

REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, November 14, 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, November 14, 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, Greg Wood and Stan Stalnaker.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of October 4, 2016 Workshop Session and Executive Session, October 10, 2016 Regular Session and Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

ADDITION TO AGENDA: The County Manager advised that a request has come from the Vice Chairman to amend the agenda to add an item for the purchase of Plight Tickets for the Parenting Award Banquet. (G)

Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to add this item to the Agenda under the letter "G", seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Adoption of Amendment to the Tift County Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control

Ordinance: Carl Fortson gave the explanation stating that this is a State Mandated update to this Ordinance. Continuing certification of a Local Issuing Authority pursuant to the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1075, as amended 1) mandated by Georgia Environmental Protection Division and Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Continuing the certification of a Local Issuing Authority is conditioned upon the implementation and utilization of an Ordinance that meets or exceeds the standards, requirements and provision of the act. This amendment is dealing with Marsh Lands. The Ordinance had some changes in specific to Tift County and Tift County Development Support Services. Motion to approve the Amendment to the Tift County Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Ordinance was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Award Bid for the 2016 Additional LMIG Project: Jason Jordan advised that this is additional LMIG money that funds Safety Projects. The project consist of widening of Ty Ty Sparks Road 2 Foot on both sides from 391 South to Salem Church Road. The project was properly advertised and bid. Only one bid was received and that was from Reeves Construction Company in the amount of \$355,117.70. The LMIG funds the County will be receiving is \$200,000, the remainder of \$155,117 will need to be funded by the County with SPLOST V funding. Motion approving the additional LMIG Project as stated was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution authorizing submission of Grant Application to DOT for Tift Lift funding:

The County Manager advised the Board that this is the yearly renewal submission of the grant funding that the County receives to operate Tift Lift. The Resolution must be adopted by the Board to submit the grant application. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to adopt the Resolution for grant submission for Tift Lift Funding, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointments to Athletic Advisory Committee: Craig Sowell advised the Board that there are 2 vacancies on the Athletic Advisory Committee as a result of resignations by Crystal Craft whose term expires May 2017 and Rusty Harrelson whose term expires May 2019. Two applications have been submitted and have been recommended from the Athletic Committee

which are from Ricky Sellars and Dennis Reese.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to appoint Dennis Reese to the Athletic Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Rusty Harrelson, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to appoint Ricky Sellars to the Athletic Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Crystal Craft, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

E. USDA Lease Agreement: The current lease expires December 31, 2016. This is a lease renewal with an amendment making it a two year lease instead of a one year lease. The rental income is not affected by the amendment. Motion approving the renewal lease with the USDA for a two year lease beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Adult Felony & State Court Drug Program: Previously when Judge Benson and Judge Reinhardt came before the Board asking for the Adult Felony Drug Court and State Court DUI Program, the Board did not budget for this in the regular Budget process. Since the grant for these Programs have been awarded, we (the County) will be expending funds and in turn will be reimbursed from the Grant. This is a request for \$25,000 of the D.A.T.E. funds, to be moved into the Accountability Courts Budget which means the current budget must be amended to include this \$25,000. A budget needs to be adopted for the Adult Felony Drug Court as well as State Court DUI Program in order to move the money to support expense until reimbursements come in. This starts on January 2, 2107 and the money will be reimbursed at 100%. Judge Benson was present and discussed the item with the Board and would any questions the Board might have. Motion was made by Commissioner Stalnaker to adopt a budget for the Adult Felony Drug Court and the State Court DUI Program and allow the transfer of \$25,0000 from the D.A.T.E funds into the budget presented, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Purchase of Plight Tickets for the Parenting Awards Banquet: Vice Chairman Hughes gave the explanation of the request for the purchase of the Plight Tickets for the Parenting Awards Banquet. The Banquet will be held at the Leroy Rogers Center and they will be giving 3 Scholarships. This is an excellent program to help students and the request to purchase the tickets are to help some parents that cannot otherwise attend. She encouraged the Commissioners to take a ticket and attend the Banquet. The request is to purchase 20 tickets at \$20 each. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to purchase 20 tickets for the Parenting Awards Banquet sponsored by Plight at \$20 each, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

County Managers Comments:

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: Request from City of Tifton regarding Quarterly SDCC Meeting and Joint Department Report to Commission & Council: The County Manager advised that regular request has been coming from the City to establish dates for quarterly SDCC Meeting and the County Clerk needs some direction from the Board on this issue. They are also asking for the dates of meetings that joint departments can come and make reports to both the City Council and the Board of Commissioners. The County Attorney will address the SDCC meeting that will tie into items to be discussed in Executive Session that deals with Service Delivery. As for the joint departments reporting to Council and Commission, currently the County does not have any joint departments that would need reports given to the City Council. The only Joint services we have at this time with the City are Water, Sewer and Landfill and the City is in charge of the day to day operations of those. There will be some further discussions after talking the County Attorney.

Commissioners Comments:

Executive Session: Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel and Legal with the right to return to Regular Session was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session and return to Regular Session was made by Commissioner Setter, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

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1. With regards to the EMS Lawsuit with the City:

Motion to allow the Chairman to write a letter to Mr. Wages asking them to render an opinion on the previously asked questions and direct the County Attorney to continue to discuss some civil resolution with the City on this issue was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion to allow the Chairman to send the Mayor of the City of Tifton asking that we begin initiating our Service Delivery Strategy was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion to allow the two (2) weeks annual leave to be paid out to the County Manager at this time and policy to be set for the future was made by Commissioner Rigdon, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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
11/14/2016