

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, May 3, 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, May 3, 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 Greg Wood, Buck Rigdon, and Stan Stalnaker, Robert Setters and Donnie Hester.

**Public Comments:**

**Appointments:**

1. Beth English with Easter Seals addressed the Board and gave an update. She gave out a few handouts for the Board's review. Easter Seals Southern Georgia serving Tift County currently has 11 local employees, provides services to 78 individuals that includes Local Programs: Residential, Adult Day Program, Respite & Family Support, Vocational, Champions for Children and Nursing Services.
2. Scott Carlson, County Extension Agent was present to give the Board an update on Extension Services. Also from the Extension service, Roxie Price with Consumer Sciences and Mils Drummin was present and gave up dates in each of these categories.

**Public Hearings: None**

**Items to be discussed for Regular Session, May 9, 2016**

**A. Red Cross Shelter Agreement:** Craig Sowell advised the Board that the Recreation Department's Gym has been approved for an American Red Cross Shelter. The need for this became apparent on several occasions in the past where Tift County residents were forced to leave their homes due to flooding issues. By entering into an agreement with the American Red Cross, using this location, we could transition from a staging area into a Red Cross Shelter at a moment's notice. He has worked closely with the EMA staff on this issue. If we open the shelter on our own there is no reimbursement. In the event that the Recreation Department Gym is utilized as a county shelter all related expenses would be covered by Tift County Public Safety/EMA. Once a declaration has been made for our site to open as a Red Cross Shelter we would then fall under the provisions stated within the shelter Agreement. Staff recommends approval to enter into the Agreement with the Red Cross.

**B. Mower Bids for Recreation:** Craig Sowell gave to explanation of the request. The Recreation Department has been bidding out mowers for maintenance on a rotation trade-in/buyback program since 2010. The mower bids for this item will replace mowers purchased in 2014. There is a difference of 689 between Chris' Mower Clinic and Powerhouse Outdoor pricing. Both companies are offering trade in pricing dependent on condition of the mowers. Powerhouse Outdoor is offering a buyback of 3391 per unity as compared to Chris's Mower Clinic of 3,000 per unity. When considering the overall difference with buyback at next purchase there is only a difference of 297 between the two prices. Staff would prefer to stay with the Gravely but would consider one from each dealer if the Board so chooses.

**C. Letter of Intent with ABM Building Solutions:** The County Manager advised that ABM's Bundled Energy Solutions includes funding strategies that eliminate financial burdens often associated with facilities Enhancements. The program enables local governments to complete critical infrastructure upgrades through a reallocation of current and future operating budgets, with no increase or taxpayer burden. It's a pay from savings program. Initial utility information shared with ABM showed that there is a potential saving to your county of 4 million dollars. This was based upon doing a high level mathematical benchmark comparison of how our buildings would operate if we implemented their program. Mr. Carter has met with the representative from ABM and they feel the program has merit and would recommend the Board consider the program.

**D. Appointment to South Georgia Community Service Board:** The County Clerk advised that the Board will need to appointment someone to replace the appointment of Charlie Majeski to this Board. A Board application has been submitted from Dennis Daniel who is interested in serving on this Board. Mr. Daniel is son-in-law to Mr. Charlie and has been very involved with the family member that mental illness has affected.

**E. Add back an F-150 truck that was declared surplus:** Staff advised that this is a truck that had been replaced in the Animal Control Department. Jason Jordan feels that it is in better shape than one he is running currently that is costing a lot of maintenance. At a previous meeting this vehicle was vote surplus to be put on GovDeals.com however staff is recommending that the Board allow the truck back in the Road Department fleet rather than selling the vehicle.

**F. Installation of Air Fiber for the Airport, Animal Control & Fire Station No. 51:** Al Stephenson gave the staff report for this request. The proposal is from Coopercraft Communications that regard the installation

of an Air Bridge wireless network solution to support network connectivity at the Airport, Animal Control and Fire Station No 51. The completion of this project will eliminate the County's dependence fiber optic cabling provided by third party vendors. This is a highly technical project and limited the number of companies qualified to submit a bid. Coopercraft and Mobile Communications were asked to submit a quote however Mobile Communications did not respond to the request. Coopercraft submitted a proposal in the amount of \$19,822.

**Commissioner's Comments:** None

**County Manager's Comments:** None

**Executive Session:** None

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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

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Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

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County Clerk 5/3/2016