

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, August 2, 2005  
6:30 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Charlotte Bedell, Commissioners Donnie Hester, John Huggins, Frankie Mathis, Buck Rigdon and Hugh Webb.

**Appointments:**

1. Sheppard Martin, Environmental Health Intern addressed the Board with an update report on mosquito research and findings and gave recommendations for the future. During Mr. Sheppard's internship in Environmental Health he was asked to prepare a research-backed proposal for the development of a mosquito surveillance program in Tift County. The surveillance was conducted through eight mosquito traps. Captured specimens were identified to determine potential vectors for the mosquito associated diseases in this area. He has found that Branch Creek in Omega is a very highly populated area for mosquitos. He stated that major breeding places are areas of excessive tires, tire lots, dilapidated houses, old cars and drainage ditches not being kept clean. Mr. Sheppard presented the Commissioners with a full written report of the tracing research he performed as well as source reduction, public education including pamphlets, radio advertisements, visits to schools, social events and threatened areas. He gave the Board many sources of recommendations to aid in the mosquito management program.

**Public Hearings scheduled for the August Business Meeting:**

**A. TCZ-05-05 Rezoning Request of Catherine Butler:** The Board previously heard this case but because of some clarification issues, it was referred back to the Planning and Zoning Board. The Planning and Zoning Board has heard this case and has made a recommendation to the Board. The Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:30 PM on August 8, 2005.

**Items to be discussed at the August Business Meeting:**

- B. Award carpet bids for Tax Commissioner's Office
- C. Award paint bids for Tax Commissioner's Office
- D. Authorize the Chairman to endorse Safety Discount and Loss Control Verification Forms
- E. Approve Beer License for Paresh Patel for store located on U. S. Highway 41 South
- F. Appoint Audit Firms for 2005-2006 Fiscal Year
- G. Approve Building Permit Fee Schedule
- H. Chairman needs to appoint two people to the Sign and Landscape Ordinance Committee: Chairman Thompson appointed Bill Park, County Manager and Vice Chairman Charlotte Bedell to this committee.
- I. Chairman needs to appoint two Elected Officials to the Water/Wastewater Coordinating Committee: Chairman Thompson appointed Commissioner Moody Huggins and Buck Rigdon to serve on this committee.
- J. Authorize the Chairman to endorse the DOT contract for Vanceville County Line Road.

The Commissioners agreed for items B, C,D, E, G and J to be placed on the Consent Agenda for the August 8, 2005 Regular Meeting.

**County Manager Items:**

- Handed out Monthly Status Report
- Handed out a Monthly Road Status Report
- Reminded the Board of the Centennial Celebration date of August 17, 2005 in front of the Administration Building and the Concert planned for September 3, 2005

**Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner Huggins requested an updated report on any pending open records request that the County has received. The County Manager advised that they are either in the process of being released or notification has been sent from the County Attorney on each request. Mr. Huggins requested that he and the County Attorney keep in touch with the County Clerk on the status of all open records request.

Chairman Thompson asked each department head that was present to give a brief report of what was going on in their departments. Reporting were Darrell Wiggins, Community Development; Harry Doss, Road Department; Danny Edwards, EMS; Kurt Seigler, County Engineering; Teresa Lupo, Tax Assessor's Office; Mary Ann Eaton, E-911; Regenia Wells, Animal Control; Braxton Driskoll, IT Services; Wen Howell, Department of Sanitation; Wendell Lupo, Code Enforcement. Mr. Park reported that Craig Sowell, Recreation Director was at a Track Meeting and Carl Fortson, Code Enforcement Director was on vacation.

**Public Comments:** None

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, Dist 7

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Vice Chairman Charlotte W. Bedell, Dist 6

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, Dist 1

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Commissioner Frankie Mathis, Dist 2

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Commissioner Hugh Webb, Dist 3

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Commissioner John M. Huggins, Dist 4

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Commissioner Fred W. Rigdon, Dist 5

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
AUGUST 8, 2005 6:30 PM**

**Grady Thompson, Chairman, District 7    Charlotte W. Bedell, Vice Chairman Dist 6  
Donnie Hester, Commissioner, Dist 1    Frankie Mathis, Commissioner, Dist 2  
Hugh Webb, Commissioner, Dist 3        John M. Huggins, Commissioner, Dist 4  
Fred W. Rigdon, Commissioner, Dist 5**

**Bill Park, County Manager    Glynda Hemby, County Clerk  
Rob Reinhardt, County Attorney**

The Regular Business Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Monday, August 8, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room of the Administration Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Charlotte Bedell, and Commissioners Donnie Hester, John Huggins, Frankie Mathis, Buck Rigdon, and Hugh Webb.

Chairman Thompson asked Commissioner Frankie Mathis to give the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

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

**MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Webb approving the minutes of the July 5, 2005 Workshop Session, July 11, 2005 Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell approving the minutes of July 11 and 22, 2005 Public Hearing Meetings, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis approving the July 22, 2005 Special Called Session and July 25, 2005 Joint Session, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. All motions carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. TCZ-05-05 Special Exception Request of Catherine Bulter:** This request is for a Special Exception for a manufactured home in an R-8 zoning district as provided for by Tift County Zoning Ordinance Section 5-2.15 (Land Use). The property is located at 606 Washington Street. This case came before the Board in a previous meeting and was referred back to the Planning and Zoning Board for clarification.

Tift County Hearing Officer, Rob Reinhardt opened the scheduled Public Hearing.

