

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006
6:30 P.M.**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, 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. Ed Moore, Forestry Consultant, was present to give his recommendation to the Board on the sale of timber at the Road Department. Mr. Moore recommends clear cutting the mature timber and replant and thinning the pulpwood in the planted pine areas by taking down every fourth row. No timber is to be cut in the designated buffer zones. The Board agreed with Mr. Moore's recommendations and asked that this item be added to the Regular Agenda for action.
2. Cindy Evers with the PattiCake House was present to give a brief report on the programs for Ruth's Cottage and the PattiCake House and to discuss budget requests. Mike Walker, Investigator with the Sheriff's Department, also spoke with the Board on the role these two agencies play from the investigations aspects stating they have a very positive impact on the investigations. Ms. Evers presented the Board with a booklet of pictures of the PattiCake House Facility.
3. Sheriff Vowell and Staff members were present to discuss the operations of the Sheriff's Department. Captain Jason Jones gave a power point presentation of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 dealing with Organizational Components, Patrol Divisions and Statistics, Investigations, Crimes, Jail Statistics, Detention, Support Services, Significant Events, Current Operations and Goals. Sheriff Vowell introduced Captain Jerry Lipsey who serves as the Jail Administrator and Captain Larry Taylor who is in charge of the day to day operations of the Patrol Units as well as Captain Jason Jones who gave the presentation.
4. Greg Millotte, Executive Director of CASA addressed the Board with budget requests for this agency. He discussed the five percent fine monies collected which are designated to the victim assistance programs. CASA serves all four counties in the circuit. They presently have twenty four volunteers. He gave three main reasons that this agency should be considered for funding from these fines: 1) They are one of the few agencies eligible to receive the funds; 2) Saving the tax payers dollars by the collection of the fines money to fund these agencies; and 3) the foster children are worthy of our support. They are seeking \$25,000 of funding in order to hire another staff person to train, recruit and supervise more volunteers. They have also asked for funding from the other circuit counties which is \$15,000 from Worth and \$5,000 each from Irwin and Turner. The Board will take this request under advisement.
5. Bill Park, County Manager gave a power point presentation of the proposed 2006-2007 Budget.
6. (Addition): Commissioners Mathis and Hester spoke on behalf of a group of Pastors in South Tifton inquiring about the procedure it would take for them to have use of Mott-Littman Gym for a few weekends during the summer for the youth to have organized events to keep them off the streets. They are requesting use of the gym and ball fields for June 30 and July 1, 2006 and then maybe every second and fourth weekend. Later, if they see it will have a positive impact in keeping the kids off the streets in an organized setting, enter into a longer term agreement. Commissioner Hester stated that this group

would be able to take care of the charge for the lighting. The County Manager advised the Board that we now have a policy in place that will accommodate this request. The Board instructed Mr. Park to get with Commissioners Mathis and Hester and Craig Sowell, Recreation Director and take care of this request.

Public Hearings scheduled for Regular Session on June 12, 2006 at 6:30 PM

- A. **ZA 06-14** Don Copeland requests a zoning text amendment to permit Amusement/Recreation Activities by Special Exception in an Agricultural (AU) zoning district. Mr. Mendenhall advised that this comes to the Board with staff approval but there was not a quorum present at the Planning and Zoning meeting therefore is being presented as a denial from that Board.
- B. **SUP 06-5** Pending the approval of the text amendment requests, Mr. Copeland requests a Special Exception for the establishment of an All Terrain Vehicle [ATV] Course on Copeland Road. Mr. Mendenhall advised that this comes to the Board with staff approval but there was not a quorum present at the Planning and Zoning meeting therefore is being presented as a denial from that Board.
- C. **ZA06-15** Leon Barnes requests the rezoning of a 50,000 square feet of property that is currently zoned Agricultural (AU) to Community Commercial (CC) located at 3140 Ferry Lake Road. Mr. Mendenhall stated that this comes to the Board with staff approval but as a denial from the Planning and Zoning Board because the lack of a quorum present at the meeting.

