

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 (5:30 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, December 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 Vice Chairman Setters to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of November 6, 2012 Workshop Session; November 12, 2012 Regular Session, was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

PUBLIC HEARING: 5:30 PM

Short Term Work Program Update – Joint Public Hearing

Chairman Thompson opened the scheduled Public Hearing

Present for Tift County: Robert Setters, Chairman Thompson, and Buck Rigdon

Present for the City of Tifton: Julie Smith

City of Ty Ty and Omega had no representation

The County Manager advised that this is a standard procedure which is a requirement for updating the Tift County Comprehensive Plan. The southern Georgia Regional Commission has worked with staff from each agency and prepared the Draft copy of the Short Term Work Program to review. A Resolution will need to be adopted by each Agency to be sent to the Department of Community Affairs for the update to be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no public comment and the Chairman closed the Public Hearing.

ADDITION TO AGENDA:

Amend Agreement with the City of Tifton for EMA (E)

Motion to add Agreement with the City of Tifton for EMA to the Agenda under the letter "E" was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopt Resolution for the update to the Tift County Comprehensive Plan to include the Short Term Work Program Update (F)

Motion to add Adopt Resolution for the Short Term Work Program to the Agenda under the letter "F" was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Award Bid for Sanitary Sewer Improvements for T C Gordon Road and Palmetta Road:

The County Manager advised that the project had been properly advertised and bids were opened on October 23, 2012. Recommendation from staff and Watkins and Associates is to award the bid to Little River Contractors in the base bid amount of \$119,170. This project is to be funded through a CDBG Grant. Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to award the bid for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements for T C Gordon and Palmetta Road to Little River Contractors in the amount of \$119,170, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Surplus of Computer Equipment: Staff recommends the approval to surplus computer workstations, monitors and printers that have been taken out of service and allow the proper disposal of the equipment with CTV of Moultrie. Motion to surplus and allow the disposal of the equipment with CTV of Moultrie was made by Commissioner Miley, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Change dates for January 2013: The County Clerk recommends removing this item from the Agenda because the meetings dates would not fall on the January 1, 2013 Holiday. Motion to remove Item "C" from the Agenda was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Memorandum of Understanding with Extension Office: The County Manager advised that this is the same Memorandum of Understanding that is currently on file, it is just for updating of new signatures. Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers authorizing the Chairman to execute the new memorandum of Understanding with the Extension Office, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Amend Agreement for EMA with the City of Tifton: The County Attorney has reviewed the revised Agreement for EMA with the City of Tifton and the only change in the Agreement is that the City requested an "opt out" item to be added to the Agreement which would allow a 120 day written notice and the City of Tifton may terminate the Agreement during the term or any renewal term thereafter. This would not affect the County in any way. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the new EMA Agreement with the City of Tifton was made by Vice Chairman Setters, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Adopt Resolution for Short Term Work Program: The scheduled Public Hearing was held at 5:30 PM. Motion to adopt the Resolution for Short Term Work Program to be updated in the Tift County Comprehensive Plan was made by Commissioner Miley, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hugh Webb addressed the Board concerning his increased tax bill due to the fact that he did not renew the conservation contract on his property as an oversight. He was looking for tax relief from the Board because he feels as the governing authority they have the power to make the decision. The Board will speak with the County Attorney and took the issue under advisement.

Commissioner Hester asked if a decision had been made on the trash ordeal from the previous meeting. The County Manager has talked with the City Manager and there will be more discussions to come up with a plan. At this time there is no injunction to stop the decision that has been voted on. The next City meeting is Thursday night. The County and City Managers are conducting further meetings to see if they can come to a resolution or a plan to bring back to both government bodies.

Julie Smith, City Councilperson representing District 4 asked to address the Board. She stated she was not here speaking on behalf of the City of Tifton but she is speaking on behalf of the citizens of District 4 and she just wanted to say thank you to the Commissioners for their role in local government and for what they do. She also stated that the Board has her commitment to work together for Tifton and Tift County.

Commissioner Miley agreed with the comments from Ms. Smith that we are all citizens of Tift County and it takes team work. She then asked about the status of a group of citizens that came before the Board at a previous meeting concerning greenspace, bike and golf cart paths and wanted to know if the County was checking into this because she understands that there are some state and federal funds available for this sort of project. The County Manager advised that the grants for greenspace through DOT have diminished for now.

Commissioner Chevers advised that the "Keep em Warm" event has exceeded the goal of 500 coats and she thanks everyone for their support of the project.

Executive Session: Motion was made to go into Executive Session for legal matters by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session and adjourn was made by Commissioner Chevers, seconded by

Commissioner Jones. 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
12/10/2012