Ms. Catherine Butler of 606 Washington Street spoke in favor of her request and asked for the Board's consideration of approval.

Ms. Addie Jean Tabor of 2707 Cascade Drive spoke against the request stating there would be not entrances and exits for the mobile home to be placed on the requested site.

Carl Fortson, Code Administrator explained to the Board that this request comes to the Board with a recommendation of denial from the Tift County Planning and Zoning Board. He further explained that he had measured the square footage of the principal dwelling and the square footage of the requested secondary home placement does not meet the requirements stated in the Tift County Zoning Ordinance.

There were no other comments.

Mr. Reinhardt closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to deny TCZ-05-05 Special Exception Request of Catherine Butler, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried by a 4 to 2 vote with Commissioners Mathis and Webb voting against the motion.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- B.** Award bid for carpet in the Tax Commissioner's Office to Glynn Hendricks Interiors in the low bid amount of \$5,712.56.
- C.** Award bid for painting the Tax Commissioner's Office to Crumbley Brothers Painting in the low bid amount of \$8,000.
- D.** Authorize Chairman to endorse Safety Discount and Loss Control Verification Forms
- E.** Approve Beer License for Paresh Patel
- G.** Approve the proposed Building Permit Fee Schedule
- J.** Ratify the authorization of the chairman to endorse DOT Contract for Vanceville County Line Road resurfacing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis approving all items listed on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**F. Appoint Auditing Firm for 2005-2006 Fiscal Year:** Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell appointing Mauldin and Jenkins as the County's Auditing Firm for the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried by a 4 to 2 vote. Commissioners Huggins and Hester voted against the motion.

**COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

- Gave the Board Monthly Status Reports
- Advised that the Security System at the Administration Building should be in place within a couple of weeks
- Reminded the Board of Centennial Day, August 17, 2005

**Commissioners Items:**

Commissioner Mathis commended the Road Department for their work in keeping our roads in good shape through all the heavy rains. He stated that he has visited other counties and their roads are in bad shape compared to Tift County's Roads.

Vice Chairman Bedell advised the Board of the opportunity to meet with the City of Tifton complete an application to become a Signature Community. This will be a joint effort and will be applied for through South Georgia Regional Development Center with both the city and the county receiving benefits from it such as being eligible for an additional \$100,000 in LARP funding. She stated a resolution of support needs to be approved by the Board to send with the application. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell to join with the City of Tifton to make this application through the RDC for Signature Community Status, second by Commissioner Huggins. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman appointed Vice Chairman Bedell to serve on the Task Force Committee to carry out the necessary procedures of the Signature Community application.

Vice Chairman Bedell commended the Chairman and County Manager for inviting the department heads to come to the Workshop Meetings and each giving a report on their respective departments. She would like to see this continued.

Vice Chairman Bedell encouraged the Commissioners to complete the Election Survey sent out by ACCG. The Chairman has been appointed by the President of ACCG to serve on this committee statewide.

Vice Chairman Bedell commented on the reports distributed to the Board on what the Tifton/Tift County Library is doing. Commissioner Mathis asked Mr. Park to report on the request of the Recreation Building that was made from the Library. Mr. Park stated that it has been looked at and we would need to purchase a floor covering for the gym and a partition. The outline of the cost has been sent to Ms. Sara Paulk, Librarian, and she will be presenting it to the Library Board. We will be waiting to hear back from them.

Commissioner Huggins commended the Road Department on the mosquito spraying.

**Public Comments**

Ms. Maggie Copeland of 2918 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue addressed the Board with some problems in her neighborhood. She solicited the Board's help in getting the Sheriff's Department to aid them in the bad drug problem in this area of the County. She stated there are problems with old and dilapidated houses being used by the homeless and the drug folks as well as several other unsafe and dangerous problems.

**Executive Session:** Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to go into Executive Session under OCGA 50-14-3(6) to discuss a personnel matter seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to close Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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John M. Huggins, Commissioner

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Fred W. (Buck) Rigdon Commissioner

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County Clerk

TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION  
AUGUST 23, 2005 12 Noon

Grady Thompson, Chairman, District 7 Charlotte W. Bedell, Vice Chairman Dist 6  
Donnie Hester, Commissioner, Dist 1 Frankie Mathis, Commissioner, Dist 2  
Hugh Webb, Commissioner, Dist 3 John M. Huggins, Commissioner, Dist 4  
Fred W. Rigdon, Commissioner, Dist 5

Bill Park, County Manager Glynda Hemby, County Clerk  
Rob Reinhardt, County Attorney

The Special Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson.

Business Items:

- A. **Carpenter & Rigdon/Aultman Road DOT Contract:** Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell authorizing the Chairman to endorse the DOT Contract for Carpenter & Rigdon/Aultman Roads, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.
- B. **Certificate of Ownership for Eldorado-Omega and Worth County Line Roads:** Motion was made by Commissioner Webb authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Certificate of Ownership and Agreement from DOT on Eldorado-Omega and Worth County Line Roads, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.
- C. **Right of Way Certification on Cromer Road at Whiddons Mill Creek:** Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell authorizing the Chairman to endorse the right of way certification from DOT on Cromer Road, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

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Grady Thompson, Chairman

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Donnie Hester, Commissioners

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Frankie Mathis, Commissioner

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Hugh Webb, Commissioner

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John M. Huggins, Commissioner

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