

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, March 8, 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, March 8, 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, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon, and Stan Stalnaker. Commissioner Robert Setters was absent due to an obligation with his employment.

Public Comments:

Dr. Rick Berry addressed the Board concerning recycling stating that the County should consider stepping up and concentrate on recycling due to the fact of cost of filling up the landfill which would call for landfill expansion. The County Manager advised that on March 15, 2016 flyers will be placed on cans in the County addressing recycling and that folks should contact Golden Environmental. It is expected that countywide recycling will begin April 1, 2016.

Appointments:

1. Tommy Carmichael with National Security Resources addressed the Board and gave a proposal for the purchasing of 2 Cintel Vigilant Mobility LPR Systems. This system is for cameras that serve as tag readers. The Board took his proposal under advisement.

2. Tom E. Carmichael, Jr. of CRI with presentation of FY15 Audit. Mr. Carmichael will be present at the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016 to give the Audit Report.

Public Hearings:

A. TC ZA 16-01 Rezoning request from Dowling Granberry for 22.26 acre tract located at 201 East Golden Road to change from R8M (Medium to High Density Residential) to WLI (Wholesale/Light Industrial): Aerial Godwin, Planner from the Southern Regional Commission was present to give the staff report stating that it meets the Standards for Exercise of Zoning Powers and recommends approval however there would be some stipulations put on the property if rezoned. The Planning Commission met on February 11, 2016 to hear the request. After much discussion the TC ZA 16-01 Rezoning request was denied by the Planning Commission. The advertised Public Hearing will be held at the March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Items to be discussed for Regular Session, March 14, 2016

B. Request for 2016 LMIG Project for widening Ty Ty Sparks Road from US Hwy 319 South to Salem Church Road: Jason Jordan advised that he had notification from DOT that there is some additional LMIG money available that can fund safety projects. The project has to be submitted by May 1st and staff recommends widening Ty Ty Sparks Road 2 Feet on both sides from 319 South to Salem Church Road. This will allow the road to be 24 feet wide and would help with passenger's vehicles meeting farm equipment.

C. Architectural Services for main Fire Station: Jason Jordan advised that this project has been rebid and Staff recommends entering into the Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect for the construction of the Fire Department Facility. New site for the facility is now going to be located on Tifton Eldorado Road. This is just for the bays to house the fire trucks which will be an 80 x 80 metal insulated building with 7 doors, red roof and tan exterior.

D. Additional concrete at Baldwin Drive Aquatic Center: Jason Jordan along with Craig Sowell, the Recreation Director is requesting the Board consider adding 70 SY Yards on concrete around pool and stain it to match the existing cool decking. Bids have been solicited for this project with 3 bids being received staff recommends accepting the low bid from Tri W Pools in of \$28,500. This project can be funded from SPLOST V.

E. County Website Redesign: Al Stephenson explained that Tift County has maintained a website for 8 years and as popularity of the internet has grown government websites have become a reliable way to communicate with the public and provide self-help information for citizens concerning various governmental services. Tift County's website is outdate, difficult to navigate and doesn't offer the latest website technology. The IT Staff has been researching various governmental websites and proposes that Tift County make a change. He showed several different websites and their capabilities during his report. Staff recommends accepting a proposal from Revize Software Systems that will modernize the Tift County website adding features such as alert messaging, smartphone friendly technology and ease of navigation. The cost of the proposed website redesign and website annual hosting is \$9400. After the initial cost Mr. Stephenson expects around a \$2000 yearly maintenance, updates and technical support.

F. Surplus the UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) from the old E911 Center: The County Manager

advised that this is the old UPS from the old E911 facility and is a 3 phase unit that is no longer needed and can't be used to any of our current facilities needing uninterrupted power supply. We have had an offer of \$1300 however staff recommends placing the UPS on Gov.Deals with a reserve of \$1300 to see if we can sell it for a higher cost and if not offer it to the folks that have made this offer to the County.

G. Joint agreement with Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and the City of Tifton to appoint a Public Information Office: The County Manager advised that the Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with UGA, Tourism and the City have joined together and employed Chris Beckham to serve as a joint Public Information Office for all 4 entities. UGA no longer is interested in participating and the County has the opportunity to replace UGA and make use of Mr. Beckham's talent as a print and radio media expert. The Commissioners staff would utilize Mr. Beckham to write press releases, record PSA's and develop content for the County's web-site. The cost would be \$15,000 per year.

H. Alcohol License for Jacqueline Chavez D/B/A C C's Corner Mart: The County Clerk advised that application for Beer License for this store located at 367 Hwy 125 South has been properly processed with no criminal history reported and comes with an approval from the Sheriff.

I. Alcohol License for Jalpa Yagnik D/B/A K T Foods: The County Clerk advised that application for Beer and Wine License for this store located at 2710 U S Hwy 41 South has been properly processed with no criminal history reported and comes with an approval from the Sheriff.

Commissioner's Comments: None

County Manager's Comments: None

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 3/8/2016