

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Buck Rigdon, Donnie Hester, Melissa Chevers and Mike Jones. Commissioner Miley was out of town.

Chairman Thompson asked Bishop Walter Walker to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Voting Action in this meeting reflects the Chairman's vote since a Commissioner is absent as set forth in Voting Amendment dated 3/10/08.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of December 6, 2011 Workshop Session; December 12, 2011 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Set Qualifying Fees for Elected Offices (J)

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to add this Item to the Agenda under the letter J, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Informational items for Discussion Only: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

C. Motion to surplus the old seating that was taken out of the courtroom and authorize staff to place on GovDeals.com for disposal

D. Motion to surplus a Single Wide Mobile Home located at E. B. Hamilton complex and authorize staff to place on GovDeals.com for disposal

G. Motion to adopt the Speed Zone Ordinance for Tift County as presented by the Georgia Department of Transportation

H. Motion to refund overpayment of taxes to Henry Ross Pittman, Jr./Ara Dodson Pittman Family Trust for years 2003, 4, 5, 6, and 7 in the amount of \$11,692.82

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Appoint County Attorney: Motion to appoint Anthony Rowell as County Attorney for another year was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Appoint County Clerk: Motion to appoint Glynda Hemby as County Clerk for another year was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Harvest timber at E. B. Hamilton Complex: Jason Jordan advised the Board that Ed Moore Forest Resource Consultant had several companies look at and bid on the timber to be cut at the E. B.

Hamilton Complex. Three bids were sent in. Mr. Moore has sent a letter of recommendation to the Commissioners to consider the high bid from Southern Timber Products. They will be given 60 days to cut and remove the timber and Mr. Moore will supervise the operation. Southern Timber Company bid \$9.00 per ton for pulpwood; \$14 per ton for CNS; \$26 per ton for logs; \$59 per ton for poles and \$3 per ton for tops. Mr. Moore estimates the County should received between 8 to 10 thousand dollars for the timber. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to award the cutting of the timber at e. B. Hamilton Complex to the high bid, Southern Timber Products, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Selection for Architectural Services: Motion to table for 30 days was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Security for the Administration Building: The County Manager advised the Board that the security for the Administration Building will tie all the buildings into a seamless system for the County. These upgrades include the Administration Building courtrooms, Tax Commissioner's office as well all exterior and interior doors. The system will be installed by Coopercraft. Motion to enter into a contract with Coopercraft for the security system for the Administration Building in the amount of \$110,695.60 to be funded from SPLOST dollars was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Set Qualifying Fees for Elected Officials: Per Georgia law the Governing Authority is required to set qualifying fees for County Offices that are up for Election in 2012. These fees must be set and approved by the Board no later than February 1, 2012. The fees are determined on 3% of each office base salary. Motion to adopt the Qualifying Fees for the 2012 Election as presented by staff was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Items: None

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Chevers reminded everyone of the MLK Breakfast on January 16, 2012 and she and/or the County Clerk has tickets if anyone wants to go or needs a ticket. The next clean up for One Street at a Time will be Saturday, January 14, 2012 from 10 AM to 1PM on Golden Road, any volunteers are welcomed.

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

_____ absent _____
Commissioner Sherry Miley, Dist. 4

Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
1/9/2012