- A. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to add Item "G" under New Business to consider an update to the Service Delivery Strategy for the purpose of amending the water services map. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – March 3, 2020; (2) Executive Session – March 3, 2020, (3) Regular Session – March 9, 2020; (4) Emergency Called Session – March 20, 2020; (5) Emergency Called Session – March 24, 2020; (6) Called Session – March 31, 2020; and (7) Called Session – April 1, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none to report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Motion to Approve the Purchase of Four (4) Power Stretchers from Stryker in the amount of \$85,496.28 to be paid from General Fund

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- B. Motion to Approve an Addendum to the Agreement with Watkins & Associates, LLC in the amount of \$1,100,429.20 to allow for engineering, construction and construction management for the Red Oak Road grade, drain, base and pavement improvement project to be paid from SPLOST VI
- C. Motion to Approve an Addendum to the Agreement with Watkins & Associates, LLC in the amount of \$1,298,760 to allow for engineering, construction, construction management, hydraulic & hydrology analysis and bridge foundation inspection for the bridge replacement on CR411/Scooterville Road at Little Creek to be paid from TSPLOST (TIA)
- D. Motion to Approve an Addendum to the Agreement with Watkins & Associates, LLC in the amount of \$1,851,815.30 to allow for engineering, construction, construction management, hydraulic & hydrology analysis and bridge foundation inspection for the bridge replacement on CR424/Omega-Eldorado Road at Arnold Creek to be paid from TSPLOST (TIA)

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with Chairman voting.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- E. **Resolution No. 2020-08 – Surplus Property & Vehicles:** County Manager Jim Carter stated, per the Commission's request, staff has evaluated the structure that housed Ruth's Cottage and has estimated that it would take approximately \$68,000 to make all necessary repairs. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-08. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.
- F. **Appointment to Hospital Authority:** Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon nominated Dr. Jessica Beier. There being no further names given, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to appoint Dr. Jessica Beier to the Hospital Authority. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

- G. **Update to Service Delivery Strategy:** – County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Commission approved the update to the service delivery water services map earlier. However, the cover letter and forms 1, 2 & 4 were not approved. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve the update to the Service Delivery Strategy to include the water services map as well as the cover letter and forms 1, 2 & 4. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

County Manager Jim Carter stated that an Executive Session is needed to discuss a legal matter.

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

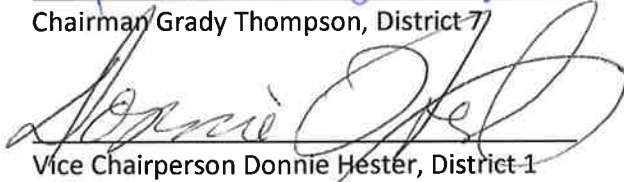
Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for a legal matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.




Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Vice Chairperson Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

VACANT

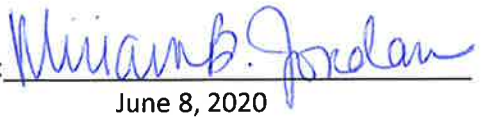
VACANT, District 3



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST:   
June 8, 2020