

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012 (6:00 p.m.)**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Robert Setters on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Vice Chairman Robert Setters were Commissioners Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Sherry Miley, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers. Chairman Thompson was not able to attend this meeting due to having another scheduled meeting.

**Public Comments: None**

**Appointments:**

1. **Charles Majeski** addressed the Board and stated Liz Carson was also present and they serve on the Community Service Board. He introduced Amanda Hall who is the Director at the Behavioral Health Facility. She was present to discuss their 30 Day substance Abuse Program. Once the consumers go through detox then they are monitored for 30 days. They have recently found a facility from Pete Garvey for the housing of these folks and have secured six apartment buildings. They were given this program last year by the State of Georgia. The purpose of this is to give them 30 days of continued clean time. The program employs fifteen people and they have a budget of over \$300,000 for this program that is spent here in Tift County. The State of Georgia has set this up as an apartment model because they want these folks to learn how to live in the community. If they are sex offenders they cannot accept them, background checks are done on the clients. This has all been brought up because of some phone calls that have been made of concern about the neighborhood residents not knowing this program was being housed in the apartment complex. Mr. Pete Garvey stated he had surveyed the residents of the rest of the complex and found that they had had no problems from the folks living in these six apartments. The County Manager addressed the issue by stating their program is set up in a residential complex which is not for this type of service and program that we currently have under our Zoning Ordinance. State law states that if this type of facility is going to be set up then there is a process you have to go through. The County Attorney stated that there is some work to be done on this issue in order to be in complete compliance with state law. There is a public hearing process for rezoning that must be done in order to be in compliance. A rezoning application has to be submitted in order to have this program in a residential area. The County will require a public hearing and state laws stated that a public hearing must be held to have this facility.

**Public Hearings:**

**A. Proposed Text Amendment of the Tift County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and the Tift County Development Code (UDC):** Carl Fortson explained the proposed amendments to these documents stating that most of it is just wording. The amendment provided to the Board was color coded for deletions and additions or replacement of wording.

**Items to be discussed for Regular Session on August 13, 2012:**

**B. Award Bid for new Truck Purchase for Code Enforcement:** Carl Fortson advised the Board that one truck in their department is 11 years old and has very high mileage and is now have to have major repairs to keep it on the road. Staff has solicited bids for a new truck from three vendors. Staff recommends accept the low bid from Sunbelt Ford in Sylvester for a F150 4 x Ford truck in the amount of \$21,610.92.

**C. EMA Performance Partnership Grant Award:** Jason Jones advised the Board that his is a yearly grant the County receives with \$28,771 (in kind match). The funding will be used to offset the cost of Code-Red and other emergency management expenses.

**D. Shade Structure for E. B. Hamilton Football Bleachers:** Jason Jordan advised the Board that he sent out three bid request for the shade structures to be installed at E. B. Hamilton Football Fields. Staff recommends accepting the low bid from Bliss Products in the amount of \$57,125 to be paid from SPLOST IV

**E. Harvest Timber at the Road Department:** Jason Jordan told the Board that staff has consulted with Ed Moore about harvesting the timber located where the new public works facility will be build and it is also recommended by staff a per the Forestry Commission to thin the existing stand of pines to promote better growth. Staff would like to thin the stand of pines in conjunction with the clearing for the new building.

**F. Signage and Striping Grant:** Bids were advertised for the Signage and Striping Grant we receive each year from GDOT. Three bids were received and staff recommends accepting the low bid from Mid State Striping in the amount of \$92,303.75.

**G. Hospital Authority Re-appointment:** The County Clerk advised that a letter has been received from the Hospital Authority with three submitted names to fill the expiring term of Dr. Joel Johnson on September 30, 2012. The three names have been submitted in order of preference which is Dr. Joel Johnson, Dr. David

**H. Approval for Wine and Liquor by the Drink License for the Wing Master:** The County Clerk advised that a previous meeting beer license were approved by the Board for the Wing Master. When they came in to pick up the license they were under the impression that they would get wine and Liquor by the Drink License. After discussing this with the County Attorney, it was decided that we should treat this as an additional application, let the Sheriff approve the additional license as well as the Board so that all would be aware that this facility holds each license. The Sheriff has approved this request.

**I. Beer Application for Chip Rainey for Heritage Golf Course in Chula:** The County Clerk advised that there has been a problem with the computers system with the GCIC System and she had not been able to print the criminal history results. She is waiting on them to return her call and hopes to have the results by the Regular Meeting date.

**J. Review of Lease Agreement with Ruth’s Cottage:** The County Manager advised that staff has been contacted by Ruth’s Cottage of some leaks from the roof that has cause some interior damage to the facility during the rains from several days ago. Staff has looked at the Agreement with Ruth’s Cottage for the use of the facility and even though the County carries insurance on the building, it is designated in the Agreement that they are responsible for the up keep and maintenance of the Building. The Board will need to give direction for staff on this matter. Options are: 1) Modify the agreement placing the responsibility for future repairs to the structure of the building on the County; 2) Vote to make this repair outside of the current agreement leaving the agreement intact; 3) Notify Ruth’s Cottage they are responsible for the repair per the current agreement.

**K. Bids for two (2) trucks for the Road Department:** Jason Jordan advised the Board that the Road Department is in bad need of two new work trucks. He stated that the ones they are operating now are in very bad shape and has assessed the vehicles at the Road Department and at the September meeting he will be bring a list of a few vehicles that he will be asking the Board to consider surplus and put on GovDeals.com for sale. He has solicited bids from three vendors and it is staff recommendation to accept the low bid from Griffin Ford in Tifton in the amount of \$21,744 each.

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

**County Manager Comments:**

- Advised that he received two documents from the City of Tifton of which he provided copies to the Board to review. One addresses increasing rates for Solid Waste/Garbage and the other is a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract negotiations with ESG Operations for operation, maintenance and management of its water wells and wastewater treatment facilities. He advised the Board that this Resolution has not gone before the water committee comprised of City and County officials. He will be bringing more on this before the Board once he meets with the City Manager
- The County Attorney gave an update on LOST Negotiations stating our staff has continued to work and gather data. We are continuing to move forward and plan to get the meetings underway hopefully next week

**Commissioners Comments:** None

**Executive Session:** None

Vice Chairman Setters adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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Commissioner Sherry Miley, District 4

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

ATTEST:

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

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County Clerk 8/7/2012

