

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, May 5, 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 Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Stan Stalnaker, and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon was present via teleconference.

Due to social distancing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, only the Commissioners and limited staff were in attendance. All others were able to attend 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:

There were none to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, MAY 11, 2020 MEETING:

- A. **Purchase of Four (4) Power Stretchers:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that these stretchers would be replacing four (4) of our oldest stretchers. These newer models have hydraulic legs and a battery back-up. With the hydraulic legs, this allows for both paramedics to assist in the loading of the stretcher into the ambulance. EMS Chief Allen Owens stated that these stretchers have a 650-pound weight capacity. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Addendum to Agreement with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for Red Oak Grade, Drain, Base and Pavement Improvement Project:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that the Board approved the preliminary engineering for paving of this project in September 2019. This addendum would allow for engineering, construction and construction management. The Opinion of Probable Construction Costs is \$1,100,429.20 and would be paid from SPLOST VI. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Addendum to Agreement with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for Bridge Replacement – CR424/Omega-Eldorado Road @ Arnold Creek:** County Manager Jim Carter stated this project is part of the TSPLOST/TIA program. This would include engineering, surveying, preparation of right of way and drainage easements, permitting, construction and construction management. The Opinion of Probable Construction Costs is \$1,298,740. This is a GDOT TIA project that the County will administer but the

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project will be funded by TIA. This is a reimbursable project meaning the County will pay then get reimbursed by TIA. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.

- D. **Addendum to Agreement with Watkins & Associates, L.L.C. for Bridge Replacement – CR411/Scooterville Road @ Little Creek:** County Manager Jim Carter stated this project is part of the TSPLOST/TIA program. This would include engineering, surveying, preparation of right of way and drainage easements, permitting, construction and construction management. The Opinion of Probable Construction Costs is \$1,851,815.30. This is a GDOT TIA project that the County will administer but the project will be funded by TIA. This is a reimbursable project meaning the County will pay then get reimbursed by TIA. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" for a three (3) year contract on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Resolution No. 2020-08 – Surplus Property & Vehicles:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the property at 221 Chesnutt Avenue that housed Ruth's Cottage is vacant and should be considered for surplus. There is also a vehicle from the Sheriff's Office and one from Development Support Services that are not usable by any other department. Commissioner Melissa Hughes asked that staff look into the possibility of the Chesnutt property being used for storage or additional office space. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Regular Agenda.
- F. **Appointment to the Hospital Authority:** Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon stated that the term for Dr. Jessica Beier has expired. Three (3) names have been presented for consideration – Dr. Jessica Beier, Dr. Rubel Patel and Dr. Marvin Nixon. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Regular Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter thanked staff for working to get the virtual meeting set up.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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


The Commissioners, County Manager and County Attorney adjourned into another meeting room for the Executive Session. County Clerk Miriam Jordan remained in the Commission Meeting Room to keep the teleconference live for the meeting adjournment after the Executive Session.

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

ADJOURN:

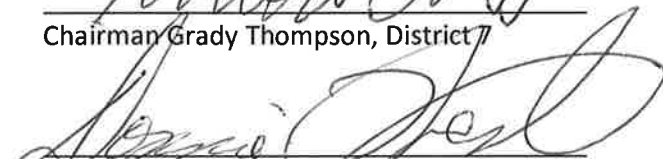
There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 5-0 with the Chairman voting. Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon was not present via teleconference for the meeting adjournment.



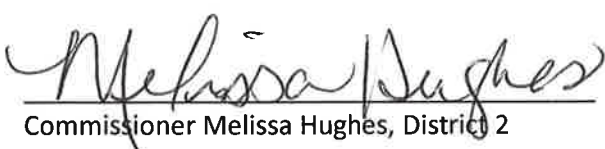
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4




Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



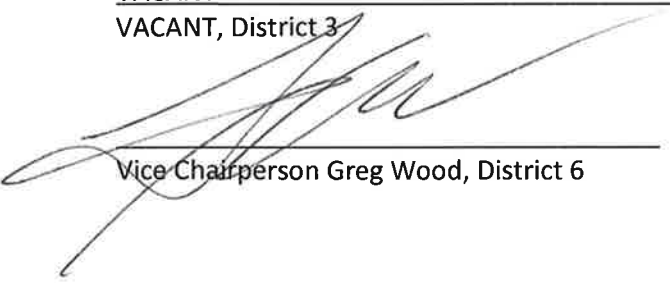
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

VACANT

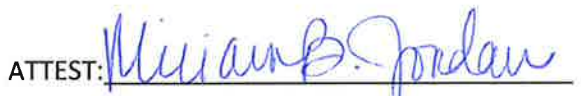
VACANT, District 3



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

June 8, 2020