

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 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, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Lillie McIntyre representing the Tift County Council on Children and Youth was present to receive a proclamation proclaiming October 23, 2019 as Go Light Up Your World Day

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.

Director of Development Services Chris Davis stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Tift County Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Powers and the Standards for Rezoning and recommends approval of the application. Mr. Davis stated that the applicant would be storing medical equipment at this location.

- 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 width, Tax Map 0032 Parcel 040

County Manager Jim Carter recommended that the Commissioners send this application back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for two (2) reasons – (1) the September vote recommending denial from the Planning and Zoning Commission was not proper in that only four (4) members of the seven (7) member board were in attendance and only two (2) votes were cast making the vote insufficient for making a recommendation; and (2) the applicant has asked to change their initial request of R12 to R21 which would require all notifications and advertising requirements be adhered to and must be reviewed again by the Planning and Zoning Commission for a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

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ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 14, 2019 MEETING:

- A. **Replacement Copiers for EOC/911 and Finance Departments:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that the lease for the Ricoh copiers in these two (2) departments has expired. Ashley's has quoted two (2) Cannon C5535i's to replace these copiers for an annual lease of \$1,900.08 per machine. This will result in an annual savings of \$4,582.08. This will be paid from General Fund. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda
- Mr. Stephenson also asked the Board to consider the approval of two (2) contracts with Eaton for the maintenance of the County's UPS systems located at the EOC and in the radio tower. The total annual cost is \$5,977.48. This will be paid from General Fund. The Board indicated its desire to place this on the Consent Agenda as Item "H".
- B. **Memorandum of Understanding with GEMA for Grants Website:** EMA Director Vickie Hickman stated that GEMA is requiring those requesting reimbursements from disasters to use this website/portal. Tift County has already created an account and has used the website for two (2) hurricane reimbursement requests. Without the MOU, the County will be unable to request funding. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Purchase of Two Mowers for Recreation Department:** Recreation Director Craig Sowell recommends purchasing two (2) Exmark Lazer mowers from Chris' Mower Clinic in the amount of \$18,164 plus the cost of canopies. Chris' Mower Clinic offered a buyback of \$3,500 per unit. This would be paid from SPLOST VI. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.
- D. **Agreement with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C for General Engineering Services:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this agreement is for general engineering services which includes consulting tasks for plat review, subdivision evaluation, stormwater retention and other various engineering activities. The County Attorney has prepared and approved the contract. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Tift County Juvenile Court Clerk Appointment – Redirection of Supplement:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that Juvenile Court Judge Render Heard has appointed Lisa Jordan as Juvenile Court Clerk as of October 1, 2019. This appointment requires the Commissioners to redirect the supplement currently paid to the Superior Court Clerk to the budget for Juvenile Court. Once approved by the Commissioners, Ms. Jordan's supplement would be paid retroactive to October 1, 2019. This would be a budget neutral redirection. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Regular Agenda.
- F. **Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Naeem Kahn for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package at Expressway Food Mart, Inc. Located at 3336 US Highway 41 North, Chula:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated the Sheriff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Consent Agenda.
- G. **Agreement with US Census Bureau for Use of Census Logo:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that this agreement allows the County's Complete Count Committee to utilize the census logo. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Consent Agenda.

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County Clerk Miriam Jordan invited everyone to the Census Solutions Workshop to be held on October 22, 2019 at 6 pm at the Leroy Rogers Center.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

There were no comments to report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were no comments to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioners Tony McBrayer, Donnie Hester and Melissa Hughes received certificates for completing training with ACCG. All were congratulated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0 with the Chairman voting.

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

ADJOURN:

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tony McBrayer. Motion carried.

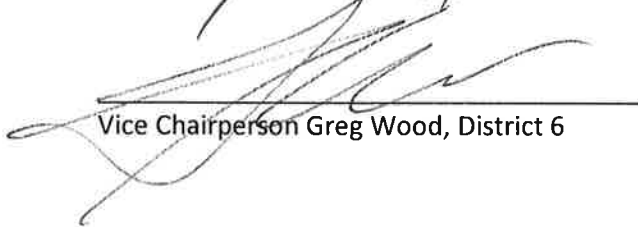
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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3


Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6


Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

Absent
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2


Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST: 
November 11, 2019