

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm in Room 207 of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present in addition to Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Paul Webb, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

There were none to report.

MINUTES

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – October 6, 2020; (2) Regular Session – October 12, 2020; (3) Called Session – October 28, 2020 and (4) Executive Session – October 28, 2020. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **TC-ZA-20-03:** Petition is being made by Angela A. Haggins, owner, for rezoning of 0.28 acres of property located at 1710 South Central Avenue – Tax Map T032 Parcel 227. The current zoning is GB (General Business) and the requested zoning is R8M (Medium to High Density Residential) which would allow for single family dwellings or HUD approved manufactured housing.

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

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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.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the Public Hearing.

Angela A. Haggins, applicant, spoke in favor of the application.

There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve TC-ZA-20-03. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul Webb. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. **TC-ZA-20-05:** Petition is being made by Manna Plantation, LLC and Sunsweet Estates, LLC, owners, and Lynn Kelly, agent, for rezoning of 166 acres located in the 3900 block of Highway 41 North (Sunsweet Hills Subdivision) – Tax Map 0027 Parcel 019. The current zoning is PUD (Planned Urban Development) and the requested zoning is AG (Agriculture Use).

Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the application and 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.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the Public Hearing.

There being no comments made, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to approve TC-ZA-20-05. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to Sell 0.14 acres of Property Located off Expressway Drive to the Tift County Development Authority and Authorize the Chairman to Sign the Necessary Paperwork Once Approved by the County Attorney
- B. Motion to Approve the Agreement for Funding of the Prosecution Based VOCA Program
- C. Motion to Approve the Maintenance Contract with Eaton for UPS Maintenance in the Amount of \$5,832.40 for the period of October 15, 2020 to October 14, 2021

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- D. Motion to Approve the Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Tejalben Patel for a 2021 Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for PSM Keshav, LLC located at 3131 US Highway 41 South
- E. Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-20, GDOT Grant Application for Tift Lift Services
- F. Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-21, Participation in Regional Transit Services

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

- G. **Appointment to Tift County Board of Assessors:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the seat currently held by Marianne Hill will expire in December. Ms. Hill has served on the Board of Assessors for 29 years. Staff recommends reappointing Ms. Hill to this Board for another six (6) year term.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Donnie Hester nominated Marianne Hill.

There being no other names brought forth, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations.

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to reappoint Marianne Hill to the Board of Assessors for another six (6) year term. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

- H. **Appointment to the Tift County Hospital Authority:** Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon stated that three (3) names have been submitted by the Hospital Authority for the expired term of Rosemary Short. Those names are Rosemary Short, Marian Richbourg and Lynn Lovett. This will be for a five (5) year term.

Chairman Grady Thompson opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon nominated Rosemary Short.

There being no other names brought forth, Chairman Thompson closed the nominations.

Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon made a motion to reappoint Rosemary Short to the Hospital Authority for another five (5) year term. Motion was seconded by Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

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COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that an Executive Session is needed for the purpose of personnel and pending litigation. He also asked the Board's support in sponsoring the Gnat Drop this year since it is held on County property.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes thanked everyone for supporting the Gnat Drop.

Commissioner Donnie Heater wished all County employees a Happy Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

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



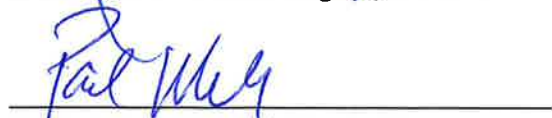
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner 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: 

December 14, 2020