

Joint Meeting
Tift County Board of Commissioners and the Cities of Tifton, Omega, and Ty Ty
September 7, 2017
6:00 PM
Leroy Rogers Senior Center

The Joint Meeting of the Tift County Board of Commissioners and the cities of Omega, Tifton and Ty Ty was held on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Leroy Rogers Senior Center.

Chairman Grady Thompson called the County Commission meeting to order. Commissioners present were Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes.

City Attorney Mark Sandifer stated that the City of Omega did not have a quorum present. However, at their regularly scheduled meeting, they did adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement. Mayor Roy Hunt was present.

Mayor Julie Smith called the City of Tifton meeting to order. Council Members present were Frank Sayles, Wes Ehlers, and Johnny Terrell.

Mayor J. Keith Beasley called the City of TyTy meeting to order. Council Members present were Linda Drawdy, Shirley Strawter and Tony Randall.

County Attorney Anthony Rowell led in Prayer and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Thompson and each Mayor expressed their gratitude and appreciation for everyone working together to put SPLOST on the November ballot. Several Council Members expressed their appreciation as well. Council Member Frank Sayles wanted noted for the record that he was in opposition to the cut made to the funding for the Downtown Development Authority.

SPLOST VI Projects List

County Attorney Anthony Rowell reviewed the project lists presented to each municipality. He noted that the funds designated to the Downtown Development Authority are now listed under the City of Tifton's allocation and the Tift County Development Authority and Airport Authority are listed under the County's allocation. City Attorney Mark Sandifer asked that language from the proposed ballot regarding the Tift County Development Authority be added to the projects list. County Attorney Rowell stated that the motion to approve the resolution adopting the intergovernmental agreement could be contingent upon this language being added.

Form of Ballot Language to be Utilized for November Referendum

County Attorney Anthony Rowell presented the ballot language to be utilized for the November referendum. Mr. Rowell explained that this ballot language would be sent to the Elections office the next day for building the November ballot. Mr. Rowell stated that the call for the election will not occur until 30 days after this meeting.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-06 for SPLOST VI distribution of funds contingent upon the language being added to the projects list regarding the Tift County Development Authority as discussed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

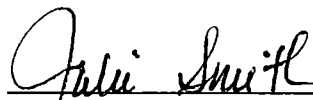
The cities of Omega and Ty Ty had already adopted a resolution at their regularly scheduled meetings authorizing their Mayors to execute the intergovernmental agreement.

Council Member Wes Ehlers made a motion to approve a resolution for SPLOST VI distribution of funds contingent upon the language being added to the projects list regarding the Tift County Development Authority as discussed. Motion was seconded by Council Member Frank Sayles. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business or discussion, Commission Greg Wood made a motion to adjourn the County Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Donnie Hester. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Member Tony Randall made a motion to adjourn the City of Ty Ty meeting. Motion seconded by Shirley Strawter. Motion carried.

Council Member Frank Sayles made a motion to adjourn the City of Tifton meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wes Ehlers. Motion carried.



Julie Smith, Mayor



Jessica Jones, City Clerk