

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019 (6:00 PM)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, October 14, 2019 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 Vice Chairman Greg Wood and Commissioners Tony McBrayer, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

Recreation Director Craig Sowell offered an invocation and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marianne Hill asked the Board and all present to pray for the grandson of Becky Hill. Mrs. Hill is an employee in the Tax Assessor's office.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to add the consideration of a change order for Ruth's Cottage as Item "I" under New Business. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – September 3, 2019 and (2) Regular Session – September 9, 2019. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. TC-ZA-19-04 – Petition made by Anna Jenson Massey, Owner, and Kim Brownlee Meeks, Agent to rezone a portion of Tax Map 0057 Parcel 038 from AG (Agriculture) to CC (Community Commercial). A portion of the proposed tract (1.04 acres) is zoned CC and the petitioners are wanting to rezone an additional 3.616 acres to create a 4.656 acre tract of land that would be zoned CC.

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that this meets all the requirements of the application and all the requirements of the zoning powers. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered the application on September 12, 2019 and recommends approval.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell opened the Public Hearing for comments.

Kim Brownlee Meeks spoke in favor of the application.

Jane Paulk, 4305 GA Hwy 125 North, spoke in opposition of the application.

Joanne Paulk, 4311 GA Hwy 125 North, spoke in opposition of the application.

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There being no further comments, County Attorney Rowell closed the Public Hearing.

There was no conflict with the Board noted.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve application TC-ZA-19-04. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 4-2 with Wood, Hester, Rigdon and Stalnaker voting "for" and McBrayer and Hughes voting "nay".

- B. TC-ZA-19-03 – Petition made by Bruce and Ester Payne, Owner, to rezone a 12.33 acre tract of land located on Rutland Road from R-1 to R-12 which would allow for a smaller lot size and lot width, Tax Map 0032 Parcel 040.

County Manager Jim Carter asked the Board to send this application back to the Planning Commission because the vote on this application taken at the previous Planning Commission meeting was not a valid vote.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to send application TC-ZA-19-03 back to the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

There were none to report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Motion to Approve Lease of Two (2) Copiers from Ashley's in the Amount of \$1,900.08 per year per machine for four (4) years for the EOC/E911 and Finance Departments to be paid from General Fund
- B. Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with GEMA/Homeland Security for Use of the Grants Website and Portal
- C. Motion to Approve the Purchase of Two (2) Mowers for the Recreation Department from Chris' Mower Clinic in the Amount of \$18,164 Plus Cost of the Canopies to be Paid from SPLOST VI
- D. Motion to Approve Agreement with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for Engineering Services
- F. Motion to Approve Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Naeem Khan for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package at Expressway Food Mart, Inc. Located at 3336 US Highway 41 North, Chula, GA
- G. Motion to Approve Agreement with U.S. Census Bureau for Use of 2020 Census Logo
- H. Motion to Approve Contracts with Eaton for Maintenance of the County's 93PM UPS and UPS 9PX System for the Total Amount of \$5,977.48 to be Paid from General Fund

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- E. **Tift County Juvenile Court Clerk Appointment – Redirection of Supplement:** Commissioner Tony McBrayer made a motion to approve the redirection of the Juvenile Court Clerk Supplement from Clerk of Superior Court to Juvenile Court. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- I. **Changer Order #2 for the New Adult Victims Assistance Shelter:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan read the five (5) items included in the change order. The fencing and sod that is being taken out of the contract will be paid for by Ruth's Cottage directly to the vendor they choose. Commissioner Greg Wood expressed his concerns regarding the use of luxury vinyl tile and also the base boards proposed to be used in the fire sprinkler and mechanical rooms. Commissioner Wood recommended keeping the BCT flooring and using a composite for the base boards. Lynn Lovett, a representative from Ruth's Cottage, stated she would take Commissioner Wood's recommendations back to the Ruth's Cottage board. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to approve this change order. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

County Manager Jim Carter stated that a brief Executive Session is needed for a legal matter.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked the following: (1) Repairs need to be made at the Neighborhood Service Center especially the flooring; (2) the corner of Chestnut and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street needs to be beautified; and (3) County Manager to make sure that all Department Heads are being courteous and speaking to citizens when they are out and about.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker clarified his position on voting for the rezoning for Hwy 125. Commissioner Stalnaker stated that the property requesting rezoning was already contiguous to property currently zoned CC.

Chairman Grady Thompson spoke about the announcement of Coca Cola coming to Tift County and the Development Authority's role in that process.

Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that asphaltting of EB Hamilton Road will begin on Wednesday.


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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Motion seconded by Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

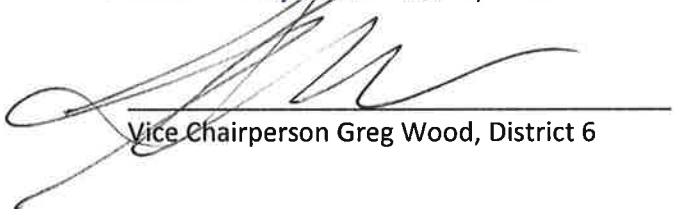
Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

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

  
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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7


  
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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1


  
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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

  
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Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6

  
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Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3

  
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Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

  
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Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST:   
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November 11, 2019