Items discussed by the Commission for action on June 12, 2006:

- D. Reappointment of Edward Hintermeier and Dr. Jo Griffeth to the Library Board: Both of these appointments expire on June 30, 2006 and they have both expressed a desire to continue serving. In addition to these reappointments, the term of Harriette Rowe will also be expiring. Ms. Rowe was appointed while she was a sitting commissioner however, the by laws of the Library Board will allow her to continue serving if the Board so chooses to reappoint her. The by laws read that the Commissioners may appoint an elected sitting commissioner.
- E. Recommendations for reappointments and appointments to the Athletic Advisory Committee: Craig Sowell, Recreation Director, requested that Belinda Greene, Render Heard, Deborah Redlinger and Buck Rigdon be reappointed, Shawn Utley be appointed for a three year term, and Chad Alexander be appointed to fill an unexpired term until May 2007.
- F. Discussion of Political Sign Regulations: The County Manager has advised that the Tift County Sign Ordinance and the Environmental Ordinance are in direct conflict of one another about signs on right of way. The Board will need to give direction on which ordinance Code Enforcement should follow.
- G. Approve the demolition of two structures located at 124 MLK, Jr. Drive and 120 Kennedy Avenue: Carl Fortson advised the Board that the deadline for the property owner to be in compliance was May 30, 2006. He asked the Board's approval to demolish and clean up these two lots. He explained that the structure at 124 MLK, Jr. Drive had been torn down by the property owner but has not been cleaned up at this point.
- H. Authorize execution of right of way agreement on Old Brookfield Road: It was explained to the Board that there are still five right of way deeds that need to be obtained to extend the paving of this road to 2.4 miles before the right of way certification can be signed and sent back to DOT. Vice Chairman Bedell and Commissioner Huggins will work on getting these deeds signed before the Monday night meeting.
- I. Property transfer to the Board of Education on Jay Flowers Road: The County Manager advised this is the project worked on jointly with the Board of Education to install a traffic light at Highway 82 and Goff Street. The Board will need to transfer a portion of right of way on Jay Flowers Road to the Board of Education for the construction of a

warehouse. The County Attorney advises that the transfer can be done from government entity to government entity.

- J. Authorize purchase of Senior Exercise Equipment: The County Manager advised that staff has looked at the equipment along with the city. Plans are to incorporate the equipment into the LeRoy Rogers Senior Center in the expansion area approved under SPLOST IV dollars and use some funding for the purchase of the equipment for around \$20,000.
- K. Pearman Railroad Crossing tabled from May meeting: This is still under further investigation and needs to be tabled until a later date.
- L. Authorize purchase of Weather Alarm Siren: Bids have been received for an Outdoor Warning Siren and staff recommends the low bid from Hasty's in the amount of \$21,692.88.

The County Manager announced that Laurie Whitworth, Deputy EMA Director has tendered her resignation to move out of town to be close to her family.

- M. Adopt Resolution for Memorandum of Understanding for Signature Community Program: This Resolution was prepared by the Department of Community Affairs in order to apply and received the grant funding of \$50,000 which was a part of the Signature Community application and award. The Board authorized the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding which has to be returned to Atlanta prior to the Monday night Regular meeting.
- N. Change July Workshop Session Meeting Date: The July Workshop Session date falls on a holiday and will need to be changed. Staff recommends moving the date to Thursday, July 6, 2006.
- O. Adopt Resolution adopting the Policies and Procedures that govern the CHIP Grant: This Resolution needs to be adopted in conjunction with the awarded CHIP Grant through the Department of Community Affairs.

The Commissioners agreed to place items D, E, G, I, J, K, L, M, N, and O on the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting on June 12, 2006.

County Managers Items: No comments

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Mathis apologized for being late; he was locked in the bank. The County Manager advised Commissioner Mathis that the light on Tri-County Road had been installed but had to be put on the north side and asked if he would go by and look at it to see if it is agreeable.

