

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, August 2, 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, August 2, 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, Robert Setters and Donnie Hester.

**Public Comments: None**

**Appointments:**

Chairman Thompson asked Hunter Walker, Interim City Manager to step up and say a few words. He gave his work history and stated that he is happy to be here for a while and looking forward to working for the City and the County and being partners. He understands that we have different interest at different times but certainly we can work those out respectfully and civilly.

1. **Pete Pyrzenski** with ESG addressed the Board, introduced himself. He has been with ESG for 5 months and is new to South Georgia. He gave a handout for the Board's review on ESG Operations. He stated that he has talked with Mr. Carter and they agreed it is time to reach out and make sure we are communicating and what ESG can do for the County. The utility managers are here to keep things running smoothly and as efficient as we can. He talked about the system and stated that ESG recently won "The Golden Award" for the water system from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals. The community is getting a real high quality water system. There is a high level they have to meet to receive this award.

Commissioner Stalnaker stated that he was glad that he heard him say that he works for the City and the County because frankly, just his own opinion he had not had that feeling from ESG.

Mr. Carter stated that he has known Pet for a number of years and since he has been here they have had several occasions to sit down and talk and he has been true to his word. He is looking forward to a good solid relationship with ESG moving forward.

**Public Hearings:**

**A. TC-ZA-16-04: Application by Johnathan Garvey, D/B/A, Tifton Rental Houses, request rezoning of 1.89 acres located at 1608 Westover Road from R-12 (Residential) to M-R (Multi-Residential). The site plan indicates a proposed development of 4 buildings of which 2 buildings have 6 apartments and 2 have 5 apartments for a total of 22 apartments. Tift County Tax Map 045 Parcel 013:** Carl Fortson gave the staff report. This request went before the Planning and Zoning Board on July 14, 2016 with a quorum present and it comes to the Commission Board with a recommendation of approval. He gave the Standards for Exercise of Zoning Powers and told how the request was in compliance with each. The Zoning Board did require a 20 ft. Vegetative Buffer on the south property line.

**Items to be discussed for Regular Session, August 8, 2016**

**B. Side Arm Mowing Tractors:** Jason Jordan advised the Board that the County received quotes from 4 vendors for a side arm mowing tractor. It will be the Board's pleasure to choose which one.

Vendor	Low Model	Mid Model
Flint Equipment	\$118,455.09	\$158,734.00
Lasseter Equipment	\$118,000.00	\$136,000.00
Atlantic Southern	No Quote	\$121,400.00
AIM Trac Case	No Quote	\$121,000.00

**C. Purpose Built Side Arm Mower:** Jason Jordan advised the Board that he also requested quotes for a Purpose Built Side Arm Mower. Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company is the only company in our area to offer this machine. He told the Board that he would like to have one to try and be able to compare it to the tractors with a side arm mower to see the economic advantage along with a production advantage. The quote received for this equipment is \$136,900.

**D. Recommendation for 2017 LMIG Project:** Jason Jordan provided the recommended the following roads to be resurfaced with the 2017 LMIG dollars: Jr. Wynn Road 2.2 miles, Bellflower Road 2.5 miles, Walker Mt. Olive Road 2.7 miles, Ty Ty Sparks (South Section) 4.5 miles and patch a few areas on Brighton, Old Ocilla and Ferry Lake Roads. GOT will provide \$654,698 funding with the County being required to match the funds. These funds can come from SPLOST V.

**E. Maintenance Control Extension with Johnson Controls:** The County Manager advised the current contract with Johnson Controls for the maintenance of the chiller unit at the Magnolia Commons Building

expires August 1, 2016. The Board will need to authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal contract agreement to cover 8/1/2016 through 7/31/2021. Staff recommends approval of the renewal as we have received outstanding service and support from Johnson Controls.

**F. Designation of Selected Fire/Rescue Vehicles as Surplus Property:** Jason Jones advised that through the standing up of the Fire Services for Tift County, the Public Safety Department the following vehicles and equipment were taken out of service. The vehicles and equipment need to be declared as surplus by Tift County.

