

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, April 1, 2014 (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 1, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Miley and Commissioners Robert Setters, Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

Public Comments:

Bill Murphree with Flint Equipment Company was present and briefly addressed the Board inviting them to their dinner outing in Savannah during the ACCG Annual Conference.

Appointments: None

Public Hearings:

A. TC-ZA-14-01: Application by Triest Ag Group and Wolfpack Properties, Stephen Rakestraw, Agent request to rezone 18.05 acres and 1.576 acres located on West Golden Road from AG (Agriculture) to WLI (Wholesale Light Industrial) for the proposed construction of a shop building for equipment storage. Subject property is Tift County Tax Map 047 parcel 084, T-022 Parcels 006 & 007: Julia Shewchuk was present and read the rezoning request and gave the staff recommendation. It went before the Planning Commission on March 13, 2014 and comes with the County with an approval recommendation. Staff has reviewed the application and finds that it is in compliance with the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Powers with several conditions: 1) Preserve a minimum 100' vegetative buffer along the western boundary of Tract 1; 2) Preserve a minimum 100' vegetative buffer along the southern boundary of Tract 1; 3) Install only cutoff style light fixtures on Tract 1, ensuring there is no offsite light spillage; 4) Hours of operation shall be limited to 8 AM to 8 PM. Commissioner Hester stated that he has received several calls concerning this rezoning and was concerned about the noise and the lighting. The County Manager agreed to meet with him and the concerned citizens to look at the situation, explain the 100' buffer to them prior to the scheduled Public Hearing on Monday.

REGULAR AGENDA:

B. Resolution of Support for The Groves Place located at Rainwater & Carpenter Road: Mitchell Davenport was present to address the Board concerning his request. This application is a repeat application from last year which was not funded. All the documents are the same as last year. The application calls for 56 new construction units for seniors at the Groves Place located at Rainwater and Carpenter Roads. This is Phase II of this complex with the requirement age being 55 and older. Some Commissioners had some questions for Mr. Davenport which were answered and he agreed to email some documentation to answer any remaining questions before the Regular Session on Monday.

C. Telephone Maintenance Contract: Al Stephenson advised the Board that the County currently contracts with Coopercraft Communications to renew the maintenance contract for the phone system. It is time for the yearly renewal with no increase in the monthly premium which has been allotted in the budget in the amount of \$610 per month. Staff is very please with Coopercraft Communications as they have provided excellent service and response time for maintenance and repairs.

D. Surplus Vehicles: The County Clerk advised that four Dodge Chargers have been turned in for surplus from the Sheriff's Department. The vehicles are in very bad shape and two of them have bad motors. In the insurance renewal just completed these vehicles have been deleted. Staff request the Board surplus these vehicles to be placed on GovDeals. com to be sold.

E. Beer & Wine License for EZ Trip located at 4468 US Hwy 319 South: The County Clerk advised that there was a problem with the fingerprints and we will need to have this person re-fingerprinted before the application process can be completed. Staff recommends this item to be tabled until the May meeting.

F. Advertising with Cal Duke Publishing/Project with Chamber: the County Manager has discussed this issue with Brian Marlowe from the Chamber. Staff recommends if the Board so chooses to participated in the Book to authorize a 2 page spread in the amount of \$3900 and the County Manager and County Clerk will work with the Chamber for the information to be placed on those two pages and once that has been established staff will bring it back to the Board for final approval.

County Manager Comments: None

Commissioner's Comments: None

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel and Legal, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chevers to close Executive Session and adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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

ATTEST:

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

County Clerk 4/1/2014