Commissioner Webb apologized for being late; he was in the cantaloupe field. He asked the County Manger about the progress on the fairground situation. He was advised that a memo has been provided with an update and if he has any further questions to contact Mr. Park to discuss.

Vice Chairman Bedell invited the commission to attend the June 15th chamber meeting. The speaker will be from the South Health District who will be talking about and preparing for a potential flu epidemic. She advised that Regenia Wells is going to hold disaster training on June 20th at the Multi-Purpose Building from 9:30 to 4 PM. It is being put on by the Humane Society of National and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Huggins thanked the Sheriff for his attendance, for operating within his budget and for giving some back. He complimented Leigh, Diane and Mr. Park for their work on the budget; Vice Chairman Bedell for her continued work on the paving projects as well as Commissioner Rigdon for his time spent on the water projects and consolidation. He stated that we need to stay on top of the situation at the fairgrounds. He would like for the Chairman to appoint a committee to work on the Landscape Ordinance with the City. He advised that he and Commissioner Mathis met with the City today on the possibility of consolidating the MIS and IT services. They have some information they would like to share with the Board. Commissioner Huggins discussed some information on the Wayne Dillard Subdivision. The County Manager

has been working with Mr. Dillard; however, the Board will have to make the decision as to whether to allow him to build the fourth house in the subdivision before paving the roads. This will be added to the Regular Agenda for further discussion.

Public Comments:

Ronnie Gaskins addressed the Board concerning the Hunting and Fishing Expo they will be bringing to Tifton in August that will bring in five to ten thousand people. They are soliciting advertising money for the Expo if the Board could consider any funds. This Expo will be held at the Conference Center.

Sheriff Vowell thanked the Board for their time in listening to the presentation on his department. He also complimented the working relationship with the Administrative Staff of the County which makes his job easier.

Executive Session: Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis to go into Executive Session under OCGA 50-14-3(6) Personnel, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Grady Thompson, Dist 7

Vice Chairman Charlotte W. Bedell, Dist 6

Commissioner Donnie Hester, Dist 1

Commissioner Frankie Mathis, Dist 2

Commissioner Hugh Webb, Dist 3

Commissioner John M. Huggins, Dist 4

Commissioner Fred W. Buck Rigdon, Dist 5

ATTEST:

County Clerk

**REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006
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, June 12, 2006, 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, and Commissioners Donnie Hester, John Huggins, Frankie Mathis, Buck Rigdon and Hugh Webb.

Chairman Thompson asked Mike Chancy with Brother Charlie's 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 which will be stipulated as such.

Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis approving the minutes of the May 2, 2006 Workshop Session, May 8, 2006 Regular Session, and May 23, 2006 Called Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously.

Additions to the Agenda:

Authorize Ed Moore, Forestry consultant to proceed with his recommendations on cutting the timber on County property at the Road Department [P]

Discussion of Wayne Dillard Proposed Subdivision [Q]

Award water extension bids [R]

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell to add these three items to the Agenda under the letters P, Q, and R, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

A. ZA 06-14 Don Copeland requests a zoning text amendment to permit Amusement/Recreation Activities by Special Exception in an Agricultural (AU) District.

Tift County Hearing Officer, Rob Reinhardt opened the public hearing and advised that this request comes to the Board with approval from staff, but as a denial from Planning and Zoning due to a quorum not being present at their meeting.

Don Copeland of 41 Padgett Road spoke in favor of his request stating the events they plan to have will be very closely supervised. Staff will be present at all times that will monitor all the riders at the proposed All Terrain Vehicle [ATV] Park. He assured the Board that it will be a safe and fun place to ride. Rules and regulations will be posted on the grounds and they plan to be open only on weekends from noon until 5 PM. The riding area is basically in the woods, down around ponds with trees serving as buffers around the outer fences. There will be no races, it is simply a ride around area and there will be no alcohol allowed on the property.