A. 1984 Chevrolet Suburban - VIN 0170; B. 1995 International 4700 – VIN 6471; C. 1997 Chevrolet – VIN 0216; D. 1997 Chevrolet – VIN 0219; E. 1999 Ford Crown Vic – VIN 0015; F. 2001 International 4700 – VIN 3880; G. Hurst Hydraulic Tool Set

**G. Motorola Solutions Services Agreement:** Jason Jones, EMA Director advised that the Land Mobile Radio System was installed in August 2014 and remains under warranty. Tift County maintains a Service Agreement for maintenance and support with Motorola Solutions for repair and maintenance of the LMR system and the PSAPs E-911 phone system. The Motorola Solutions Service Agreement is \$23,297.16 annually.

**H. Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement:** This Agreement must be renewed every four years. It is necessary to have this in place in order for local governments the authority to make arrangements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies. Staff recommends the approval of the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance authorize the Chairman's endorsement.

**I. Beer & Wine License:** The County Clerk reported at the July meeting the Board gave permission to issue Beer & Wine License to Mohammad Dar for Sunny Food Mart pending receiving the Criminal History and Fingerprints and approval of the Sheriff. The documents have come back with no record and the Sheriff has approved. The Board will just need to ratify the issuing of the license.

**J. Hospital Authority Appointments:** The County Clerk advised that we have received a letter from the Hospital Authority for reappointments to the Board. In accordance with the Hospital Authority Laws and Resolution creating the Tift County Hospital, they have submitted 3 names for each seat in their order of preference. There are four appointments.

**K. Development Authority Appointments:** The County Clerk advised that the seats currently held by Homer Day and Jay Short on the Statutory Development Authority expired July 30, 2016. The Board will need to consider reappointing or nominate someone else to fill these seats. There are currently no other applications on file at this time.

**L. Letter of Intent – ABM Building Solutions:** As directed by the Board from a previous meeting, the County Clerk advertised for and solicited FRQ's from organizations offering bundled energy solutions. The only RFQ received was from ABM Building Solutions. 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 on taxpayer burden. It's a pay from savings program. Initial utility information has been shared with ABM and preliminarily shows that there are potential savings of 4 million dollars arrived at by performing a high level mathematical benchmark comparison on how our buildings would operate if we implemented their program.

**County Manager's Comments:** He advised that the Finance Director and he will start doing a monthly financial report at each Regular Meeting. There were two reminders from the County Clerk.

**Commissioner's Comments:**

Commissioner Hughes asked the County Manager to check on Golden Environmental. There have been emails and calls about the dump area at the Recycling Site. Cans are not being dumped at the site regularly so when folks go there the cans are full and they can't leave their garbage.

She stated that she is on the Board of Health and she would like for the County Manager to check into doing some upgrades to front entrance. It needs painting and some new seating.

She has discussed this issue with Carl Fortson: There are so many properties in both her District and Commissioner Hester that people who own these do not live here and the properties are in terrible shape. She wanted to know if there is something we can put in place to get these properties cleaned up. The County Manager advised that he has a list of dilapidated houses that the School Board has discussed with him that children have to walk by on the way to school. We do not have the funds to take them down and put in the landfill but we can work on getting the landfill fees waived. He will make an effort to work on this whole issue and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Hughes also advised that Judge Benson is having a Community Awareness event on August 20 from 9 to 12 at Mott Littman Gym.

It was also reported the Commissioner Hester recently had a death in the family of his nephew and that Mike Walker, Human Resource Director recently lost his Mother in law. Keep these families in your thoughts and

prayer at this time.

Commissioner Stalnaker requested that the Board be given a periodic update on the Tift County Fire/Rescue so that we will have knowledge of what's going on and how we are doing with this new department.

Commissioner Wood advised that he will be out of town for the Monday meeting. The Zoning issue on the Agenda is in his District and Board members have been given a packet of information for review. The County Manager or Carl may answer any questions you may have prior to the Public Hearing on Monday. He plans to call in to the meeting.

**Executive Session: None**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

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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 8/2/2016