

**PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, June 7, 2016 (5:30 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.)**

The required and publicly advertised Public Hearing was opened at 5:30 PM by Chairman Thompson. This Public Hearing was to hear public comments on the 2016-2017 Operating Budget for Tift County.

All members of the Board of Commissioners were present for the Public Hearing.

The Chairman asked if there were any comments from the audience concerning the budget.

Larry Taylor with the Tift County Sheriff's Department spoke on behalf of the Sheriff and the Department thanking the Commissioners for their working relationship and their support of the Sheriff's Department and the working through the budget process.

There were no further comments and no comments opposing the Operating Budget as presented.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to close and adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, June 7, 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: None

Appointments: None

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session, June 13, 2016

A. Resolution to adopt Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget: The County Manager advised that the required Public Hearing on the Budget has been held and the Clerk has prepared the Resolution required to duly adopt the budget at the Regular Meeting.

B. Set Tentative Millage Rate: The County Manager advised that as a State requirement, the tentative millage rate on which the budget was balance on will need to be set at the Regular Meeting.

C. Athletic Advisory Committee Appointments: Craig Sowell advised that there are several AAC Members whose terms are expiring and it is the recommendation of the Athletic Advisory Committee to reappoint the following members to serve another term, expiring May 2019: Carl Johnson, Jr., Bobby Fresh, Christopher Hugging, Chad Alexander and Scott Burgess. Rusty Harrelson has request4ed not be reappointed due to other obligations and the Athletic Advisory Committee will be soliciting applications to fill this vacant seat.

D. Acceptance of Plantation Drive into the Tift County Road System: The County Manager advised the Board that the owner, Jimmy Allen has rebuilt Plantation Drive to comply with the County's' technical standards and staff was a part of the inspection process during the construction. Staff recommends accepting this road into the Tift County Road System.

E. Approval of ACCG-IRMA 2016-2017 Insurance Renewal: The County Clerk reported that July 1, 2016 is the renewal date for the Property and Liability Insurance. The total contribution this year is \$388,776 and then the safety credit of \$10,000 and the Dividend Credit deductions brings the total renewal to \$333,267. She remind them that the County will receive reimbursements from the Development Authority of \$11,972 and from the Library of \$1,875 which will make the total to be paid from the General Fund \$319,419.

F. Employee Assistance Program Contract with Behavioral Health Services: The County Manager gave the explanation of this Contract. The County is a qualified "Drug Free Workplace" under the Workers Compensation Insurance and one requirement of the policy is to have an Employee Assistance Program. We have had a longstanding relationship with Behavioral Health Services for the administration of this program. This is an extension of the contract we currently have in place.

G. Adult Family Court Drug Program: The County Manager gave a brief report stating that both the State and Superior Court of Tift County recently applied to the State's Accountability Court Funding Program and each court was awarded a grant to fund the expenses associated with the position of Court Coordinator. Both grants have an effective date of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. It will be each coordinator's responsibility to get his respective court "up and running" with a target date of January 1, 2017 for commencement of actual

program. In order for these awards to become finalized and the grant made active six documents have to be signed and three officials have to be designated respectively as “Project Director, “Finance Director” and Authorized Official. Once the documents have been reviewed and approved the designated signers of the documents they will then be submitted to CJCC for final approval. Throughout the grant cycle the CJCC will be the State Agency tasked with the management of our grant.

Both Judges were present to discuss the matters and issue with the Board. Charleston Carter gave a brief overview of the Program. Larry Taylor from the Sheriff’s office was present to hear the review and plans and it was stated that this would not interfere with any of the monies that are allocated to the “Champs” Program that is handled through the Sheriff’s Office.

The Commission is ultimately responsible for the funding of these courts through fines received and allocated by legislation to support drug awareness, education and treatment.

Commissioner’s Comments:

Commissioner Stalnaker gave recognition to Craig Sowell, Recreation Director for the great job in hosting a swim meet that was held at the County Facility this past weekend. There were a lot of people from lot areas and everyone really enjoyed it and Craig did a “jam up” job.

County Manager’s Comments: Rumble Strips on Chula Brookfield Road: The County Manager advised that several complaints have been received from residence on this road where the rumble strips are in front of their homes and the noise level is not tolerable. This is in Commissioner Stalnaker’s District and he has been involved in the process in trying to eliminate this problems. The MTUD Standards have been researched, talked to the Public Works, Director and the Engineer. The solution that has been come up with is ordering signs that are reflective that will serve the same purpose for the warning of the stop sign ahead and we will take the rumble strips up. This has been the recommendation of the Federal Highway Department.

Executive Session: None

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

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 6/7/2016