

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, November 3, 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 Paul Webb, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Greg Wood 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. Megan Fowler and Corey Hull with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) presented the SGRC's plan for a regional transit system and asked the Board to support the plan via a resolution.

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.

- 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 Unit 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.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 MEETING:

- A. **Releasing of Right-of-Way on Expressway Drive – Tabled 9/14/20 and 10/12/20:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that the Tift County Development Authority is going to help with this. The property will be sold by Tift County Board of Commissioners to the Development Authority. Then, the Development Authority will work with the developer. An appraisal has

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been done and the approximate value is \$14,000. Mr. Rowell recommends approving the sell to the Development Authority and authorizing the Chairman to execute the paperwork needed once all paperwork has been approved by Mr. Rowell. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.

- B. **Agreement for Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program:** Program Director Jodie Spooner asked the Board to approve this agreement for another year of the VOCA Program. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Eaton UPS Maintenance Contract:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that this is a maintenance contract for the UPS equipment that keeps the servers running. The cost is \$5,832.40 per year. This is a one-year agreement. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.
- D. **Alcohol Beverage License Application submitted by Tejalben Patel for a Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package License for PSM Keshav, LLC located at 3131 US Highway 41 South:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this would be a license for 2021. The applicant is purchasing the store at this location. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Resolution No. 2020-20, GDOT Grant Application for Tift Lift Transit Services:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this resolution is required as part of the application process with GDOT for transit funding. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Resolution No. 2020-21, Participation in Regional Transit Services:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this resolution is required as part of the application process with GDOT. SGRC asked for the Board's support and participation in regional transit. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Consent Agenda.
- G. **Appointment to the Board of Assessors:** Chief Appraiser Hayward Becton stated that the term for Marianne Hill will expire this year. Ms. Hill wishes to serve another term. There have been no other applications received for this seat. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Regular Agenda.
- H. **Appointment to the Hospital Authority:** Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon stated that the term for Rosemary Short has expired. The Hospital Authority has supplied three (3) names for consideration. The Board indicated its desire to place item "H" on the Regular Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter stated that the City of Tifton has approved the SDS forms and now must be approved by the cities of TyTy and Omega.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

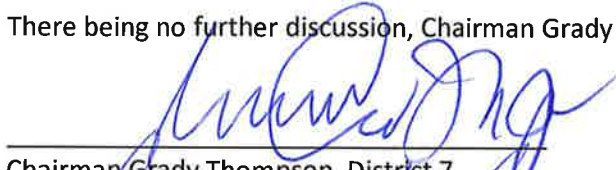
Chairman Grady Thompson spoke about the possibility of the Pecan Growers Association moving to the former GDOT Surveying Office on Fulwood Drive. He also stated that there is a bad mold problem at the FSA office and asked staff to look into this issue.

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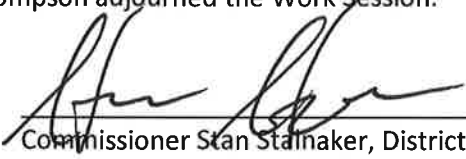
There was none to report.

ADJOURN:


There being no further discussion, Chairman Grady Thompson adjourned the Work Session.




Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Vice Chairperson 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: 

December 14, 2020