

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, September 10, 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 Donnie Hester, Melissa Chevers, Sherry Miley and Mike Jones.

Chairman Thompson asked Commissioner Hester to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of August 7, 2012 Workshop Session; August 13, 2012 Regular Session, and August 13, 2012 Executive Session Minutes meeting was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers . Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Surplus Vehicles at the Road Department: Jason Jordan asked for direction from the Board to surplus three vehicles in the Road Department that are not feasible for repairs and are no longer use to the department. They are a 1999, F-150, 1993 F-250 and a 1986 Chevrolet C30 Flat Bed. They would be disposed of in the normal procedure used by the County which is placing them on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Miley asked if the VIN numbers were posted on GovDeals.com when they are put on there for sale and Jason advised that they were. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Setters to surplus the three vehicles recommended by staff, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Recommendation to extend Mid-State Striping Contract for other Roads in Tift County: Jason Jordan advised that there are several roads in the County that are in bad need of restriping that does not meet the speed limit criteria to be place on the DOT Signage and Striping Contract. For safety purposes he has provided the Board with a list of addition roads amounting to 20.55 miles and asked the Board's consideration to extend Mid-State's Contract to have these roads stripped. He also advised that Mid-State has agreed to stripe the addition roads at the same DOT Contract price. The amount to stripe the additional roads is approximately \$30,000 and can be paid for with SPLOST IV funds. Motion to extend Mid-State Striping Contract to include the additional 20.55 miles of roads was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Beer License for Doc's Food Mart on GA Hwy 125 South: The County Clerk reported that this application has been properly processed and comes with an approval from the Sheriff. Motion to approve the Beer License for Doc's Food Mart was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointment to the Region Four Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Board: The County Clerk and Commissioner Chevers has been working on names for consideration of appointment to this Board. The County Clerk has spoken with Amanda Hall from Behavioral Health here in Tifton and she asked to be given a couple of days to make some contacts. She will check to see if the County Clerk would meet the criteria to serve on this Board and will report back. The County Clerk recommended tabling this issue for 30 days until some names and applications can be received for the Board's review and consideration. Motion to table for 30 days was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Recommendation from SDCC for Proposed Rate Increase Structure for Garbage Collection: The County Manager advised per our Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tifton, this issue has been brought before the SDCC Committee with a recommendation to approve the proposed increase in Solid Waste Collection cost. Motion to approve the recommended increase in Solid Waste Collection structure was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner

Chevers. Motion carried with by a 5 to 1 vote. Commissioner Miley voted against the motion.

F. Contract for Inmate Medical Care: The County Manager advised the Board by law that the Sheriff has the authority to enter into contracts without bringing the issue before the Board of Commissioners as long as it is within the budget that was approved for the Sheriff's Department. It is his recommendation that this be removed from the Agenda and sent back to the Sheriff to negotiate the contract for Inmate Medical Care. Attorney Jennifer Herzog also spoke briefly on this matter citing case law from a Supreme Court ruling. Motion to remove the item of a Contract from Inmate Medical Care from the Agenda and send it back to the Sheriff for the negotiations was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Items:

- Gave a report on the Emergency Preparedness Fair that was held at the Recreation Department on Saturday and said the attendance was unbelievable. He thanked Jason Jones and Vickie Hickman for their efforts in putting this together and State Officials that were there stated that this was the best that has been held in the State.
- Jason Jordan updated the Board on the Road Department and gave a handout of a new procedure that has been put in place for handling work orders. Every call is logged with the person's name, road and problems, when the work order has been completed it is noted in the computer on the spread sheets and this will be kept daily. The Board will get a copy monthly for their review. He asked the Commissioners that when they get call from someone in their District instead of them referring the caller to his number that they refer them to the main line at the Road Department so that the call and information can be recorded.

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Miley stated that she had spoken from someone in Commissioner Hester's District concerning the water backing up at McInnis Mill Subdivision and wanted to make him aware of it and if he wanted to get with Jason and set up a time she would be glad to go with them and show them where there are concerns.

Commissioner Hester advised that he is aware of the problems with the water back up issue at McInnis Mill and he will contact Jason and get with him on the issues.

Commissioner Jones stated that just as a follow up about the New River Canal issue that Mr. Abbott spoke with them about at the last meeting. The County Manager advised that he has that on his list to work on tomorrow. He is going to talk to the Army Corp of Engineers and the EPD to see if there is a solution to this issue, what needs to be done and who needs to be responsible. Jason Jordan advised that he has spoken with the Army Corp of Engineers and the EPA and has been told that the creek that runs through there is New River and it is private property. If anybody submits a plan to go in and clean out the creek it has to be the landowners and they have to hire an engineer to submit a plan of what they plan to do to open up that channel to the Corp of Engineers and if it is approved by them then it goes to the EPA and if it is approved by them it then comes to the local issuing authority for approval. Once this process is complete if the County choses to contract with them to clean it out that is the County's choice but generally they would hire a contractor to go in and clean it out. Representatives and Legislators have been asked to meet with us about the bridge on Hwy 319 to try to make that space wider so water can get out of there but will that solve all the problems, the answer is no. When you get that amount of rain in that amount of time and the creek is already full you cannot plan for that type of situation. We will continue working on it and give the Board a clean and concise answer.

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

Commissioner Sherry Miley, Dist. 4

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

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
9/10/2012