

WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, February 3, 2015 (6:00 P.M.)

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Donnie Hester on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present were Vice Chairman Hester and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Buck Rigdon, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Chairman Grady Thompson was absent due to an unexpected hospital stay.

Vice Chairman Hester asked that we begin this meeting with a word of silent prayers for our Chairman as he has been transferred to a hospital in Thomasville. At the end of the silent time, Craig Sowell offered prayer.

Public Comments: None

Appointments: None

Public Hearings:

A. Road Closure - A Portion of Richards Circle: the County Manager advised that the County Clerk has properly advised for the Public Hearing to close a portion of Richards Drive and it is scheduled for Thursday, February 12th at 6 PM. In the past years there has been floods during moderate to heavy rains and the residents believe began when the city of Tifton ran utility lines under the southeast portion of the road bed necessitating the raising of drainage pipes under the road. The city has been asked to address the problems and when no action was taken residents approached the County about closing the Road. If this portion of the road is declared of no public use the road Right of Way would revert back to the original owners.

Items to be discussed for Regular Session, February 12, 2015

B. Resolution on selection process of Vice Chairman: The County Manager advised that as a result of a vote from the previous meeting, the county Attorney has prepared a Resolution memorializing the process to be followed in selecting a Vice Chairman.

C. Tift Lift Transit System – Adoption of Title VI Plan: The County Manager advised the board the Federal Department of Transportation now mandates all recipients of federal funds adopt and implement a Title VI Plan. It is to assure the DPT that no one utilizing the services of Tift Lift will be discriminated against and that Tift County will comply with the Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, Federal Transit Law.

D. Resolution authorizing submission of a CDBG Grant Application for Drainage & Street Improvements: the County Manager advised that an application must be submitted to DCA for review and funding consideration by the end of March. Plans are seek funding for a CDBG Grant for drainage and street improvements in the Brookvale subdivision located off Tifton-Eldorado Road and the streets to be improved are Pecan Drive, Cox Road, Sherri Lane and Lawson Court.

E. Appointment to Community Service Board – Tabled from Last Meeting: This was tabled from the previous meeting to give the Board some time to think about some to appoint to this seat. Commissioner Stalnaker has shown interest in serving if the Board so choose to make the appointment.

F. Recreation Open Gym Issues: Craig Sowell, Recreation Director advised the Board along with the County Manager the many issue arising at the open gym play during normal business hours. We are to the point that we have had to reexamine our current open Gym Policy and make revisions in order for staff to be able to carry on their normal work duties rather than constantly being interrupted to go handle and issue in the gym about noise and other things. Fights are a major concern along with dunking and abusive language. Staff has put together a plan to help control this in the gyms and have been in contact with Coopercraft for security upgrades at these locations which can be funded through SPLOST. Hours of daily use has been changed and implement easy lobby visitor management system with ID Badges/Cards. The County Manager and Craig went over the entire revamped plan with the Board and requested the Board's consideration for the new hours, and purpose plans in efforts to control things happening in the gyms.

G. Resolution accepting employees of Coroner in Tift County Personnel System: Mike Walker, HR Director advised the Board that OCGA 36-1-21 allows for employees of elected officials to be subject to the civil service system of the County once application is made by the elected official and acceptance is formalized by Resolution of the Board of Commissioners. He has provided a letter of request for this from Tift County Coroner, Josh Hendrix along with the Resolution to be adopted.

H. Resolution accepting employees of Chief Magistrate in Tift County Personnel System: Mike Walker, HR director advised that OCGA 36-1-21 allows for employees of elected officials to be subject to the civil service system of the county one application is made by the elected official and acceptance is formalized by Resolution of the Board of commissioners. He has provided a letter of request for this from Tift County Chief

Magistrate, Mark York along with the Resolution to be adopted.

I. Appointment to the Tift County Hospital Authority: Letter has been received from the Hospital Authority for the Board's consideration to fill the seat of expiring term of Joyce Mims. As is custom the Authority submits three names in order of preference for the Board to make the appointment. The letter has been attached for the Board's review.

County Manager Comments:

Commissioner's Comments: None

Executive Session:

Vice Chairman Hester adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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

ATTEST:

County Clerk 2/3/2015