

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013 (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, April 2, 2013, 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 Sherry Miley and Commissioners Robert Setters, Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers.

Public Comments: None

Appointments:

1. Allison Segrest/Al Potts, with the GA Forestry Commission addressed the Board giving information on the Forestry Action Plan. Ms. Segrest gave a brief overview of the Forest Action Plan stating that recently the Forestry Commission has developed a strategic plan to ensure sustainable forest. She stated that after a comprehensive statewide assessment of forest resources, stakeholders deemed 8 major threats affect forest land including: 1. Water Quality and Quantity; 2. Urbanization; 3. Forest Health; 4. Biodiversity; 5. Air Quality; 6. Fire Management; 7. Fragmentation and Parcelization; and 8. Economics and Changing Markets. She briefly touched on each of the above and gave a CD for the Commissioner's to review at their convenience. She handed out a packet containing all the information as well as brochures on debris burning and prescribed burning. She also encouraged everyone to use their website which is gatrees.org for further and more detailed information.

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on April 8, 2013:

A. Assistance to Firefighter (FEMA) Grant Matching Fund Request: Fire Chief Michael Coleman was present to make this presentation to the Board and to answer any questions. This grant is for the purchase of firefighter equipment which will be specific to Air Tanks. The local share of the grant is \$46,680 and since the City and county have an Interlocal Agreement for fire services, the County's portion would be half of this amount which is \$23,340. The total grant we anticipate to receive is \$466,800 for the purchase of this equipment.

B. Appointment to the Athletic Advisory Committee: Craig Sowell advised that it is the recommendation of the Athletic Advisory Committee to request the Board appoint Tim McRae to a seat that has been recently vacated by the resignation of Raymond Teal. This appointment will be to fill Raymond Teal's unexpired term until May 2014.

C. Safety Discount Verification Forms: The County Clerk advised that the County is in compliance with the safety criteria required by ACCG that enables us to annually receive a 5% discount on property and liability insurance and 7.5% discount on Worker's Comp premiums. The Chairman will need to be authorized to sign the Verification Form required by ACCG.

D. Bids for LMIG Resurfacing Projects: Jason Jordan advised the Board that the annual LMIG resurfacing projects through the Department of Transportation have been properly advised and bids will be opened on April 4th. At the Regular Meeting on Monday night he will be presenting the bids with a recommendation of award from the County Engineer and staff. The project consists of resurfacing approximately 8 miles within the City of Tifton and Tift County.

E. Purchase of 2 Trucks for Building and Grounds: The County Manager told the Board that the two trucks with in the Building & Grounds Department are ending their useful life and are beginning to incur significant repair bills; they are a 1994 and 1996 model. Staff has solicited bids from the local dealerships in town. Bids were received: Griffin (Ford) \$35,254 for (2); Jones Chrysler (Dodge) \$43,400 for (2); and Dale Fender (GMC) \$39,118 for (2). Staff recommends purchasing the vehicles from Griffin Ford in the low bid.

F. Roof Bids for Law Enforcement Center and Administration Complex: The County Manager advised the Board of several buildings with roof leaks. Staff has properly advertised for the repair and or replacement of roofs for the Sheriff's Office, Jail Complex, the Administration Building and the Board of Elections Building. Bids were opened on April 1, 2013. Staff recommends the Board award the roof replacement job to Hall Contractors who is the low bid totaling an amount of \$418,509 which will be funded from SPLOST III. The Administration Building, the Board of Elections Building, Juvenile Court Building and Code Enforcement Building will all be re-roofed with Architectural Shingles as is on the buildings now. The Tift County Law Enforcement Center will be 60 mill PVC Roof. Some Commissioners had a few questions and wanted to know the warranty of the PVC Roof. The County Manager advised that he would have representatives from Hall Contractors at the meeting on Monday night to answer any questions the Board may have concerning the PVC

roofing, the material, the mechanics of how it is put down and with warranty information.

G. Resolution between Tift County Development Authority and Tift County to help fund Road Repair

Project: Jason Jordan advised the Board that the Development Authority has agreed to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the County to reclaim and resurface Southwell Boulevard and Oakridge Church Road through the Industrial Park. The Agreement has been drawn up and has been executed by the Development Authority. The total cost for the road repair project is estimated by the County at \$1,129,507. The Authority agrees to pay the sum equal to 52% of the project cost or \$590,485, whichever is less. The funding can be used from SPLOST IV monies.

Executive Session: None

Commissioner’s Comments:

Commissioner Setters advised the Board that he would not be present at the Regular Meeting on Monday night due to having to be out of town with his regular job. He apologies in advance but stated that he is in agreement with all the items on the Agenda and recommendations from staff.

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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

ATTEST:

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

County Clerk 4/2/2013