There was no opposition. Mr. Reinhardt closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis to approve ZA06-14, text amendment to permit Amusement/Recreation Activities by Special Exception in an Agricultural (AU) District request from Don Copeland, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously.

B. SUP 06-05 Don Copeland has made a request for a Special Exception for the establishment of an ATV Course on Copeland Road.

Tift County Hearing Officer, Rob Reinhardt opened the public hearing and advised that this requests comes to the Board with approval from staff but a denial from Planning and Zoning due to a quorum not being present at their meeting.

There was no opposition. Mr. Reinhardt closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis to grant SUP06-05, Special Exception for the establishment of an ATV course on Copeland Road, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously.

C. ZA06-15 Leon Barnes requests the rezoning of 50,000 square feet of property currently zoned Agriculture (AU) to Community Commercial (CC) located at 3140 Ferry Lake Road.

Tift County Hearing Officer, Rob Reinhardt opened the public hearing and advised that this requests comes to the Board with approval from staff but a denial from Planning and Zoning due to a quorum not being present at their meeting.

Mr. Barnes of 3140 Ferry Lake Road spoke in favor of his request. Mr. Barnes stated he was a little confused as to why he had to go through this process because when he originally opened the restaurant he went through this same process and he just assumed it was still zoned correctly to open another restaurant on the property. The County Attorney advised that prior to the zoning process in the past, he would have been grandfathered in at the time his restaurant was operational because it was already established.

There was no opposition. Mr. Reinhardt closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to approve ZA06-15 rezoning request of Mr. Leon Barnes, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- D. Reappoint Edward Hintermeier, Dr. Jo Griffeth and Harriette Rowe to the Library Board
- E. Reappoint Belinda Green, Render Heard, Deborah Redlinger, Buck Rigdon and appoint Shawn Utley, each to serve a three year term and appoint Chad Alexander to fill an unexpired term until May 2007 to the Athletic Advisory Committee
- G. Approve the demolishing of two structures located at 124 MLK, Jr. Drive and 120 Kennedy Avenue
- I. Approve the transfer of property on Jay Flowers Road to the Board of Education
- J. Approve the purchase of Senior Exercise Equipment in the amount of \$20,000 to be reimbursed from the city SPLOST IV dollars approved for the Leroy Rogers Senior Center expansion
- K. Continue the tabling of the Pearman Railroad crossing
- L. Approve the purchase of an Outdoor Warning Siren in the amount of \$21,692.88 from Hasty's Communications
- M. Adopt Resolution of Memorandum of Understanding for Signature Community Program
- N. Change the scheduled July 4, 2006 Workshop Session meeting date to July 6, 2006
- O. Adopt Resolution of Policies and Procedures that govern the CHIP Grant

Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

- F. **Political Sign Regulations:** Vice Chairman Bedell stated the City of Tifton has already approved their regulations and thinks the County needs to review that to see what the County agrees with and wants in the Sign Ordinance relating to political signs. The County presently has two conflicting ordinances in place. Motion to table the political sign regulations and the Sign Ordinance for Tift County until next meeting; review the City's Sign Ordinance and make any needed revisions for the Board's consideration for adoption was made by Vice Chairman Bedell, seconded by Commissioner Huggins. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Bedell suggested the Chairman appoint a committee to review the Sign Ordinance and present the revised Ordinance to the Board at the next meeting. Chairman Thompson appointed Vice Chairman Bedell, Commissioners Huggins and Webb, the County Manager and County Clerk to the Sign Ordinance review committee.

