

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, February 2, 2016 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present were Vice Chairman Hughes and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon, and Stan Stalnaker

Public Comments: None

Appointments:

1. **Al Potts** with the Georgia Forestry Commission addressed the Board to give the Forestry Commission Annual Report. Each Commissioner received a hand out of the Report and Mr. Potts went over briefly the items and stated he would answer any questions the Board may have.

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session, February 8, 2016

A. Antivirus Software Renewal: Al Stephenson explained the purpose of the renewal contract for the Antivirus Software for protection of sensitive data and insures the integrity of the data housed on County servers and workstations. This is a budgeted item.

B. High-speed DSL Connection: Al Stephenson advised that the County operates a DSL line from A T & T to provide internet access for non-county use for vendors, training and EOC operations. This connection is segmented from the county's local area network thereby preserving bandwidth for county users. A public internet connection should be maintained for vendor access, training and EOC operations as well as providing for IT security port scanning and troubleshooting. The cost for the High speed DSL Connections is \$1092.

C. Oakridge Church Road Project: The County Manager advised that this request is to allow staff to work with the County Engineer to do the design of the project which will allow staff to obtain right-of-way and then the project will go out for bids.

D. EMS Surplus Vehicle: Andy Smith, EMS Director advised that his Department wishes to surplus a 2005 Unit that is no longer in use. The vehicle is currently out of service and this is the second unit to be removed from the fleet since the purchase of the two new units. This keeps the fleet at 7 units. This surplus will save us money on insurance and maintenance. The truck has poor engine compression and would be cost prohibitive to repair. This unit is the Ford 6.0 known for having defects; it is on its second engine and has a total of 165,000 miles on this engine.

E. Appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals: Carl Fortson advised that there is currently one vacancy on the Board when Robert Brewster resigned. He has also been advised that Gerald Branch wished to resign. Nelson Kunes and Dowling Granberry have completed applications to serve on the Board if it is the Board's pleasure.

F. Appointments to Tourism Board: The County Clerk advised that the terms of the County's two appointments on this Board ends in February 2016. They are Roger Dill and Jack Stone and both have been contact and have expressed a desire to continue serving.

G. Appointment to Behavioral Health Board (Tabled from January): Commissioner Setters reported that he had spoken with Valeria Creel concerning serving on this Board. She has done some research and has shown interest in serving if the Board so approves.

H. Text Amendment to Animal Control Ordinance: The County Manager and the Animal Control Director advised the Board of some changes that needs to be made in the Tift County Animal Control Ordinance as it relates to the adopt of animals. Basically the number of stray dogs and cats picked up the Tift County continues to increase on a yearly basis and the shelter has limited space. Animals not adopted after a certain period of time are euthanized. Private Non-Profit Organizations have popped up and are partnering with local and state governments to locate homes for as many animals as possible. Their participation is making a huge difference nationwide for the number of adoptions. The Ordinance needs updating to make the process of moving animals from the custody of the Animal Shelter to a rescue or non-profit as simple as possible while make sure to abide by all applicable state and federal laws.

I. Lease with Alpha River Coon Hunting Club (Brookfield): The County Clerk advised that the same lease used previously for the leasing of this facility was used with the name changed to this Hunting Club. Terms and monthly charges is the same as previous lease.

J. ACCG-IRMA Liaison Appointment: The County Manager advised that ACCG-IRMA has created a new program that allows member counties to engage ACCG counsel on employment law at no additional cost. The program requires a County Liaison to be appointed and his recommendation is to appoint Mike Walker, Human Resource Director.

K. Resolution for submission of CDBG: In order to receive CDBG funds an application must be submitted to DCA for review and along with the application a Resolution must be adopted by the Board to be submitted in the application process. The County will be notified sometime in August should we receive funding. This will be for drainage and street improvements in Brookvale Subdivision located off Tifton-Eldorado Road.

L. Transfer Fire Engine to City of Ty Ty: The Board was advised that the County has been contacted by the Mayor of Ty Ty with a request for consideration by the Board to transfer the proposed Fire Engine to the City of Ty Ty to be used at their Sewage Treatment Plant

M. Purchase of Fire/Rescue Personal Protective Equipment: The Fire Department will be required by Ordinance to purchase NFPA compliant structural firefighting gear. It is the intent of the Department to purchase the same type of gear for all members both full time and volunteer. When soliciting bids staff specified gear manufactured by Morning Pride. We can purchase 52 sets of Morning Pride gear for \$142,418. The Board was provided a Bid Tabulation for the two vendors that submitted a bid.

Commissioner's Comments: None

County Manager's Comments: None

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

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

ATTEST:

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

County Clerk 2/2/2016