

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, April 5, 2016 (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, April 5, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present were Vice Chairman Hughes and Commissioners Greg Wood, Buck Rigdon, and Stan Stalnaker. Commissioners Robert Setters and Donnie Hester were absent.

**Resolution Presentation by Sheriff's Department:**

Colonel Larry Taylor addressed the Board on behalf of the Sheriff's Department. He gave a little history of Paul Harvey, well known for many years Radio Announcer, and then read his quote about law officers. He then turned it over the Sheriff Scarbrough who read and presented a Resolution to Deputy Andrew Clayton Gray. The Proclamation was commending Deputy Gray for his assistance to an unresponsive person not breathing while on duty on December 17, 2015. Upon arrival he immediately began administering Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation to provide life support awaiting the EMS arrival. In his efforts the victim was successfully resuscitated and kept the victim alive to be transported to Tift Regional Medical Center. This exceptional service is a credit to the Tift County Sheriff's office and his job performance merits special recognition and praise. Deputy Gray was presented with and authorized to wear the Lifesaving medal citation bar as a permanent accoutrement of his uniform.

**Public Comments:**

Sheriff Scarbrough addressed the Board and thanked the Commissioners for being supportive of the Sheriff's Department and appreciates the working relationship.

**Appointments:**

1. Victoria Hurst with the Tifton/Tift County Library addressed the Board with an increase in budget funding. She gave each Commissioner a handout containing the 2016-2017 Budget Information for the Library and stated that she has been pulling monies from their "Slush fund" for several years to balance their budget but that fund will soon be depleted. She asked for the Board's consideration of a \$5,360 increase for the upcoming budget. Several Library Board members were present for support. The Board stated they would take the request under advisement.

**Public Hearings:**

**A. TC-TA-16-02: Text Amendment application to add Section 4-13 under Section 4, Agricultural Uses in the Use Table to allow Farm Equipment Sales & Service as a matter of right in the Agriculture Zoning District provided this use shall be located on a four lane arterial highway, has minimum 210 feet of lot width and/or road frontage and include ingress/egress.:** Carl Fortson gave the report on the request for the Text Amendment. Ricky Justice who serves on the Zoning Board also was present and discussed the issue with the Board. The County Manager advised that there will be some buffering that will also be required with this item. This comes with an approval from the Planning and Zoning Board. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday night.

**B. TC-ZA-16-03: Petition by Mike Harrison, agent, LaNell Harrison for a change in zoning on 11.642 acres of land from R-1 (Residential, Single Family) zoning to the RR-1 (Rural Single Family Residential) zoning. Property is comprised of a portion of parcel 063-012 and owner and agent reside at 21 Jack Donald Lane which is located on the north side of Omega Eldorado Road east of Fogarty Road:** Carl Fortson gave the staff report and stated that this item came before the Planning and Zoning Board at their regular meeting and was approved. Staff reviewed the petition and determined that it is in compliance with the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Powers. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday night.

**Items to be discussed for Regular Session, April 11, 2016**

**C. FY 2017 Department of Family & Children Services MIL Agreement:** Leigh Jordan gave the staff report stating that each year the County enters into a "Maintenance in Lieu of Rent" Agreement with this department for the building located at 410 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The County pays the maintenance for the building throughout the year and at the end of the year calculates a monthly rental fee for the upcoming year based on the prior year's actual cost to maintain the building. That fee is paid monthly by DFACS.

**D. Capital Defender's Office Lease:** This Entity currently leases office space from the Tift County Board of Commissioners which is occupied by the Tifton Division of the Georgia Capital Defender's Office. The office space is located at 225 Tift Avenue in Building C. In May of 2013 the Board agreed to lease office space to the Capital Defender for one year with an option to extend said lease for 5 consecutive years. The Council has asked that the Board renew the lease for the current fiscal year as well as the upcoming year which begins July

1, 2016. The County receives a monthly rental fee of \$100 from the Public Defender Standards Council and they are requesting that the fee remain the same.

**E. Move \$3,500,000 from General Fund Reserves to SPLOST V:** The County Manager gave the staff report on this item. The Board has duly voted to establish a County funded and operated Fire Department beginning July 1, 2016. The Board also voted in open session to borrow the money necessary to purchase the fire trucks necessary to establish the new department and enable said department to provide fire suppression services at a very high level. It has been determined that the most cost effective method of borrowing money is to borrow from the Tift County Reserve Fund and require the SPLOST V fund to repay the loan as SPLOST dollars are collected. This methodology will also allow other SPOST projects to continue accruing the normal percentages of SPLOST allocated funding per project as revenue is collected. From an audit/accounting standpoint this will show on the books as a Due to General Fund Reserves and a Due from SPLOST V Public Safety. The Board needs to approve this transferred of funds.

**F. Reappointment to the South Georgia Community Service Board:** The County Clerk advised that we have received a letter from the South Georgia Community Services Board with a request to reappoint Charles Majeski to their Board. He has expressed a willingness to continue serving for another 3 year term.

**G. Reappointment to the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging Council:** The County Clerk advised that we have received a letter from the Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging for the appointment to the Tift County Seat on this Council. The current term will expire June 30, 2016. The Clerk currently serves on this Council and presently holds the seat of Vice Chair of the Council. She has expressed a willingness to continue serving if the Board so chooses.

**H. Surplus Vehicle:** The County Clerk advised the need for the Board to surplus an F-150 Truck that was currently being used in Animal Control. The vehicle is in need of a transmission and other maintenance. It has been removed from the insurance and needs to be placed on GovDeals.com.

**Commissioner's Comments:** None

**County Manager's Comments:** None

**Executive Session:** None

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, District 4

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Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

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Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

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absent  
Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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

ATTEST:

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County Clerk 4/5/2016