

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, May 9, 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, May 9, 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 Greg Wood, Stan Stalnaker, Robert Setters, and Donnie Hester. Commissioner Buck Rigdon was absent

Commissioner Robert Setters gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

These minutes reflects the Chairman's vote since a Commissioner is absent.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of April 5, 2016, 2016 Workshop Session, April 11, 2016 Regular Session and April 21, 2016 Called Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Jason Jones asked for some time to make some introductions of EMS staff members and fire fighters that were present and to announce an award recently given to a Tift County EMS Staff member. Tift County EMT, Riley Rutherford was just recently selected as EMT of the Year for the State of Georgia.

ADDITION TO AGENDA:

Appointments to the Human Resources Appeals Board (G)

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to amend the Agenda to include under letter "G" Appointments to the Human Resources Appeals Board, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Red Cross Shelter Agreement: Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the American Red Cross Shelter Agreement designating the Tift County Recreation Department Gym for and approved shelter was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Mower Bids for Recreation: The Recreation Department recently bid out the mowers that will replace mowers purchased in 2014. There is a small difference between Chris' Mower Clinic and Powerhouse Outdoor pricing. Craig Sowell stated that staff would prefer to stay with the Gravely mowers but would consider one from each dealer. One company offers a Gravely mower and the other offers an Exmark. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to purchase one mower from Chris' Mower Clinic and one mower from Powerhouse Outdoor, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously. The total cost for the purchase of two mowers is \$18,000 to be funded through SPLOST.

C. Letter of Intent with ABM Solutions: At the request of the Commissioners, Mr. Curtis Brown was present and gave a power point presentation showing the potential savings should the County elect to enter into an letter of Intent with ABM Building Solutions which allows the County to complete critical infrastructure upgrades through a reallocation of current and future operating budgets. It is a pay from savings program. Utility information shared with this company showed that there is a potential savings to the county of 4 million dollars. Discussion among the Board was whether the County should send out for Request for Qualifications to other companies in this same business since ABM Solutions is the only company we have approach this issue. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to allow staff to prepare Request for Qualifications and advertise this service and send to other companies, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointment to the South Georgia Community Service Board: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to appoint Dennis Daniel to serve a three (3) year term on the

Community Service Board expiring in 2019, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Add back an F-150 Truck that has been declared surplus: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to put this F-150 pickup truck that was previously voted surplus back into the Road Department Fleet, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote. Vice Chairman Hughes voted against the motion.

F. Installation of Air Fiber for the Airport, Animal Control & Fire Station No. 51: This will be the installation of an Air Bridge wireless network solution to support network connectivity at the Airport, Animal Control and Fire Station No 51. The quote comes from Coopercraft Communications. Motion to approve the installation of an Air Bridges for wireless to support connectivity at the Airport, Animal Control and Fire Station No 51 from Coopercraft Communications in the amount of \$19,822 was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Appointment to the Human Resources Appeals Board: Tift County's Personnel Policy calls for a Human Resources Appeals Board. There is currently an appointed Board however the terms have expired and those members have been contact to ask if they will continue serving. Two new Board applications have been turned in for the Board's consideration of the other two vacant positions.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to reappoint Dr. Homer Day to serve for another three year term, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to reappoint Kevin Dobard to serve for another three year term, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to appoint David Fant to serve for a three year term, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to reappoint Steve Hyman to serve for another three year term, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to appoint Kelly Passmore to serve for a three year term, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Comments: None

Commissioners Comments: None

Executive Session: Legal

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session and adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Setters. 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

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

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
5/09/2016