

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, October 10, 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, October 10, 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 Melissa Hughes and Commissioners Robert Setters, Donnie Hester, and Buck Rigdon. Commissioners Greg Wood and Stan Stalnaker were absent.

Commissioner Donnie Hester gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag

PROCLAMATION: Chairman Thompson read and presented a Proclamation to Lillie McIntrye with the Commissioner on Children & Youth. The Proclamation declared in Tift County as “Go Light Up Your World” day.

Jason Jones gave an update on the things that transpired during the last 4 or 5 days because of Hurricane Matthew. He noted that the Red Cross opened 3 Shelters and that 3 good Samaritan Shelters were also opened. Tift County housed some 1126 evacuees as a result of the hurricane. He noted that the shelters were kept open through Sunday. He also gave highlights of the numbers things that transpired throughout Tift County during this time. Jason also told the Commissioners that he was very proud of the entire staff the Public Safety Department, with everyone working together to cover any issues that arose during this time.

These minutes reflects the Chairman’s vote because two (2) Commissioners are absent.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of September 6, 2016 Workshop Session and Executive Session, September 12, 2016 Regular Session and Executive Session was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. TC ZA 16 05: Application by Dr. Drew Howard, D/B/A, LLC request to rezone .472 acre located at the intersection of Old Ocilla Road and Richards Drive. Property is currently zoned R-12 (Residential). The request is for R-P (Residential Professional) to install an additional parking lot adjacent to the existing doctor’s office located at 1948 Old Ocilla Road. Tift County Tax Map 058 Parcel 056: Staff gave the brief explanation of the request. Commissioners Setters asked about the plans for Storm Water Retention because he knows this area is prone to flooding. Staff responded stating that once the rezoning was approved, they will submit a Parking Lot Plan.

The County Attorney then opened the Public Hearing siting the Standards for Exercise of Zoning postings as well as the Conflict of Interest. He asked if anyone needed to declare a Conflict at this time. No one declared a conflict.

Josh Giddens spoke on behalf of the request stating that the Doctor’s Office simply needed additional room for parking and on behalf of Dr. Drew, he would appreciate the Board’s consideration to rezone the property for parking.

There we no opposition or any further comments and the County Attorney closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to approve TC ZA 16 05 rezoning request, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

B. Credit Card Policy: Motion approving the Credit Card Policy as revised and presented by Staff was made by Commissioner Rigdon, second by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried

unanimously.

C. Tift Lift Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy Update: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to approve the updates to the Tift Lift Drug & Alcohol Testing, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Beer/Wine License – New Owner of Joe’s Place: Motion approving the license for the new owner of Joe’s Place was made by Commissioner Setters, second by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Beer/Wine/Liquor License – New Restaurant – Buffalo Wild Wings: Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon approving the Alcohol License for Buffalo Wild Wings, second by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Beer/Wine License – Name Change Only for Pilot Travel Centers: Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to approve the Name Change on the license for Pilot Travel Centers, second by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Local Letting Form: It was staff’s recommendation to remove this item from the Agenda at this time. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to remove this item from the Agenda, second by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Personnel Policy Text Amendment: Motion was made by Commissioner Setters approving the Text Amendment to the Personnel Policy Sections 4.13 (B), 5.02 (D), 5.03 and 5.04 recognizing that Tift County employs fire protection personnel and allow for the standard “work period” , seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Plant TiftNet Fiber Contract: Motion to approve the renewal contract with Plant TiftNet Fiber Contract in the monthly amount of \$5576.32 per month was made by Commissioner Hester, second by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Resolution for B.O.E. Tax Levy and Collection (ESPLOST): Hank Pittman was present to answer any further questions the Board may have and noted that the Bonds will be used for the expansion of the Tift County High School. Bonds will be paid back with ESPLOST dollars with a 5 year pay back. The Board need to adopt the Resolution to levy taxes should the need arise for taxes to be levied to repay bonds. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters approving the Resolution providing for the Levy and Collection of an Annual Tax, if required to provide funds for the repayment of the principal of and interest on \$8,901,940 in aggregate principal amount of the Tift County School District General obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2016, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

County Managers Comments: County Attorney gave the status of the extrication issue with the City of Tifton. He handed out a letter for the Board’s review that will be signed by the Chairman to Keith Wages, Director of the State Office of EMS with a request for official guidance from their Legal Firm to officially request this opinion on the issue.

Commissioners Comments:

Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes called for an Executive Session for Personnel. Commissioner Rigdon wanted to add legal if necessary.

Executive Session: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel and Legal was made by Commissioner Rigdon, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

absent
Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, Dist. 4

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

absent
Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
10/10/2016