

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, January 11, 2016 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thompson on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Administrative Building. Member of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Donnie Hester and Commissioners Greg Wood, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes, Robert Setters and Buck Rigdon.

Commissioners Hughes gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of December 8, 2015 Workshop Session and December 14, 2015 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Vice Chairman Hester, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Bill Richardson, 80 Frederick Drive addressed the Board to discuss the possibility of their Coon Hunting Club taking over the Brookfield Community Lease since they are dissolving the Brookfield Community Club, LLC and have given notice that they no longer want to Lease the facility. The Board stated that they will take this under advisement and let the County Manager and County Attorney work with their club for the Lease Agreement negotiations.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Motion to adopt the 2016 Qualifying Fees set by State Guidelines

E. Motion to award the Sewer Line for E. B. Hamilton Project to Little River Construction in the low bid amount of \$14,846.65

F. Motion to award the Base and Paving for Hayes Circle and Smith Court Project to HTS construction in the low bid amount of \$469,969.09

G. Motion to award the Base and Paving for Springfield Dr., Joyner Road and Wiregrass Road Project to HTS Construction in the low bid amount of \$383,169.10

H. Motion to renew the Fuel Management System Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$2,756.25

J. Motion to approve the Beer & Wine License for the EZ Trip Store located at 4468 Hwy 319 South

Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. County Attorney Appointment: Motion to reappoint Tony Rowell as the County Attorney for another year was made by Vice Chairman Hester, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

B. County Clerk Appointment: Motion to appoint Glynda Hemby as County Clerk for another

year was made by Vice Chairman Hester, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried with a 4 to 2 vote. Commissioners Rigdon and Setters voted against.

C. Vice Chairman Appointment: In February 2015 the Board adopted a Resolution setting the term and method for the selection of the Vice Chairperson. Following that method set forth in the Resolution it would be District 2, Commissioner Melissa Hughes to serve as Vice Chair for 2016. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hester to remove this item from the Agenda as it does not require action by the Board since the adoption of the Resolution and it the year for District 2 to serve as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Athletic Advisory Committee Appointments: Staff and the Athletic Committee recommend the appointments of Montoya Crocket and Chris Huggins to fill the seats vacated by Mitch Williams and Curtis Richards. Motion to appoint Montoya Crocket and Chris Huggins to the Athletic Advisor Committee to fill the unexpired terms of the vacated seats seconded by Vice Chairman Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Appointment to Behavioral Health Board: The Commissioners will seek someone from the community that might be interested in this appointment. Motion to table was made by Vice Chairman Hester seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Renewal of Brookfield Community Center Lease: Motion to table was made by Commissioner Setters seconded by Vice Chairman Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Change Solicitor from Elected part Time to Full Time through Local Legislation: The Board entered into further discussions with the County Manager and Jason Hoffman about the request to go full time. Commissioner Hughes asked if a fulltime person would be required if we do this and Mr. Hoffman answered no. The Finance Director reported that at the present time the revenues of this department exceed the expenditures. Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon that the County Attorney start the process and prepare Local Legislation creating an Elected Fulltime Solicitor seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Surplus Vehicles: The Board's discussion was are these vehicles ready to be surplus and are they titled in the County's names. Mr. Jones reported that they are owned by the County. He stated that out of the current 14 trucks, we are keeping 4 of the old trucks, 1 is owned by the City of Ty Ty and 1 is owned by the City of Omega. Motion to surplus 3 vehicles listed as A, B and C on the list provided was made by Commissioner Setters seconded by Vice Chairman Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Comments: The County Manager reminded the Board of the Chamber Banquet to be held on January 28, 2016.

Leigh Jordan, Finance Director gave an update on the status of the Audit. She advised that she had been notified by the Auditing Firm that they had filed for an extension.

Commissioners Comments:

Executive Session: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hester to go into Executive Session for Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Vice Chairman Hester, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, Dist. 4

Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
1/11/2016