

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 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 Thursday, February 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, Melissa Chevers, Mike Jones and Robert Setters. Vice Chairman Rigdon was absent due to a work conflict.

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

Chairman Thompson asked Commissioner Hester 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:** None

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Commissioner Hester approving the minutes of the January 6, 2009 Workshop Session; and January 12, 2009 Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Hearings:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

- A. Motion authorizing the County Workforce Services Agreement for the Arts in Black Festival**
- B. Motion authorizing the purchase of six (6) fiberglass Tru-Pitch Mounds for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$13,000 to be funded through SPLOST IV funds**
- C. Motion authorizing usual and customary fees for use of the Recreational Facilities for a Fundraiser for the Denny and Thomas Families to help with medical expenses for two four-wheeler accident victims**
- D. Motion approving the FY Lease Addendum between South Georgia Community Service Board and Tift County for the rental building they occupy**
- E. Motion authorizing Professional Court Services to increase their monthly fee to \$40 per offender**
- F. Motion approving Beer & Wine License for Jenish R. Patel for Shanti Food Store located at 4468 U S Hwy 319 South**
- G. Motion approving Beer & Wine License for Ami Shah for Short Stop Store located at 607 Short Street**
- H. Motion approving Beer & Wine License for William Davis for Sonny's Bar-B-Q on Hwy 82 West**
- I. Motion authorizing the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Sheriff's Department**
- J. Motion authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Right of Way Acquisition Contract for the Bridge Replacement on Salem Church Road at Ty Ty Creek**

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**K. Review of Board Appointment process by the County Attorney:** The County Attorney advised the Board that he and staff are continuing to work on an alternate process for the Board to use when making Board appointments and would have something for their consideration at the next meeting. Since Commissioner Rigdon and County Manager Jim Carter was absent at this meeting he stated he felt it would be better to wait until the full Board is present along with all members of

staff.

**Sheriff Vowell** was present along with other staff members to make a presentation and recognize several of his law enforcement officers. The members of the Tift County Sheriff's Traffic Safety and Education Unit recently won State and National awards in the Georgia Governor's Challenge and the International Association of Chiefs of Police National Award. The officers include Sgt. James Partain along with Deputies Mike Purvis, James Lindsey, Chris Strickland and Mark Lyles. Sheriff Vowell introduced each officer and also recognized their wives, some of whom were present and thank the wives for loaning them to us for 12 hours every day. Commissioner Setters stated that the Tift County Sheriff's Department is a Model Department all over the state. Chairman Thompson stated that he is often asked by other counties about the relationship between the county and the Sheriff. Thompson simply states that the success of the county depends on teamwork between all departments and he appreciates the cooperation and work relationship Tift County has with the Sheriff and his entire department.

**County Manager Items:**

- The County Manager is absent due to having the flu. The County Clerk reminded the Board of Arbor Day and an invitation was extended to attend the tree planting ceremony by Keep Tift Beautiful Board on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM

**Commissioners Items:**

Commissioner Chevers thanked the guest in the audience for attending the meeting, two of which were her Aunt and Uncle.

Commissioner Setter stated he is enjoying working with Commissioner Chevers and is glad to have her on the Board.

**Executive Session:** None

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

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman, Fred W. Rigdon District 5

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

\_\_\_\_\_absent\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Sherry Miley, Dist. 4

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk