

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, October 4, 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, October 4, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present were Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes and Commissioners Greg Wood, Buck Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker, and Robert Setters. Commissioner Donnie Hester was absent; he was out of town.

Public Comments:

Charleston Carter addressed the Board to advise them that the Tift County Accountability Courts has been given the opportunity to apply for funding to supplement and assist in the implementation and maintaining of the Drug/DUI Court Programs. We are making preparations to request the award of additional funding for the program. A significant amount of funding is needed to cover operating costs and ancillary services essential to operate a successful Drug/DUI Court Program. Given this opportunity to secure additional funding, it is the aim of the Court to request approximately \$75,000 for FY 2017 to be disbursed from January 2017 through June 2017. The Court will be responsible for providing a 10% cash match which is \$7,500 of the total grant request and solicits the Board's approval for the 10% match.

Appointments: None

Public Hearings:

A. TC ZA 16 05: Application by Dr. Drew Howard, D/B/A GMJ, 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 Map 058 Parcel 056:

Carl Fortson gave the staff report and the nature of the request. He advised that it went before the Planning and Zoning Commission however there was not a quorum present at the meeting. Staff has reviewed the request against the Standards for Exercises of Zoning Powers and found that it meets all the Standards. It is compliance with the 2028 Greater Tift County Comprehensive Plan. Therefore Staff recommends approval of the rezoning.

Items to be discussed for Regular Session, October 10, 2016

B. Credit Card Policy: This item was tabled from the September Regular Meeting. The Board had requested a list and line of credit for each person that had a County Credit Card. Leigh Jordan, Finance Director provided that list and answer any questions of the Commissioners.

C. Tift Lift Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy Update: The County Manager advised that this is a Policy of the Georgia Department of Transportation for all Counties that participate in their Transportation Program. This is just an update to the Policy due to three new drugs being added for testing.

D. Beer/Wine License – New Owner of Joe's Place: The County Clerk advised that the new owner of Joe's Place has filed for alcohol license. The Criminal History and Fingerprints have been provided for the Board's review and it has been properly processed through the Sheriff's office and comes with an approval.

E. Beer/Wine/Liquor License – New Restaurant - Buffalo Wild Wings: This is a new restaurant and the corporate office has applied for alcohol license in the name of the General Manager that will be in charge of the day to day operations of the facility. The Criminal History and Fingerprints have been provided for the Board's review and it has been properly processed through the Sheriff's office and comes with an approval.

F. Beer/Wine License – Name Change only for the Pilot Travel Center: The County Clerk advised that the Pilot Travel Center has a new General Manager and the licenses must be applied for in that name since he will be charge of the day to day operations. The Criminal History and Fingerprints have been provided for the Board's review and it has been properly processed through the Sheriff's office and comes with an approval.

G. Local Letting Form: The County Manager advised that Staff will be requesting the Board remove this item from the Agenda as it is not ready for action.

H. Personnel Policy Text Amendment: Human Resource Director, Mike Walker advised the Board that the Fair Labor & Standards Act mandates a specific "Work Period" for fire protection personnel as it relates to computation of overtime. The proposed text amendments to the Tift County Personnel Policy sections, 4.13 (B), 5.02 (d), 5.03 and 5.04 simply recognize that we employ fire protection personnel, allow for the standard "work period" and incorporate them within the framework of our existing policy.

I. Plant TiftNet Fiber Contract: Staff advised that this is a yearly renewal contract with Plant TiftNet from which the County utilized fiber optics. There is not increase in the month fee. It allows for fiber optic connections to 6 county buildings and a 30 megabits internet connection in the amount of \$5576.32 per month.

J. Resolution for B.O.E. Tax Levy and Collection (ESPLOST): The Board of Education is in the process of issuing bonds approved during the last ESPLOST referendum. They have submitted the bonds to and had them validated by the Tift County Superior Court. In the like fashion to the County issuing or backing bonds said bonds are backed by the taxing authority of the issuing authority in the case, the Board of Education. The Board of Education requires a resolution form the Board of Commissioners affirming should the need arise the Commission will assess the above tax if requested/levied by the Board of Education. The County is the only authority that can levy taxes. Hank Pittman, attorney for the School Board was present at the meeting and went over the issue with the Board and was available to answer any questions. The funds will be used to expand the Tift County High School.

County Manager's Comments: Stated that he and the County Attorney need a short Executive Session for Legal.

Commissioner's Comments: None

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

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

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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 10/4/2016