

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, March 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, March 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 Greg Wood, Stan Stalnaker, Robert Setters, Donnie Hester and Buck Rigdon.

Vice Chairman Hughes gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of February 2 Workshop Session, February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting and February 15, 2015 Called Meeting was Hughes, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

Addition to Agenda:

Re-appointment to the Tift County Board of Health (J)

Motion to make the addition to the Agenda under the Letter "J" was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: Comments and Questions from Press, Hayward Fowler: Mr. Fowler addressed the status of the Fire Station: Where is it going to be: response was plans are to move it out to Behavioral Health Facility? He asked if \$50,000 of SPLOST dollars had been spent for the Architect Fees for the previous sight at the Airport: response was yes. Will we have to pay those fees again: response was yes. He then address some questions concerning the County Manager's vehicle and some issue within the limits of his contract, all of which were answered by the County Manager and/or the Commissioners.

Appointments:

Tom E. Carmichael, Jr. of CRI was present to give the report of the FY 2015 Audit. He gave each Commissioner a handout of the Over view Presentation. He went over the figures of both revenues and expenditures dealing with the General Fund, SPLOST/Special Revenue Funds, Pension Plan, Capital Assets and Long Term Debt.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. TC ZA 16-01: Rezoning request from Dowling Granberry for 22.26 acre tract located at 201 East Golden Road to change from R&M (Medium to High Density Residential) to WLI (Wholesale/Light Industrial):

Notification has been received in writing that Mr. Dowling Granberry wishes to withdraw his request for rezoning of the above property. The Public Hearing was cancelled.

CONSENT AGENDA:

B. Motion to approve the 4 Foot widening project of Ty Ty Sparks Road from US Hwy 319 South to Salem Church Road to be funded through DOT

C. Motion to enter into a Contract for Architect Services with Glenn Gregory & Associates for the new fire station facility

D. Motion to award the additional concrete project around the Aquatic Pool to Tri W Pools in the low bid amount of \$28,500 to be funded from SPLOST V

E. Motion to enter into an agreement with Revize Software Systems for the redesign of the County Website in the amount of \$9400

F. Motion to surplus the UPS (uninterrupted Power Supply) from the old 911 facility and

place it on GovDeals.com with a reserve of \$1300

G. Motion to enter into a joint Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and the City of Tifton to hire a Public Information Officer in the amount of \$15,000 per year

H. Motion approving Beer License for a convenient store located at 367 Hwy 125 South

I. Motion approving Beer and Wine License for a convenient store located at 2710 U S Hwy 41 South

Motion approving the Consent Agenda as read was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

J. Re-appointment to the Tift County Board of Health: The County Clerk advised that a letter has been received from the Tift County Board of Health that the term of Shirley Seadrow expired December 31, 2015. She has agreed to serve for another six year term and it is the recommendation of the Board of Health for her reappointment. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to reappoint Shirley Seadrow to the Board of Health for another six year term, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Comments:

The County Manager presented a handout to the Board of SPLOST IV & PROJECTS LIST. The list consisted of SPLOST V dollars available for spending. In recent meetings since the Board made the decision to start a County Fire Department there has been discussion of funding source. It is the recommendation of Staff that the General Fund Reserves loan to SPLOST V 3.5 million dollars to avoid having to borrow the money from a financial institution and pay interest. The General Fund Reserves would be reimbursed in 6 payments of \$583,333 per year. This will still leave our Reserves at a comfortable figure of close to 9 million dollars.

Commissioners Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Hester. 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
3/14/2016