

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, July 7, 2015 (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 7, 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, Stan Stalnaker and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Buck Rigdon was absent.

Public Comments: None

Appointments: None

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session, July 13, 2015

A. Redundant Fiber EOC Building: Al Stephens advised the Board that Coopercraft has run fiber from the current radio tower building to the new 911/EMA facility. Because this connection is a critical Communication link a second pathway needs to be developed to serve as a backup link should the primary link fail due to natural or manmade disasters. Coopercraft has proposed a completely redundant solution that takes a different pathway between the 2 buildings in the amount of \$26,522. Staff recommends accepting the proposal from Coopercraft given they are the low voltage contractor for the new facility and have installed the primary fiber run and are already familiar with the current fiber layout. This project can be funded from SPLOST V.

B. Appointment to the Board of Tax Assessors: Mr. Jeff Gibbs who serves on the Board of Tax Assessors addressed the Board on this issue. Mr. Wade Clark has tendered his letter of resignation from this Board effective June 30, 2015. There have been two applications sent in for this position who are Frankie Mathis and Lyn Burnette. It is the recommendation of the Board of Assessors to appoint Frankie Mathis to fill the vacate position. Ms. Marianne Hill who also serves on this Board was present and encouraged the Board consideration to appoint Mr. Mathis. They have discussed the required training hours with him and he has agreed to take the 100 hours of education as well as continue the required additional 20 hours per year. Although they told the Board that either candidate would be good on this Board they recommend Mr. Mathis.

C. Motorola Maintenance Agreement: Chad Branch spoke to the Board in the absence of Jason Jones and advised that this is the Annual Maintenance contract for the 911 phone system and the NICE logging recorder. Money has been allotted in the budget to cover the renewal fee of \$23,297.16.

D. Emergency Evacuation Shelter Initiative MOU: Chad Branch advised the Board that in 2012, GEMA provided Tift County with Emergency Shelter supplies to be used during disasters. If the State requests shelters to be open for coastal evacuations they will replace/restore any supplies used. Should Tift County make a decision that supplies are needed for local evacuations, Tift County will replace or restore the used supplies. This is the Memorandum of Understanding that GEMA requires to be on file and the Chairman needs to be authorized to sign.

E. Contract for Misdemeanor Probation Services: The County Manager advised the Board that previous Judge Mims of State Court contracted with Professional court Services Inc. to provide third party probation services for State Court. Judge Benson wished to continue the contractual relationships and has presented a contract for probation services with same. The contract has been reviewed by the County Attorney and Judge Benson has signed the contract and asks that the County have a representative sign the contract acknowledging both the existence of the contract and the third party relationship between the State Court of Tift County and Professional Court Services.

F. Contract for Misdemeanor Probation Services – Superior Court: The County Manager advised the Board that Superior Court of Tift County contracts with Professional Court Services to provide third party probation services for misdemeanor probation services and Judge Reinhardt wishes to continue the contractual relationship. The County Attorney has reviewed the contract and it has been signed by the Judge. The Court asks that the County have a representative sign the contract acknowledging both the existence of the contract and the third party relationship between Superior Court of Tift County and Professional Court Services.

Commissioner's Comments: None

County Manager's Comments:

The County Clerk gave the Board the dates of the Swim Meets to be held at the Tift County Recreation Department Pool which are: District Swim Meet is Saturday, July 11, 2015 beginning at 9 AM and the State Swim Meet is Friday and Saturday, July 17 & 18, 2015 beginning at 9 AM. The Recreation Director would like for any Commissioners that can be present at the beginning of each Swim Meet.

Executive Session:

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

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

Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

ATTEST:

County Clerk 7/7/2015