

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2009 (6:30 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, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Buck Rigdon and Commissioners Melissa Chevers, Robert Setters and Mike Jones.

Public Comments: None

Appointments: None

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on July 13, 2009:

A. Set the Final Millage Rate for Tift County for 2009: Leigh Jordan, Finance Director advised the Board that at a previous meeting the Tentative Millage Rate was set with no increase. The Final Millage rate will need to be authorized by the Board which is 10.39 Countywide and 2.103 in the Special Tax District.

B. Re-appointment of Hospital Authority Board Members: The County Clerk advised that a letter has been received from the Hospital Authority with their request for reappointments to the Hospital Authority. The terms of Jimmy Allen and Dallas Hunt expire on September 30, 2009 and three names have been submitted for each appointment in order of preference. Vice Chairman Buck Rigdon is the Liaison for the Commission to the Hospital Authority and will address this with the Board Monday night prior to making the appointments.

C. ACCG-IRMA Property & Liability Renewal: The County Clerk advised the Board that it is time for the Annual Renewal of the Property and Liability Insurance Renewal. This year there is an increase in premium of about \$18,000 resulting from re-evaluation of all county properties and building which has not been conducted in about 8 years and many of the buildings were valued much lower than today's market. It was also reported that the County has received a \$5,000 Safety Loss Control Credit and this year's premium Dividend Credit is \$37,747. Staff recommends renewal continuing with the \$2500 deductible per occurrence with the total premium of \$305,445 for coverage July 1, 2009 through July 1, 2010. Commissioner Jones questioned whether the Board would like to consider looking at going to a \$5,000 deductible which would decrease the premium by about \$20,000. The County Clerk will run a two year history on the insurance claims and will report back to the Board at the Regular Meeting so the Board can consider this option.

D. Work Agreement with FSA: Jason Jordan advised the Board that a Work Agreement has been prepared by the State to renovate a portion of the Tift County Extension Service to create four (4) offices to accommodate the new soil scientists expected to be housed in this location. The County will provide the labor and will be reimbursed the cost of the project which is estimated at \$25,000. The Chairman will need to be authorized to execute the Work Agreement.

E. Renewal of Motorola Maintenance Contract: Scott Bowers, E-911 Director reported it is time to renew the Motorola Service Agreement for radios and the 911 phone system. The Maintenance Contract cost is 71,500 and is a budgeted item.

F. Authorize chairman to endorse DOT Contract for Goff Street: Jason Jordan advised that the DOT Contract for Goff Street has been received and the Chairman will need to be authorized to endorse the contract. The contract is in the amount of \$350,757 for grading, drainage, base, plant mix surfacing, curb and gutter and a traffic light. The project is estimated to cost \$700 to \$800,000 which also includes paving and resurfacing crossing over Avondale Avenue where the School Bus Shop is located to connect to Lower Brookfield ; the difference will be paid from SPLOST IV funds.

The Board agreed to place items A, D, E and F on the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting.

County Manager Items: The County Manager is on vacation. In his absence, the County Clerk advised the Board of the District Swim Meet to be held in Tifton on Saturday, July 11, 2009 and the Recreation Director would like all that could attend to please do so. The State Swim Meet will be held here on Friday and Saturday, July 24th and 25th.

Mr. Tony McBrayer, 911 Springhill Church Road addressed the Board to thank them for holding the millage rate the same with the economic crunch we all have been facing. He invited everyone to attend the Mell Baptist Association meetings that are held on Monday nights. "Tiftarea Patriots" are concerned about our country. The meetings begin at 7 PM and provide education on the Bill of Rights, the U.S. Constitution and other important documents, provides guidance and focus on issues that are brought before our elected officials and pray for our country.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Chevers reminded everyone that the next One Street at a Time Cleanup is scheduled for July 18, 2009 at 8 o'clock AM. The street to be cleaned up is James Avenue and invited any and all volunteers to please come help. She also reminded everyone that the next scheduled Crime Summit meeting is July 20, 2009 at 6 PM at the Neighborhood Service Center and invited everyone to attend.

Commissioner Setters stated that recently roads that had been closed from the April flooding had been repaired and reopened and commended the Road Department for staying on top of these situations and getting the roads repaired in a timely manner.

Chairman Thompson discussed the front parking lot of the Administration Building. He said that there are white lines with yellow lines overlapping for the designated parking spaces and it is confusing. He would like for the Road Department to check into this, bring a recommendation and cost estimate back to the Board to get the front parking lot re-striped.

Executive Session: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Rigdon to go into Executive Session for legal and personnel, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Fred W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

absent
Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Absent
Commissioner Sherry Miley, District 4

ATTEST:

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

County Clerk