H. **Authorize Chairman to execute the Right of Way Agreement on Old Brookfield Rd:** Vice Chairman Bedell was unable to obtain the right of way deeds on this road that extends it from 2.1 miles to 2.4 miles. Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins authorizing the Chairman to endorse the Right of Way Agreement on Old Brookfield Road for 2.1 miles, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

P. **Authorize Ed Moore, Forestry Consultant, to proceed with his recommendations on cutting the timber on County property at the Road Department:** The recommendation is to clear cut natural timber and selectively cut the smaller timber leaving buffers, clean up and replant. Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to accept the recommendation and authorize Mr. Moore to proceed, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

Q. **Discussion of Wayne Dillard Proposed Subdivision:** The County Manager explained that the preliminary plat has not been approved by Planning and Zoning. He gave the Board a memo stating what the next steps would be for Mr. Dillard to follow. Motion to table until the sequence of events outlined to Mr. Dillard has been take care of and all applications are submitted for permits, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously.

R. **Award Water Extension Bids:** Commissioner Rigdon advised that the Water committee has received bids on the Water Capital Extensions and the recommendation is to accept the low bids on all three Divisions and authorize the Chairman to sign off on the acceptance. Funding has been allocated in SPLOST III for these expenditures.

Division A (US 82 Extension)	Coastal Plains Construction	\$449,229.50
Division B (Carrington/Drexter)	Pride Utility	\$189,240.88
Division C (Whiddon Mill Rd)	Pride Utility	\$630,727.85

Motion to accept bids for all three divisions from low bidders, as presented, and authorize Chairman to sign acceptance was made by Commissioner Rigdon, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. Motion carried unanimously.

County Managers Items:

- Advised the Board of the schedule of meetings put together for the adoption of the budget and to set the tentative millage rate. The Public Hearing is scheduled for June 21, 2006, at 6 PM and the adoption of budget meeting has been scheduled for June 28, 2006, at 12 Noon.
- Budget: Reminded the Board of the additional budget request from CASA and the PattiCake House. Presently \$5,000 has been allotted in the budget for the PattiCake House. Their request was for \$7600. No allocation is in the budget for CASA. There request was for \$25,000 for a staff person to train volunteers. Both agencies are requesting their funding from the 5% fine money. The Board agreed to give the PattiCake House their full requested about of \$7600. Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to fund 50% of the \$25,000 request from CASA until they prepare and present the Board with a budget, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. After further discussion and little time left to get the budget ready for adoption as advertised, Vice Chairman Bedell withdrew her second. The motion from Commissioner Huggins was then seconded by Commissioner Mathis and the Chairman called for the vote. Commissioners Rigdon, Huggins and Mathis voted for the motion. Commissioners Webb, Bedell and Hester voted against the motion making a tie vote. Chairman Thompson voted against the motion to break the tie. Motion failed.
- An update on the American Legion was given by the County Attorney. Mr. Reinhardt has talked with Captain Larry Taylor with the Sheriff's department and he advises that the noise level is getting under control according to the provisions in the Noise Ordinance. He has talked with Attorney Sims who represents the American Legion folks and advised that private parties, wedding receptions and the like are not permitted in the current zoning of the fairgrounds and that the County will take action to stop those if they continue. He then discussed the alcoholic beverages on the fairgrounds. These are his suggestions: 1] The alcohol could be addressed under the County's Nuisance Ordinance to prohibit this one discussed with law enforcement. 2] Look at prohibiting alcoholic beverages on public property in certain zoning classifications. The County Attorney and Manager will sit down with law enforcement and address the alcohol situation. Motion

was made by Commissioner Huggins to investigate to see how the County can stop the alcohol at the fairgrounds, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments:

Vice Chairman asked the Sign Ordinance Committee that was just appointed if Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7 AM was a good time and date for all to meet. Everyone agreed. She then asked for an Executive Session for a personnel matter at the end of the meeting.

Public Comments:

Ronald Nixon of 2700 South Park discussed the water system with the Board inquiring about the bids that were approved in this meeting for the extending of water lines. He does not feel the Board is supporting Commissioner Hester in his efforts to correct the equalization of rates. Mr. Nixon informed the Board that he would continue to address this issue until something is done.

Mr. Nixon discussed an issue he brought to the Board previously about eighteen wheel trucks running on Golden Road. There are posted signs on the road that prohibits these vehicles and he feels it should be enforced. The County Manager was instructed to contact the Sheriff's department about this matter.

