

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Room 204 of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present in addition to Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Paul Webb, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester and Stan Stalnaker. Commissioners Melissa Hughes and Fred "Buck" Rigdon were present via teleconference.

Due to social distancing recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was also available 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.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell offered an invocation and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked that the Board consider letting Plight, Inc. use county property located on 5th Avenue.

Aly Joslin, United Futbol Academy, asked the Board to consider allowing this academy to use EB Hamilton soccer fields for games.

APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

- A. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to add Item "U" to the Regular Agenda to Consider an Annexation Request for Property Located on 40th Street. Motion seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Greg Wood voting against.

MINUTES

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – August 4, 2020; (2) Regular Session – August 10, 2020; and (3) Executive Session – August 10, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none to report.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to Approve Contract with Traylor Business Services, Inc. for Personal Property Audit Services in the Amount of \$18,000 to be Paid from General Fund
- B. Motion to Accept Quote from Excelsior Buildings for Repairs Needed to Press Boxes at EB Hamilton Park in the Amount of \$22,871 to be Paid from SPLOST VI
- C. Motion to Approve Purchase of a 3-year VMware Support and Subscription Production in the Amount of \$15,228.85 to be Paid from General Fund
- E. Motion to Accept Quote from Campbell Construction for Replacing the Roof at the Neighborhood Service Center in the Amount of \$32,900.30 to be Paid from the Revolving Loan Fund
- F. Motion to Accept Quotes from Webb Flooring for Flooring at the Tift County Health Department in the Amount of \$21,793.40 and from Gibbs Painting for Painting at the Tift County Health Department in the Amount of \$10,950.00 all to be Paid from the Revolving Loan Fund
- G. Motion to Accept Quotes from Gibbs Painting for Painting of Exterior of Administration Building in the Amount of \$62,275 and from Custom Metals for Metal Work on the Exterior of the Administration Building in the Amount of \$4,265 and \$1,500 for Rental of a Lift for Metal Work all to be Paid from General Fund
- H. Motion to Approve Purchase of Two (2) Lawn Mowers for Building & Grounds from Powerhouse Outdoors in the Amount of \$17,752.90 to be Paid from General Fund
- I. Motion to Accept Bid from Rountree Construction for installation of Curb, Gutter and Boxes on Oak Ridge Church Road in the Amount of \$171,178.40 to be Paid from SPLOST VI, to Issue a Notice of Award and Authorize the Chairman to Execute the Construction Contract
- J. Motion to Approve the First Amendment to the Rental Agreement with the State Properties Commission for 225 Tift Avenue North, Building C, Suite 2 Utilized by the Georgia Public Defenders Council and for Renewal of the Agreement for another One Year Term
- K. Motion to Appoint County Clerk Miriam Jordan as Safety Coordinator
- L. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2020-15, Declaration of Taking for Highway 41 and Southern Avenue
- M. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2020-16, Support of GA Bioscience Research, Inc. to Secure a Medical Marijuana License from the State of Georgia
- O. Motion to Designate Commissioner Donnie Hester as the Voting Delegate for ACCG's 2020 Business Session

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

- D. **Releasing of Right-of-Way on Expressway Drive:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked that the Commission table this item to give him more time to research. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to table the releasing of right-of-way on Expressway Drive. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.
- N. **Acceptance of Bid for Removal of Structure at 221 Chesnutt Avenue:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that only one bid was received for the removal of the structure. The bid was received from the City of Tifton Downtown Development Authority in the amount of \$1.00. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion accept the bid from the City of Tifton Downtown Development Authority in the amount of \$1.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 5-0 with Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon abstained from voting due to a conflict.
- P. **Consideration of Service Delivery Strategy Form 2s and Related Agreements:** County Manager Jim Carter presented the Board with a copy of SDS Form 2s and related agreements. Commissioners Donnie Hester and Melissa Hughes expressed their concerns regarding the provision of recreation services being provided by the YMCA. Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to approve the Service Delivery Strategy Form 2s and accompanying agreements. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 4-2 with Commissioners Donnie Hester and Melissa Hughes voting against.
- Q. **Resolution for Consideration of Regulations Regarding Wearing Masks:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that ACCG has provided a model ordinance for masks required county wide and a model resolution for masks required in county buildings. The Commission agreed to pursue requiring masks in county buildings only. County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked that the resolution be tabled until the next meeting to give him time to draft the resolution to fit Tift County. Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to table this resolution for 30 days. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Melissa Hughes voting against.
- R. **Appointment to Hospital Authority:** Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon stated that the term for Jimmy Allen on the Hospital Authority is expiring. Mr. Allen wishes to be reappointed. The Hospital Authority has submitted three (3) names for consideration for this seat – Jimmy Allen, John Brownlee and Dallas Hunt.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon nominated Jimmy Allen. There being no other names brought forth, the nominations were closed.

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Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to appoint Jimmy Allen to the Hospital Authority for a term of five (5) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

- S. **Appointments to the Dangerous Dog Board:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the terms for Willie Gainer, Heath Barry and Steve Wood have expired. Mr. Barry and Mr. Wood wish to be reappointed. An application has been received from Earnest Dove for the vacancy left by Mr. Gainer.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Greg Wood nominated Heath Barry. There being no other names brought forth, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to nominate Heath Barry to the Dangerous Dog Board for a term of three (3) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Donnie Hester nominated Steve Wood. There being no other names brought forth, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to nominate Steve Wood to the Dangerous Dog Board for a term of three (3) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 5-0 with Commissioner Greg Wood abstaining because Steve Wood is his brother.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Paul Webb nominated Earnest Dove. There being no other names brought forth, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Paul Webb made a motion to nominate Earnest Dove to the Dangerous Dog Board for a term of three (3) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

- T. **Appointments to the Development Authority:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the terms for Dr. Homer Day and Jay Short have expired. Both wish to be reappointed.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Donnie Hester nominated Dr. Homer Day. There being no other names brought forth, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to nominate Dr. Homer Day to the Tift County Development Authority for a term of four (4) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

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Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Donnie Hester nominated Jay Short. There being no other names brought forth, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to nominate Jay Short to the Tift County Development Authority for a term of four (4) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

- U. **Annexation 40th Street – Tift County Parcel Number 0058 014B:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the County has received a request from Wilmot & Powell regarding annexation of 1.47 acres on 40th Street into the City of Tifton. Unless there are any objections to be stated regarding the annexation, no action is required from the Board. No objections were noted.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter asked that everyone continue to remember the Edenfield family in their prayers. John Edenfield was an EMS employee and passed away. Mr. Carter also asked Recreation Director Craig Sowell to talk about fall sports. Mr. Sowell stated that participation in all fall sports – football, cheerleading and soccer – was very low. Mr. Sowell recommended cancelling all fall sports and issuing refunds to the players who have already paid registration fees.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none to report.

ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

[SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE.]


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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



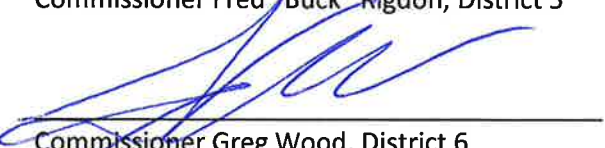
Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5




Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6



Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST: 

October 12, 2020