

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, August 13, 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 Commissioners Donnie Hester, Melissa Chevers, Sherry Miley and Mike Jones. Commissioner Buck Rigdon was unable to attend the meeting and Vice Chairman Robert Setters was on vacation.

Chairman Thompson asked Craig Sowell to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

**These minutes reflect the Chairman's vote due to two Commissioners being absent.**

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of July 10, 2012 Workshop Session; July 16, 2012 Regular Session, July 16, 2012, Executive Session Minutes and July 23, 2012 Called meeting was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. TC-TA-12-01: Proposed Text Amendment of the Tift County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and the Tift County Unified Development Code (UDC):** In the absence of Carl Fortson, Wendell Lupo was present to answer or clarify any questions the Board may have on the proposed amendment to the UDC. Commissioner Miley asked for the designation of the term NC in the zoning classifications and was advised that it was Neighborhood Commercial. Staff present the Text Amendments to the Board with the changes to be deleted were highlighted in green and the wording replacement highlighted in yellow from the sections of the Ordinance that would be amended.

Jennifer Herzog, County Attorney opened the Public Hearing calling attention to the postings on the wall for the Standard of Exercise of Zoning Powers and Conflict of Interest. No one declared a Conflict of Interest.

The Chairman asked for comments for or against the Proposed Text Amendment. There were no public comments and the Attorney closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to approve and adopt TC-TA-12-01 Text Amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and the Tift County Unified Development Code (UDC), seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**B. Motion authorizing the purchase of a 2012 ford F150 for Code Enforcement from the low bidder, Sunbelt Ford in the amount of \$21,610.92**

**C. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the EMA Performance Partnership Award Grant funded by the Department of Homeland Security in the match amount of \$28,771 for FY 2012**

**D. Motion awarding the shade structure for the E. B. Hamilton Football Bleachers to the low bidder, Bliss Products in the amount of \$57,125**

**E. Motion approving staff to have the timber cut at the location site of the new Public Works Facility to thin the existing stand of pines at the Road Department property**

**F. Motion awarding the Signage and Striping bid to the low bidder, Mid State Striping in**

**the amount of \$92,303.75 to be funded through the GDOT Grant**

**H. Motion approving the Wine License and Liquor by the Drink License to the Wing Master located at 2717 Hwy 41 South**

**Motion approving the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**G. Hospital Authority Re-appointment:** Three names have been submitted from the Hospital Authority per the Agreement for the appointments or re-appointments to this Board. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Hester nominated Dr. Joel Johnson. There were no other nominations and the Chairman closed the nominations. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to re-appoint Dr. Joel Johnson to serve for another five (5) year term on the Hospital Authority, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

**I. Beer Application for Chip Rainey for Heritage Golf Course in Chula:** The County Clerk advised that the Sheriff's Department is has verbally indicated that the application has checked out fine however due to the Sheriff being out we have not been able to get his final approval and signature. The County Clerk advised that if the Board so chooses they can approve the application pending the Sheriff's signature of approval and she will advise the Board when it has been received from him and issue the license. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to approve the Beer License for Heritage Golf Course near Chula pending final approval from the Sheriff, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**J. Review of Lease Agreement with Ruth's Cottage:** The County Manager went over the options on the roof repair and/or replacement for Ruth's Cottage and asked for direction from the Board. He advised that the maintenance staff will look at the roof and schedule a roofer to look at the building if this is what the Board chooses. It could just be a simple fix with minor repairs however if the roof requires a total replacement, staff will notify ACCG Insurance and file a claim. Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to go outside the present agreement with Ruth Cottage and have the repairs/replacement of the roof on the building, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**K. Bids for the purchase of two (2) trucks for the Road Department:** Jason Jordan again gave the bids from three vendors with a staff recommendation to accept the low bid from Griffin Ford. Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to accept the low bid from Griffin Ford in the amount of \$21,744 each for the purchase of two F-250 crew cab work trucks for the Road Department, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Manager Items:** Mr. Carter asked Jason Jordan and Jason Jones to give the Board an update on the heavy rainfall we had last week. Both stated that the EMA and the Road Department were all out at work taking care of this early on and helping the community through this situation. They stated that all Departments were on site to do whatever it took to help with the roads, the flooding and any citizens that need assistance. Jason Jones reported that the Small Business Administration will be here later this week and will be setting up a site at the Baldwin Pool Facility to offer assistance as they will be able to offer low interest loans to eligible businesses and homeowners affected with flooding. We did not meet the threshold amount to receive FEMA assistance. Jason Jordan stated that we had three major crossing cut into but most of the repairs are already complete or underway. He stated that the last bridge on Ferry Lake Road before leaving Tift County received some major damage, it has been patched at this time and it is passable but it is in need of serious repair. Jason Jones advised that on September 8, 2012, there will be an Emergency Preparedness Fair from 10 AM to 2PM with around 30 Vendor participating including the National Weather Channel and there will be more details to follow.

**Commissioners Items:**

**Commissioner Miley** stated that although there are no written rules, she said "proto call" was broken at this meeting. It has always been a given or a courtesy that Commissioners make motions on an issue that is in their District and tonight another Commissioner made a motion on an issue in her District, she takes offense to it however, she can live with it.

Commissioner Chevers reported that One Street at a Time Clean up will be this Saturday and will be in Commissioner Hester's District in the Beulah Hill Area from 8 AM to 12 Noon and would like all that could and would to come join them.

Marianne Hill was present and the Chairman recognized her. She teaches a Real Estate Class and had three of her students with her and introduced them to the Board. Attending a governmental meeting is a part of the curriculum for the class.

**Executive Session:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Real Estate discussion, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close the Executive Session was made by Commissioner Miley, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

\_\_\_\_\_absent\_\_\_\_\_  
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, Dist. 4

\_\_\_\_\_absent\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk  
8/13/2012