

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, July 8, 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, July 8, 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 Sherry Miley and Commissioners Robert Setters, Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

**Public Comments:** None

**Appointments:** None

**Public Hearings:**

**A. TC-ZA-14-02: Petition by Sunsweet Estates for a change in zoning on 17.05 acres from PDO (Planned Development Overlay) to R-1 (Residential, Single Family) to develop 7 single family residential lots ranging in size between 1.2 and 2.5 acres. The property is comprised of portions of parcels 027-19 and 027-19E, located at the northeast corner of Club View Drive and U S Highway 41:** Todd Miller was present to give the staff recommendation. This request also went before the Planning and Zoning Board however there was not a quorum present and no action was taken. Staff has reviewed the petition and found that it is in compliance with the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Powers and recommends approval.

**Items to be discussed for Regular Session, July 14, 2014**

**B. TC-FSD-14-01: Petition by Sunsweet Estates for the subdivision of 17.05 acres of land into 7 single family residential lots ranging in size between 1.4 and 4.3 acres on property located at the northeast corner of Club View Drive and U S Highway 41:** Todd Miller was present to give the staff recommendation. This request also went before the Planning and Zoning Board however there was not a quorum present and no action was taken. Staff has reviewed the request and found that it meets all the requirements and recommends approval based on the approval of the rezoning request.

**C. Appointment and Re-appointments to the Animal Control Dangerous Dog Board:** Regenia Wells, Animal Control Director advised that the terms of the current Dangerous Dog Board are expiring and she has made contact with each of them and they have expressed a desire to continue serving. Also she has spoken with Jimmy Taylor who was previously on the Board and he would like to be appointed to the Board again. An application was included in the Board's packet for review.

**D. Alternate Bid Selection of Dump Truck Lease:** The County Attorney gave the facts and explanation of why this item is back on the agenda. At the May meeting the Board approved a 5 year lease with Transpower Inc. for 5 dump trucks. He has worked first with Transpower directly then their financing agent in an attempt to obtain a lease agreement that reflects the original offer. It has been determined that reaching a contractual agreement will not be possible. There can be no clean deal with Mack trucks and their financing mechanism. He recommends the approval of the purchase of 5 dump trucks from the next low bidder which is Yancey Trucks which also met our specifications on the trucks. We need to get these vehicles ordered. They are 16 weeks out on a delivery date at this time. We are accustomed to lease through Yancey leases therefore this will not create a problem. The County Attorney also reminded the Board that at the Regular Meeting they will need to rescind the previous motion to purchase the dump trucks from Transpower.

**E. Award bid of CDBG Project for Robert Oliver Road & Sutton Circle:** Jason Jordan advised the Board that this project has been properly advertised and sealed bids will be opened on July 10 at 11 AM. Staff will get the bid results with a recommendation from the County Engineer available prior to the Regular Meeting on Monday and request that the Board award the bid at that time.

**F. Award bid for Jordan Road/Project between Tift County, DOT and the Development Authority:** Jason Jordan advised that this project has been properly advertised and that bids will be opened on July 10. Staff will get the bid results with a recommendation from the County Engineer available prior to the Regular Meeting on Monday and request that the Board award the bid at that time.

**G. GEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant/Response & Recovery:** Jason Jones gave the explanation of the grant and the requirements. The grant application is being completed for the purchase of furniture for the new Emergency Operations Center. The grant is for \$10,000 and requires a 25% local match. Staff request approval to apply for the grant.

**H. GEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant/Planning & Preparedness:** Jason Jones gave the explanation of the grant and the requirements. This grant will assist staff to conduct an interoperable communications exercise for public safety personnel in Tift County. The grant is for \$2,500 and requires a

25% local match. Staff request approval to apply for the grant.

**I. Tift County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant:** Jason Jones gave the explanation of the grant stating that Tift County is required to have an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to qualify for federal funds in the event of a disaster and the Plan must be updated every 5 years. This is a \$10,000 grant and requires at 25% local match. Staff recommends approval to apply for the grant and move through the process to take advantage of the funding.

**J. Tift County Debris Management Plan:** Jason Jones advised the Board that Tift County needs to have a comprehensive debris management plan adopted to provide for the disposition of debris following a disaster. The proposed plan outlines how we respond to debris piles and etc. in the event of a disaster such as severe storms. It is important to have this plan in place no matter how bad it is if we want to participate in Federal dollars from a disaster. The contract with the vendor for cleanup will already be bid so that work could start immediately after such a disaster.

**K. Appointments to the Athletic Advisory Committee:** Craig Sowell advised the Board that some Board members terms have expired and some are about to expire. A list of the Board members have been provided for the Board’s review and it is the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to re-appoint those Board members whose terms have expired and those about to expires. We have no other Board Applications on file at this time. Each member has been contacted and each expressed a desire to continue serving.

**County Manager Comments:**

Mr. Carter yielded time to the County Attorney to discuss the Airport: Mr. Rowell stated that Staff has been charged with looking at the Airport to see what can be done to bring some stability to it. We have all been out to look and see what we can do about the manageability of the Airport. Walker Aviation is no longer going to manage it. We are putting together a plan to take over the managements. The County needs to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Airport Authority to take over. We are in the process of putting it all together and will be bringing it before the Board at the next meeting. The Airport Authority will still manage any special Projects such as runway extension, etc. Walker provided maintenance for aircrafts at the airport and they have asked that they be permitted to continue running that aspect of it which would be completely separate from the management of the Airport. This can be accomplished through a lease with them. The Development Authority and the City of Tifton has committed funds toward the Airport Management. There will be some equipment that the County will need to purchase from Walker for the managing of the Airport in order for us to do the management. We think the Airport will cash flow itself.

**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 Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman Sherry Miley, District 4

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

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Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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

ATTEST:

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

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County Clerk 7/8/2014