Donald Adcock stated he had been traveling the county roads a great deal lately. It has come to his attention that since the farmers is going to bigger and wider equipment it has created a safety issue with vehicles on the narrow dirt roads. His suggestion is that the County should pick the main artery roads and begin trying to obtain more rights of way to widen the roads to help the situation. He feels two feet on either side of the road would help.

Roger Dill agreed with Mr. Adcock's thoughts on the roads and he suggests that this should be a topic that the road committee needs to talk about and consider. He advised of the turning lane that the Department of Transportation put in for the county at Bruce Lane and encouraged the Board to thank the DOT folks as they see them. This is a free gift they gave us.

Executive Session: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to go into Executive Session under OCGA 50-14-3(6) Personnel, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion Carried unanimously.

Chairman Grady Thompson, Dist 7

Vice Chairman Charlotte W. Bedell, Dist 6

Commissioner Donnie Hester, Dist 1

Commissioner Frankie Mathis, Dist 2

Commissioner Hugh Webb, Dist 3

Commissioner John M. Huggins, Dist 4

Commissioner Fred W. Buck Rigdon, Dist 5

ATTEST:

County Clerk

**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2007 Operating Budget
JUNE 21, 2006 6 PM**

Present: Chairman Grady Thompson, Vice Chairman Charlotte Bedell, Commissioners Donnie Hester, John M. Huggins, Hugh Webb, Frankie Mathis and Buck Rigdon. Bill Park, County Manager; Glynda Hemby, County Clerk; Leigh Jordan, Finance Director and Angie Thompson, Tifton Gazette.

Chairman Thompson opened the Public Hearing stating the purpose of this public hearing is to have public comment on the proposed 2006-2007 Operating Budget for Tift County.

Greg Millotte, Director of CASA, addressed the Board requesting that the request for funding from the 5% collected fine money be considered and adopted into the operating budget.

There were no further comments.

Chairman Bedell closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis to go into Executive Session under OCGA 50-14-3[6], Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to close Executive Session and adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. Motion carried unanimously.

Grady Thompson, Chairman

Charlotte W. Bedell, Vice Chairman

Donnie Hester, Commissioner

John M. Huggins, Commissioner

Frankie Mathis, Commissioner

Fred W. Ridgon, Commissioner

Hugh Webb, Commissioner

Attest: _____

TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
FY 2007 Operating Budget
JUNE 28, 2006 12 Noon

Present: Chairman Grady Thompson, Vice Chairman Charlotte Bedell, Commissioners John M. Huggins, Hugh Webb, Frankie Mathis and Buck Rigdon. Bill Park, County Manager; Glynda Hemby, County Clerk; Leigh Jordan, Finance Director and Angie Thompson, Tifton Gazette. Commissioner Donnie Hester was out of town and could not attend the meeting.

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order.

Business Items:

1. Adopt FY06 Budgets for the Law Library, Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund and Special Law Enforcement Fund: Leigh Jordan, Finance Director, explained that to bring Tift County into compliance with the Audit from 2005 these budgets for FY2006 must be adopted prior to June 30, 2006. These are not operating funds of the County and are not funded through tax revenue; therefore the adoption of these budgets is merely a formality to keep in compliance with OCGA Regulations. Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis to adopt the FY06 Budgets for the Law Library, Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund and Special Law Enforcement Fund, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Adopt by Resolution the FY2007 Operating Budget for Tift County: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell to adopt the FY2007 Operating Budget for Tift County by Resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Huggins. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Adopt the Tentative Millage Rate for Tift County: Motion was made by Commissioner Webb to adopt the Tentative Millage Rate for Tift County at 10.39 Mills Countywide and 2.10 Mills for the Special Services Tax District, seconded by Commissioner Huggins. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Grady Thompson, Chairman

Charlotte W. Bedell, Vice Chairman

absent
Donnie Hester, Commissioner

John M. Huggins, Commissioner

Frankie Mathis, