

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012 (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, July 10, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Sherry Miley, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers.

Public Comments: None

Appointments: None

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on July 16, 2012:

A. Reappointments to the Athletic Advisory Committee: Craig Sowell, Recreation Director advised the Board of the need for the reappointments to the Athletic Advisory Committee. There are four seats that are recommended for reappointment by the Advisory Committee which are Ray Merritt, Jeff Robbins, Craig Grace and Buck Rigdon. All have agreed to continue serving and if reappointed their terms would expires May 2015. Currently there are two seats vacant and the Advisory Committee is in the process of reviewing applications and expects to make a recommendation to the Commission in the near future. Applications that are being turned in are being forward to the County Clerk for her records. He also advised the Board that the AAC is currently reviewing their Board Development Policies and Guidelines prior to filling the vacated seats.

B. Renewal of Motorola Radio System Maintenance Agreement: Jason Jones, E-911 Director advised the Board that this maintenance service agreement provides for the service and maintenance of equipment and associated labor. Hasty's Communications has technicians on call and are available 24 hours a day. The increase in price resulted from the addition of equipment associated with the Tift County back-up of the 800 MHZ Radio System. The contract is vitally important to the continued efficient operation of the E-911 Center and the funding for the contract was included in the FY 2013 Budget.

C. Award Bid for Base & Paving for Golden Road: The County Manager advised that the Road Department has completed their portion of this project, the drainage portion has been let and the next step is to let the base and paving portion of the project. Bids were properly advertised and the bid opening was held on June 28 in which five (5) bids were received as follows:

Griffin-Folsom Construction	\$275,930.00
The Scruggs Company	\$208,497.05
Reeves Construction Company	\$304,508.00
Ricketson Construction Company	\$229,495.20
Hatcher Tractor Service	\$229,783.36

Staff recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder, The Scruggs Company in the amount of \$208,497.05.

D. Beer and Wine Application for the Wing Master located at 2717 Hwy 41 South: The County Clerk advised that this application is still being reviewed by the Sheriff and the County Attorney.

E. Beer and Wine Application for H & H Convenient Store at 2509 South Main Street: The County Clerk advised that this application has been properly processed, Criminal History and Fingerprints run and it comes with an approval from the Sheriff.

F. Renewal for Behavioral Health Facility: The County Manager advised that South Georgia Community Service Board seeks to renew its rental of the county owned facilities located at 334 and 340 Tifton Eldorado Road. Staff recommends the Board extend the lease to the Service Board for FY 2013 in the amount of Rental Revenue of \$81,600.

G. Contract for new Finance Software: The County Manager advised that during the implementation of SPLOST IV that a new Financial, Payroll and Human Resources software system was needed and included in the Technology Upgrades line item. Staff has reviewed multiple systems over the last 12 months and has determined New World Systems is the best fit. The process included demonstrations from multiple vendors but site visits to other governments utilizing the packages being reviewed. The cost of the software system is \$339,500 and has been allotted in SPLOST IV funds. The contract allows for \$25,000 in contingency for custom changes the County might wish to make if approved and once installation begins. If the \$25,000 goes unutilized the purchase price will be reduced to \$314,500.

The Board agreed to place Items B, E, F and G on the Consent Agenda.

County Manager Comments: Yield time to the County Attorney and the County Clerk.

The County Clerk reminded the Board of several event dates for July as well as the scheduled and advertised Called Board Meeting to be held on July 23, 2012 at 12 Noon to set the final millage rate for Tift County.

The County Attorney advised the Board that the LOST Negotiation Discussions will be starting tomorrow. The process requires a "Kick-off" Meeting and all governmental entity representatives will be present. We will be discussing the framework, the process and how we will be going through this required process of the LOST Negotiations. It is the County's requirement to call the negotiations and this will be the beginning of what we will be doing for the next 150 days. The goal for tomorrow's meeting is to state this is the beginning and we are going to work to make reasonable decision through the process and establish a Resolution. At the end of the meeting tomorrow basically the framework will be set for the process of the next 150 days.

The County Attorney discussed with the Board the need to remove a building owned by the County located on Whiddon Mill Road to make room for the new proposed Public Works Facility. Currently the Tifton AA Group has held their meetings in this building for many years and it is unfortunate that we have to demolish the building. Under the lease that is on file with this organization they have the right to 60 days written notice to vacate the building and we are putting that in motion. We want to give them ample time to find another place to hold their meetings. They would like for the County to provide them with another place however at this time we do not have a vacate building that would serve their purpose. The County Attorney and the County Manager just wanted the Board to be aware of this situation so if they get any phone calls they will be knowledgeable of the situation.

Commissioners Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Sherry Miley, District 4

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

ATTEST:

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

County Clerk 7/10/2012