

**SPECIAL CALLED SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Special Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, June 22, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Rigdon and Commissioners Donnie Hester, Sherry Miley, and Robert Setters. Commissioners Melissa Chevers and Mike Jones were out of town.

Chairman Thompson called to order the Special Called Session meeting of the Tift County Board of Commissioners at 6:00 P.M.

All actions taken in this meeting are results of Commissioners' votes with the Chairman not voting except in the case of a tie or a Commissioner is absent which will be stipulated as such.

A. Adopt 2009-2010 Operating Budget for Tift County: The County Manager and the Finance Director advised that no changes had been made to the budget since the required public hearing was held on June 8, 2009. This budget will not require an increase in the tax millage rate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to adopt the 2009-2010 Operating Budget for Tift County by Resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried with 4 affirmative votes.

B. Authorize Chairman to endorse a Memorandum of Understanding to receive 2009 JAG Program (Grant) in the amount of \$13,351 for the Sheriff's Department: Colonel Jason Jones of the Tift County Sheriff's Department advised the Board of the request to endorse a memorandum of Understanding with the City of Tifton to receive funds from the 2009 Byrne Justice Assistance Program Award Grant. The County Manager stated that the federal grants are dispersed through municipalities and the agreement must be signed by both the Commission and the City Council and would solidify the agreement that the county would receive its portion of the grant in the amount of \$13,351. Colonel Jones stated that the funds will be used to purchase equipment that will be used to gather criminal intelligence and for crime suppression for the Drug Squad Unit.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miley authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding for the grant funds, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried with 4 affirmative votes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman, Fred W. Rigdon District 5

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

absent
Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Sherry Miley, Dist. 4

absent
Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk