

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 (6:30 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, January 12, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Donnie Hester, Sherry Miley, Buck Rigdon, Melissa Chevers, Mike Jones and Robert Setters.

Chairman Thompson called to order the Regular Business meeting of the Tift County Board of Commissioners at 6:30 P.M.

Chairman Thompson asked Rev. L. C. Solomon to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

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.

Public Comments:

Ronald Nixon, 2700 South Park Avenue addressed the Board and thanked them for the comments on the water rate equalization; he stated he would be back in March to let Commissioner Hester know if he did a good job. He then addressed the discussion at the Workshop Session dealing with Tift Lift. This is near and dear to him and it is for all Tift County citizens and a service that is needed. He stated the vans are purchased by the Department of Transportation at no cost to the County and he urged the Board to continue the program.

Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Setters approving the minutes of the December 9, 2008 Workshop Session; and December 15, 2008 Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Addition to Agenda:

Move the Regular Meeting in February from Monday, February 9th to Thursday, February 12th due to Commissioners attending Legislative Conference in Atlanta (I)

Motion to amend the Agenda and add moving the Regular Meeting Date under Item I was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

A. TC-SE-08-05: Ty Ty Farm, LLC. James Gibbs, Agent, request approval of a Rural Farm Homestead as a Special Exception at 457 Ty Ty Whiddon Mill Road consisting of 1.45 acres. This request is allowed as a Special Exception according to Section 9-10 of the Tift County Zoning Ordinance in the A-U (Agricultural Use) Zoning district. Property is a portion of the Tift County Tax Pam 005 Parcel 003: Julia Shewchuk gave the staff recommendation stating it comes to the Board with an approval from staff and Planning and Zoning Commission because it meets all the provision of a Special Exception.

The County Attorney opened the Public Hearing.

James Gibbs, spoke in favor of his request. He stated that the family wanted to use the Farm House together and it will stay in the current LLC.

There was no opposition and the County Attorney closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve TC-SE-08-05 request of Ty Ty Farm, LLC, for a Special Exception, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- E. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Resolution for the Tift Lift Grant Application for 2010**
- G. Motion authorizing the renewal of the Contract with Baseball/Softball Academy of South GA**
- H. Motion to endorse the County Resource Agreement request for the use of Mott-Littman Field and Gym for MLK Day Celebration**

Motion approving the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

A. Appointment of County Clerk: Motion to appoint Glynda Hemby as County Clerk was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointment of County Attorney: Motion to appoint Tony Rowell of Hall, Booth, Smith and Slover as County Attorney was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Miley. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointment to Development Authority: The County manager advised that the County Clerk has prepared a ballot for the Constitutional Development Authority and one for the Statutory Development Authority to fill the seat vacated by Bob Reinhardt. He announced the names submitted being Richard B. Golden, Lynn Lovett, Frankie Mathis and Ronald Nixon. The appointment made will fill the unexpired term and serve for four (4) years and reminded the Board that it will require four (4) affirmative votes to make the appointment. By ballot, the Board voted and ballots were reviewed by the County Attorney, County Manager and the County clerk. The County Clerk announced the Board appointed Richard Golden to the Constitutional Development Authority. Ballots were given for the appointment to the Statutory Development Authority. After voting the ballots were reviewed by the County Attorney, the County Manager and the County Clerk. The County Clerk announced the Board appointed Frankie Mathis to the Statutory Development Authority.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester authorizing the County Clerk to destroy the ballots, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution adopting the Revised Solid Waste Management Plan that includes DNR Regulations as required by the Department of Community Affairs: Motion to adopt the Revised Solid Waste Management Transmittal Resolution was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Move the Regular Meeting in February from Monday, February 9th to Thursday, February 12th due to the Commissioners attending Legislative Conference in Atlanta: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to move the Regular Meeting to February 12th, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Items:

- During the budget process the Board approved \$10,000 for a cooler for use by the Coroner when he had a body. Historically the Funeral Homes in Tifton have provided this storage of bodies for Tift County however it has become impractical to continue. Staff is looking at potential locations and are considering a building adjacent to the Health Department and the EMS that once was the maintenance office. We can consolidate some storage with the things that are presently in this building and use this building for the Coroner a Cooler Storage Facility with very little expense. Mr. Carter will keep the Board informed of this issue.
- Reminded the Board of the Chamber Banquet on Thursday, January 15th
- Reminded the Board of the Opening Governmental Ceremony of the MLK Celebration on Friday at 11 AM at the City Hall
- Craig Sowell, Recreation Director presented a letter to the Board concerning a Fundraiser Baseball/Softball Clinic or Tournament for Ira Denny and Thomas Davis. These two young boys were badly injured in a four wheeler accident at the end of December. The Recreation Department would like to request permission to waive the usual and customary fees that would pertain to the use of the facilities for this fundraiser to allow the financial proceeds go to the each boy's families to help with medical expenses. The boys had to be hospitalized for a lengthy stay out of town. The Board was in agreement to waive the customary fees for this purpose and will take an official vote for the record at the February meeting.

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Hester requested an Executive Session for Personnel, Legal and Real Estate.

Commissioner Miley inquired about the vice Chair position stating she thought it was time to rotate. This will be discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to go into Executive Session for Legal, Personnel and Real Estate, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

Vice Chairman Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Frankie Mathis, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Sherry Miley, District 4

Commissioner Fred W. (Buck) Rigdon, Dist. 5

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: _____
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk