

**SPECIAL CALLED SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009 (3:30 PM)**

The scheduled Special Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Friday, May 15, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Member of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Donnie Hester, Melissa Chevers, Mike Jones and Robert Setters. Vice Chairman Buck Rigdon and Commissioner Sherry Miley were absent

Chairman Thompson called to order the Special Called Session meeting of the Tift County Board of Commissioners at 3:30 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. Approval to proceed with Federal Highway Projects which are culvert repairs on Tifton-Eldorado Road:** Roger dill addressed this issue with the Board stating a few days ago he was in Atlanta and met with the DOT on the Federal Highway Projects. They have assured him that the money would be here. We have to keep up with all the necessary forms, paperwork, hours of work and etc. to show the cost figures. We need to go ahead and repair the road as it has been closed since the flood and it needs to be opened. Jason Jordan advised that the County had asked Stacy Watkins, Engineer for accurate size. At the area below General Earl's Store, we are going back with the same size of the culvert that is there because it was designed for a hundred year flood event. The one below this was a little shy of the hundred year flood. It is going to require a triple 8 x6, it had a triple 6 x6 and this is what the engineer recommends. Southern Concrete has given us prices to repair them.

Jason reported the estimated amount for this repair from Sonja Thompson, DOT Engineer is \$285,000. Randy Willis with Southern Concrete has given us a price of \$154,922 for the cost of the repair on the one at General Earl's Store which is a turnkey job. He is well within the DOT estimate of the repairs. The cost of the other culvert repair on this same road from Southern Concrete will be \$151,000.

We have one other damaged culvert on Whiddon Mill Road. Our plans are to get the two culverts repaired on Tifton-Eldorado road first and then if there are anymore Federal Funds we will try to get that one repaired. This road is passable at this time.

Staff is looking for approval from the Board to begin work on these two sites. As discussed previously under OCGA laws we got prices under an emergency situation. The work on these two sites will be done simultaneously and should be completed in 6 weeks.

Motion to approve to proceed on the Federal Highway Project for culvert repairs on Tifton-Eldorado Road was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Conveyance of Real Estate Property from the City of Tifton:** The County Attorney gave the brief history on the situation with this particular piece of real estate. When the County surplused the property and the title work was done, it was not a clear title and was discovered the City of Tifton owned part of the property. He has now worked through this and negotiated with the City of Tifton and they have agreed to convey the deed to their portion of the property. The County will need to pay \$8350 to the City to get a clear title and we will then end up with 2 ½ acres. This will straighten out the situation and the County will be able to then produce a clear title to Mr. Copeland who was the high bidder at the time the property was declared surplus by the County.

Motion authorizing payment of \$8350 to the City of Tifton for this real estate was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Chevers. Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:**

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

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

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