

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Donnie Hester on Tuesday, October 6, 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 Vice Chairman Hester were Commissioners Greg Wood, Stan Stalnaker, and Paul Webb. Commissioner Melissa Hughes and Chairman Grady Thompson were present via teleconference. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon was absent.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Georgia Forestry Commission Chief Ranger Al Potts gave his annual report.
- B. Go Light Your World Day Proclamation will be read at the Regular Session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 12, 2020 MEETING:

- A. **Releasing of Right-of-Way on Expressway Drive – Tabled 9/14/20:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that he and the County Manager have met with Blue Beacon regarding their request. There are still a few issues that need to be worked out. Mr. Rowell stated that he will try to resolve these before the Regular Session. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Regular Agenda.
- B. **Resolution No. 2020-17, Regulations Regarding Wearing Masks in County Buildings – Tabled 9/14/20:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that he has made a few minor revisions to the resolution. Notably, removing the exception for bona fide religious beliefs and allowing the unenforcement of mask wearing in office suites where social distancing can be obtained. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Regular Agenda.
- C. **Resolution No. 2020-18, Appointment of Local Government Agent for Abandoned Mobile Home Act:** Development Support Services Director Chris Davis stated that the State Legislature has amended the Abandoned Mobile Home Act to allow local jurisdictions to declare a mobile home abandoned. The act requires that a local government agent be appointed. This resolution would appoint the building inspector as that agent. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.

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- D. **Annexation Notice From Wilmot & Powell for Land Lot 265, 6th Land District, New River Church Road:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that this annexation will not affect any county services. The School Board is making this request so that it will clearly delineate what public safety agencies would respond if needed. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent Agenda indicating there are no objections to the annexation request.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that he spoke with City Councilman Wes Ehlers about the status of the SDS update. Councilman Ehlers stated that he felt they were close to a resolution. Councilman Ehlers requested that the Managers, a Commissioner and himself meet to discuss this.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked about the status of the Golden Environmental contract. She also requested that the Development Support Services Director look at the property owned by Mr. Golden on Golden Road because it needs some cleaning up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none to report.

ADJOURN:

There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Donnie Hester adjourned the Work Session.



Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Vice Chairperson Donnie Hester, District 1

Absent


Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6



Commissioner Paul Webb, District 3

ATTEST: 

November 9, 2020