

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present in addition to Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Tony McBrayer, Donnie Hester, Stan Stalnaker, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Greg Wood was absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Roxie Price with the Tift County Extension Service was present to educate the Commission on heart health. Handouts were given.

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 that the Planning Commission has considered the application and recommends approval.

- 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 that the Planning Commission has considered the application and recommends approval. Mr. Davis stated that 12-15 residents were in attendance at the Planning Commission to express concerns regarding housing, traffic and stormwater runoff.

- 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 that the Planning Commission has considered the application and recommends approval.

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

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

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 MEETING:

- A. **Recipient-Subrecipient Agreement with the State of Georgia for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Award to Update the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan:** EMA Director Vickie Hickman stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan has to be updated every five (5) years. The grant amount is \$36,000 with a federal share of \$27,000, a state share of \$3,600 and a local share of \$5,400. This will be a FY21 budget item. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Unitrends Backup Solution Upgrade:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that data backup is an essential part of insuring data integrity and security. This backup solution backs up critical systems such as finance, payroll, jail maintenance records, county email, property records, 911 databases and user data. Over the last three (3) years, county data storage requirements have increased and the current backup storage is reaching its maximum capacity. Unitrends is offering a 50% discount on its equipment. This discount will allow Tift County to double its backup storage capacity to accommodate future growth. This deal includes migration of data from the old system to the new system by Unitrends support, a three (3) year technical support agreement and unlimited agents for server backups. The cost is \$11,119.74 and would be paid from General Fund. This is a budgeted item. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Acquisition and Installation of Top Inmate Bunks:** Colonel Ray Merritt stated that the Tift County Detention Center needs to increase the current number of inmate beds/bunks. The most cost effective way to increase bed space for inmates is to add upper bunks to single bunks located in the minimum security areas. The Sheriff's Department obtained four (4) bids for the bunks. Tifton Machine Works was the low bidder at \$18,747 for 36 bunks. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.
- D. **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:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this applicant previously held a license for this location but did not submit renewal paperwork; therefore, the applicant has to go through the new license process. The Sheriff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **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:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this location nor the applicant has ever had an alcohol license. The Director of Development Services and the Sheriff have reviewed the application and both recommend approval. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Consent Agenda.

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- F. **Agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for Probation Services for State Court:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the current agreement has expired and asked that the Board approve the agreement with the understanding that the agreement will be reviewed to delineate how fines are distributed if partial payments are made by probationers. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Regular Agenda.
- G. **Agreement with Professional Court Services, Inc. for Probation Services for Superior Court:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the current agreement has expired and asked that the Board approve the agreement with the understanding that the agreement will be reviewed to delineate how fines are distributed if partial payments are made by probationers. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Regular Agenda.
- H. **Agreement with Golden Environmental – Discussion Only:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that Tift County's five (5) year contract with Golden Environmental has ended. The Commission discussed potentially extending the agreement with Golden during the 2019 February Commission meeting. As discussed at that meeting, the current contract language allows for the Commission and Golden Environmental to negotiate and if both parties are in agreement to either renew or renegotiate the contract for additional terms of single or multiple years. Mr. Carter stated that Mr. Golden was not available to attend this meeting. Mr. Carter stated that staff recommends that the terms of the agreement concerning the following items be renegotiated before any extension is approved: collection of yard waste, recycling, service or convenience centers, disposal of municipal solid and inert waste at the landfill, commercial collection and disposal, collection equipment, collection rates, termination and default and assignment of agreement. Chairman Grady Thompson asked Commissioners Melissa Hughes and Tony McBrayer to meeting with staff and Mr. Golden to discuss these issues.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter congratulated Colonel Ray Merritt on his promotion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked for County staff to do a walk thru of the WIC office at the Health Department. There are several repairs that need to be made. Commissioner Hughes invited everyone to the Sock Drive this Saturday at Copeland Park from 3-5 pm.

Commissioner Tony McBrayer stated that he attended the last Department Head Meeting that was held at the Airport and thanked everyone for their spirit of teamwork.

Chairman Grady Thompson stated that he would not be seeking reelection.

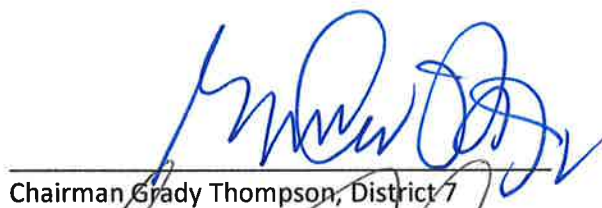
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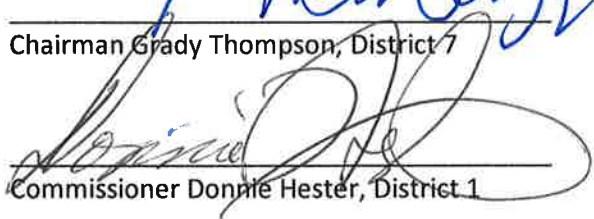
There was none to report.

ADJOURN:

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


Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

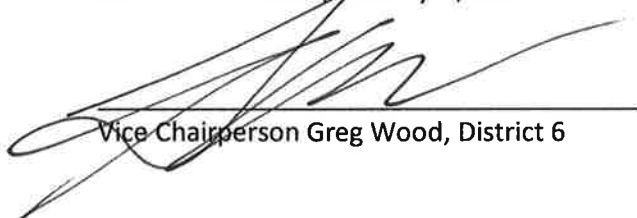

Commissioner Stan Stalaker, District 4

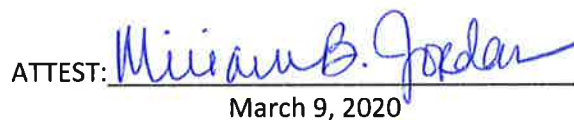

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1


Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Vacant
Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3


Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5


Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 
March 9, 2020