

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, July 2, 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:

There were none to report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, JULY 8, 2019 MEETING:

- A. **Award of Bid for Roadway Improvements on Ferry Lake Road & Lake Wisteria Drive:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated four (4) bids were received for this project. The lower bidder was Reames & Son Construction Company, Inc in the amount of \$1,609,306.50. The project will consist of the paving and resurfacing of approximately 7.7 miles of roadway. Funding will come from SPLOST VI, TSPLOST and LMIG. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Award of Bid for FY2019 OSS LMIG for Striping Improvements:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that only one bid was received and it was from Peek Pavement Marking, LLC in the amount of \$196,181. The project will consist of striping of 40 miles of roadways within Tift County and installing raised pavement markers. GDOT will contribute \$117,700 through a Safety Action Plan grant. The remainder of the funding will come from TSPLOST. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Contract with AT&T for Centrex Phone Lines:** IT Director Al Stephenson stated that the County utilizes AT&T Centrex technology to provide alarm, fax and analog phone lines to multiple Tift County buildings. The Health Department and Public Defender's phone lines are also included in this service and billed separately. The contract for the existing Centrex service has expired and without a new contract the cost of each phone line will increase \$15 per line. IT staff has identified 14 lines that can be disconnected or ported over to the county's existing VOIP system. The remaining phone lines need to be placed under a new three (3) year contract. The cost of the service with the new contract will be \$1,629.04/month. Tift County's portion will be \$1,331.09/month. With the new contract and disconnect and porting of various phone lines, the county will save approximately \$500/month. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.

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- D. **Surplus of Light Fixtures from EB Hamilton Complex and Light Poles from Eve Park and Conation of Same to YMCA:** Recreation Director Craig Sowell that he would like to surplus 48 old light fixtures from EB Hamilton Park and 7 old poles from Eve Park and donate those to the YMCA. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Resolution No. 2019-06, 2020 Census Complete County Committee:** County Manager Jim Carter stated the US Census Bureau asks that each county/community organize a complete count committee. The Census Bureau gives guidance on the structure of this committee. This committee advertises and promotes the census to ensure that everyone gets counted. The names of those volunteering to serve on the committee are listed on the resolution. The Board expressed its desire to see someone from the Hispanic Community on the committee; therefore, the Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Regular Agenda.
- F. **Appointments to Athletic Advisory Committee:** Recreation Director Craig Sowell stated that the Athletic Advisory Committee is recommending the reappointment of Carl Johnson, Bobby Fresh, Chad Alexander, Scott Burgess and Dennis Reese. Their terms would expire in 2022. There are still two (2) vacancies on the committee that have not been able to be filled. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Regular Agenda.
- G. **Appointments to Library Board:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that there are two (2) positions on the Library Board that are expiring. Jason Hoffman wishes to be reappointed but John Tyson does not wish to be reappointed. The only application that has been received for this vacancy is from Judith Thomas. Librarian Victoria Horst stated she would be glad to have Ms. Thomas on the Board. Commissioner Tony McBrayer stated that the City had an elected official on the Board but the County does not. Commissioner Melissa Hughes stated that Leila Dollison said she would serve. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Regular Agenda.
- H. **Appointment to Community Service Board for Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia:** County Manager Jim Carter stated that this appointment consists of one elected official and one citizen from Tift, Lowndes and Cook counties. The citizen currently serving on the board for Tift County is Elizabeth O'Rear. Her term expired on June 30, 2018. The elected official for Tift County was Chad Alexander but he has resigned from his position. Therefore, an elected official is needed to fill this vacancy. The Board indicated its desire to place item "H" on the Regular Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

County Manager Jim Carter discussed a memo sent to the Board earlier about Animal Control Services regarding operational services and sheltering animals from other jurisdictions. Staff recommends the following functional changes to the shelter: (1) Changing hours shelter is open to the public to 1-6 pm Monday through Friday; and (2) examine the fiscal viability of sheltering animals collected by other jurisdictions. The Board directed the County Manager to begin the transition of changing the shelter hours. The Board would like for the County Manager to further examine the costs associated with sheltering animals from other jurisdictions.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were no comments to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:


Chairman Grady Thompson thanked the Road Department for the dirt work they are doing for the Ruth's Cottage project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none to report.

ADJOURN:

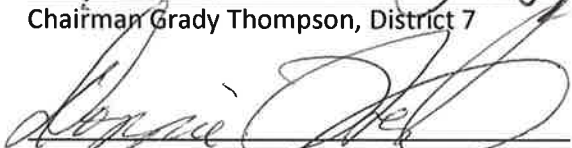
There being no further discussion, Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.




Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7




Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



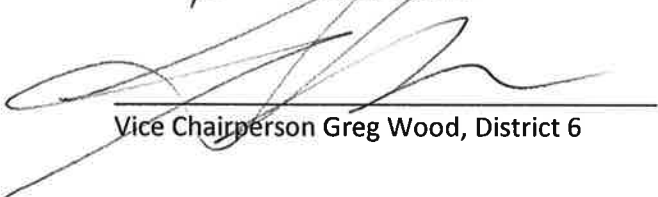
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2




Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST 

August 12, 2019