

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009 (6:30 p.m.)**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Buck Rigdon on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Vice Chairman Buck Rigdon and Commissioners Robert Setters, Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Sherry Miley and Melissa Chevers. Chairman Grady Thompson was out of town.

Public Comments: None

Appointments:

1. Akhtar (Oscar) Perveez from Eldorado addressed the Board stating that he was in the process of purchasing property from Mr. Jefferson located at Eldorado on U S Hwy 41. He operated a convenient store on the other side of I-75 but because of the changes of the intersection on I-75 he lost that property and his store. The property he is purchasing is currently operated by Mr. Jefferson as a repair shop for appliances and he would like to open up a small grocery store in this location and obtain Beer License but will not sell gas, however the property does not meet the 300 foot requirement of property to sell beer located within that distance of a church and is asking the Board's consideration to waive that requirement since it is only 33 feet from being within the required amount. Mr. Perveez was advised that he should first make the application for the beer license before the Board can act on his request to approve the license.

Public Hearings: None

Items to be discussed for Regular Session on December 14, 2009:

A. Amendment to the Manufactured/Mobile Home Ordinance: Carl Fortson advised the Board that the current Ordinance was adopted on May 14, 1990 and there are several deletions/additions that need to be made in the Ordinance. Staff has reviewed the current Ordinance and the recommendations were given to the Board with the requested deletions highlighted in Yellow and the additions are underlined.

B. Cooperative Agreement between Tift County Recreation Department and Tift County YMCA: Due to the absence of Craig Sowell, Recreation Director, staff is recommending the Board table this matter again until the January 2010 Meeting.

C. Request for Beer & Wine License for Mohammad Irshad for RAJ Food Mart located at 748 Tifton Eldorado Road: The County Clerk advised that the application for this license has been completed, criminal history run and fingerprinted. Sheriff Vowell has approved the application for the license.

D. Request for Beer & Wine License for Glenn Miles for MBC Sports Bar located on Hwy 41 South: The County Clerk advised that the application has been completed; criminal history and fingerprints have been run. Sheriff Vowell has denied the application based on his criminal history of some charges that show no adjudication. Mr. Miles will need to clear his criminal history before the Sheriff will consider approving the application for this alcohol license. Mr. Miles has been notified of this and if he wishes to pursue the license, he will need to clear his record of pending charges and re-apply. The Board will still need to take some action on this request at the Regular Meeting even though the Sheriff has denied the application; the final answer comes from the Board.

County Manager Items:

- Financial Report - Will be presented at Regular Session
- SPLOST Projects Report – Will be presented at Regular Session
- County Clerk reminded and advised the Board of several dates in January that they need to be aware of and put on their calendars. She will keep them update close to the dates of the events and meetings.

Commissioners Comments: None

Executive Session: Motion was made by Commissioner Miley to go into Executive Session for legal and real estate, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

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

_____ absent _____
Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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

Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

Commissioner Sherry Miley, District 4

ATTEST:

Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

County Clerk

