

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, September 14, 2015 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thompson on Monday, September 14, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Administrative Building. Member of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Donnie Hester and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Buck Rigdon, and Melissa Hughes. Commissioner Stan Stalnaker was away at training.

Commissioner Hughes gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker is present by phone at this meeting. The actions in this meeting reflect his vote via phone.

Minutes: Motion approving the minutes of August 8, 2015 Workshop Session; August 10, 2015 Regular Session and Executive Session was made by Vice Chairman Hester, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Motion to enter into a maintenance agreement with Coopercraft for Video/Security in the amount of \$18,835

C. Motion to proceed with securing Right of Way and have the County Engineering Firm design the unpaved portion of Bowen Road

D. Motion approving the Lease for four (4) new Motorgraders and one (1) new Excavator for five (5) years with a five (5) year full warranty from Yancey Brothers

E. Motion authorizing the yearly GEMA Performance Partnership Agreement for an Emergency Management Performance Grant that requires a 50% match in the amount of \$28,771

G. Motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the Safety Discount Verification Form that allows discount on the County's insurance premiums

H. Motion approving the Contract for Maintenance of Navigation Aids for the Airport with Electronic Enterprises

I. Motion to approve realignment of the entrance to Forest Lakes Subdivision contingent upon receipt of the required Right of Way

J. Motion to approve the Lease Agreement between Tift County, City of Tifton and Golden Environmental for the utilization of the Recycling Plant located on Magnolia Blvd.

K. Motion to approve the dedication and naming of the new 911 Emergency Operations Center as the Captain Raymond B. Merritt, Sr. Public Safety Center

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager was made by Vice Chairman Hester, seconded by Commissioner Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

B. Tift County Board of Elections Consolidation of Precincts: **Requires No Action**

Even though this requires no action by this Board, Vice Chairman Hester stated that he has some

concerns about the consolidation of the Precincts into only one. He has had several calls concerning this. The Board of Elections will be holding a Public Hearing on this on Monday, September 21, 2015 to hear comments on the Consolidation. According to public outcry it could weigh on their decision. The County Attorney was asked if a suite could be filed by the group that is opposing the consolidation. The County Attorney stated that we might have to take a wait and see approach based upon the comments and what comes from the public hearing. A group can challenge the precincts and he believes the Board of Elections is aware of this. The Public Hearing will be held at the UGA Conference Center.

Item F was inadvertently left off the Agenda for the Regular Session. This item was discussed in the Work Shop Session. The County Attorney requested that a motion be made to add this item to the Regular Agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner Rigdon to add Item F, Hospital Authority Appointments to the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Hospital Authority Appointments: There are two seats for consideration. The first is the seat currently held by Jimmy Allen. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Vice Chairman Hester nominated Jimmy Allen. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominating process. Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to re-appoint Jimmy Allen to serve another term on the Hospital Authority, seconded by Vice Chairman Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

The second seat is currently held by Dallas Hunt. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Vice Chairman Hester nominated Dallas Hunt. There were no further nominations and the Chairman closed the nominating process. Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to re-appoint Dallas Hunt to serve another term on the Hospital Authority, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Purchasing Policy: The County Manager stated that this was given to the Board for consideration at the Workshop Session. The County Attorney stated that in drafting this policy the idea was to understand the practical realities of how the County has to do business. It became apparent to him that we have purchases and expenditures that were not budgeted and so forth. State law governs some of the County's purchases and that has been noted in this policy. Commissioner Setters commented that if the Budgeted Capital Expenditures paragraph remains then the Department Heads need to be prepared to list those expenditure items at budget time. Any Leasing Contracts that binds the County must come before the Board for approval. The County Attorney made some recommendations to clarify the policy as it relates to itemized capital items and what is approved in the budget; otherwise it will come before the Board for approval. Commissioner Hughes asked if any capital items had been purchased as of now that exceeded \$50,000. The County Manager stated not to his knowledge. The County Attorney will make the revisions and bring it back before the Board at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to table action on the Purchasing Policy until the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Comments: None

Commissioners Comments:

Vice Chairman Hester told the Board that the GABCO Conference was held in Tifton this past weekend. He wanted to thank the sponsors of the event especially Yancey Brothers. The County Attorney also sponsored the event and was present on Saturday morning. The entire Conference went very well and all had a good time.

Commissioner Stalnaker thanked everyone on the Board and Staff for putting up with conducting business by phone all the time he has been away at school. He looks forward to being back next Friday.

Executive Session: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners Setters seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Hughes, District 2

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
9/14/2015