

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Administrative Building. Member of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon Stan Stalnaker, and Melissa Hughes.

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

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of December 3, 2014 Workshop Session and December 8, 2014 Regular Session was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: The County Manager advised that there needs to be two items added to the Agenda and requested the Board amend the Agenda to take action on these items under the letters "L" and "M".

Airport Contract for Maintenance of Navigational Equipment

Change Meeting Date of Regular Meeting in February

Motion to amend the January 12, 2014 Meeting Agenda to include these two items under the letters "L" and "M" was mad by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

D. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the renewal Telephone Maintenance Contract with A T & T in the amount of \$470 per month

F. Motion to approve the Alcohol License Application for Teresa Mollineaux for Good Neighbor Grocery located on Whiddon Mill Road

G. Motion to approve the Alcohol License Application for Jeta Patel for Short Stop located at 607 Short Street

I. Motion authorizing staff to advertise for the closing of a portion of Richards Drive

K. Motion approving the Memorandum of Understanding for the County's participation in the Public Private partnership in paving of Hunt Road in the amount of \$125,000 to be funded from SPLOST V

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read was made by Commissioner Stalnaker, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Appointment of County Attorney: Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to appoint Tony Rowell as County Attorney for another year, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointment of County Clerk: Motion was made by Commissioner Hughes to appoint Glynda Hemby as County Clerk for another year, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Appointment of Vice Chairman: Commissioner Setters stated that he would like to make a Motion. This is what the County Attorney had to say at the workshop session last week. Setters stated that it seems to him that the system is sort of convoluted and we have a new Board and believes we would be better off to start fresh and do what was mentioned about going to a one (1) year appointed term by district so his motion was to start with District 1 and work through District 6 and make this a Resolution rather than worry about this every time it's time to appoint the Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rigdon.

Commissioner Hester is not in agreement with this, this is not what is in the minutes and we have not even talked about this. According to what we have now it is his time to be Vice Chair for the next two years. If you are going to change now when it is my turn, just buy me out because I decline to take it for one (1) year when policy wants to be changed overnight. The Chairman stated that he thought everything was settled after the workshop session. After further discussion about the district numbers and seniority, Commissioner Hester stated right is right. The Chairman called for the vote of the motion on the floor. The motion carried 4/2. Commissioner Hester and Hughes voted against the motion.

Commissioner Hester commented that it going to start out just like it used to be, the good ole boys are going to come in, then next time you are going to want to vote and throw this system out. That's what brought about the change in the first place because of a 4/2 vote. District 1 and 2 would never get to be Vice Chairman.

The County Manager stated that with this Resolution starting with District 1, the Vice Chair would be Commissioner Hester. If he declines it then we would have to move to the next District which would be Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Hughes asked at this point to close this discussion and go into Executive Session for continuance.

E. Recreation Open Gym Issues: The County Manager advised the Board that there were some issues that still needed to be discussed among staff and recommends tabling this item for 30 days. Motion to table for 30 days was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Appointment to South GA Community Service Board/Behavioral Health Services: After some discussion of the categories of the people to pick from to make a selection the Board asked staff to contact some folks to see if they could find someone that would be interested in serving. Motion to table for 30 days was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Fees for use of the Neighborhood Community Center: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to adopt the new deposit and rental fees as recommended by staff, which is a deposit of \$300.00 shall be required, Rental Fee for Small Room at a rate of \$50 per hour and for the Large Room at a rate of \$60 per hour with the rental fee including a Building Supervisor fee, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Airport contract for Maintenance of Navigational Equipment: Mike Walker advised the Board that a contract between the Airport Authority and JO-EL Enterprises has been in existence for many years for the maintenance of the Navigational Equipment at the airport that ran calendar year. Staff has drawn up a new contract to cover a period of time from January 2015 through June 2015 so that it will coincide with our fiscal year. The contract rate is \$1000 per month. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to authorize the Chairman to endorse the Contract with JO-EL Enterprises for the maintenance of the Navigational Equipment at the airport as recommended by staff, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Change February Regular Meeting Date: Due to most Commissioners will be in Atlanta for Legislative Conference on the regular schedule February meeting date, staff recommends moving the date of this meeting so that a quorum would be present. Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to change the Regular Meeting date from Monday, February 9 to Thursday, February 12, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Stalnaker. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Comments: None

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

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, Dist. 4

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

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk
1/12/2015