

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Charlie Hand addressed the Board about his percentage of completion of Casey's Court Apartments as determined by the Tift County Tax Assessor's Office. Mr. Hand feels the assessment of percent complete by the Tax Assessor's Office is incorrect and resulted in a larger tax bill than should have been. Mr. Hand submitted documentation from his bank regarding the bank's determination of percent complete and will provide to the County documentation from the City of Tifton regarding work completed. The County will review all documentation and consider Mr. Hand's issue at the Board's December meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none to report.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REGULAR SESSION, NOVEMBER 11, 2019 MEETING:

- A. **Memorandum of Understanding with Tift County Board of Education:** Emergency Management Director Vickie Hickman stated that this agreement allows Tift County to utilize Board of Education facilities, if needed, for community feeding sites, staging areas, points of distribution and/or operational centers during a disaster. EMA has already recognized all Board of Education properties on the critical facilities list allowing campuses to have Priority 1 clear routes, power restoration, etc. The Board indicated its desire to place item "A" on the Consent Agenda.
- B. **Vesta Annual Maintenance Agreement:** E-911 Director Tina Gay stated that this agreement with Motorola Solutions is for the maintenance on the Vestas software for the phones at the E-911 Center. The annual cost is \$19,807.60 and is a budgeted item. The Board indicated its desire to place item "B" on the Consent Agenda.
- C. **Agreement of Funding of Prosecution Based VOCA Program:** Victim Assistance Program Director Jodie Spooner stated that the County has been the subgrantee for the original VOCA grant received by the Tifton Judicial Circuit Victim Witness Assistance Program for over 30 years. No change to the budget is required as this budget has already been approved. By signing the agreement, this will activate the grant so that Tift County will receive reimbursement. The Board indicated its desire to place item "C" on the Consent Agenda.

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- D. **Contract with Traylor Business Services, Inc.:** Chief Appraiser Hayward Becton stated that the County contracts with Traylor Business Services, Inc. to perform audits of business personal property accounts to discover unreported or under reported taxable equipment, fixtures and inventory. The annual cost is \$18,000 and is a budgeted item. Mr. Becton stated that this program results in collection of revenue that exceeds the costs of the program and ensures that Tift County is in compliance with Georgia law. The Board indicated its desire to place item "D" on the Consent Agenda.
- E. **Authorization to Prepare a CDBG Grant Application for Infrastructure Improvements:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan asked that the Board authorize the submission of a CDBG grant application for infrastructure improvements on Youmans Street, Dorminey Street and South College Avenue. Grant funds will be requested in the amount of \$750,000. The Board indicated its desire to place item "E" on the Consent Agenda.
- F. **Resolution No. 2019-09, Surplus Vehicles:** Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that there are several vehicles and equipment that needs to be surplus and sold on GovDeals. The Board indicated its desire to place item "F" on the Consent Agenda.
- G. **Agreement with Tift County Airport Authority for Airport Operations:** County Attorney Anthony Rowell stated that this agreement allows the County to carry out the day-to-day operations of the airport. This agreement is the same as the initial agreement entered into when the County took over the operations. Dr. Anderson has reviewed the agreement. The Board indicated its desire to place item "G" on the Consent Agenda.
- H. **Alcohol Beverage License Application Submitted by Mike Chaudhari for Retail Malt Beverage Package and Retail Wine Package for Enigma Investments, LLC dba Citgo Food Mart Located at 2554 US Highway 82 East, Brookfield:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that the Sheriff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. The Board indicated its desire to place item "H" on the Consent Agenda.
- I. **Resolution No. 2019-08, Application for Transit Services:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated this grant application with the Georgia Department of Transportation is for public transit services. This is a 50/50 matching grant. The County's cost would be \$118,737.50. This resolution authorizes the submission of the application. The Board indicated its desire to place item "I" on the Consent Agenda.
- J. **Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals:** County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated that Dowling Granberry has submitted his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals due to family illness issues. One application has been received for the Board to consider to fill this unexpired term – Seth Carlo. The Board indicated its desire to place item "J" on the Regular Agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

There were no comments to report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

There were no comments to report.

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

There were no comments to report.

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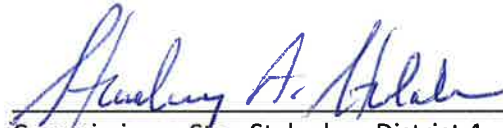
There was none to report.

ADJOURN:

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



Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7



Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4



Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1



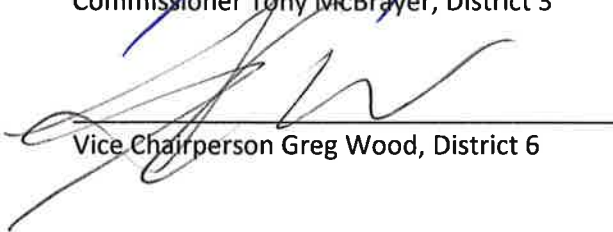
Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2



Commissioner Tony McBrayer, District 3



Commissioner Fred "Buck" Rigdon, District 5



Vice Chairperson Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST: 

December 9, 2019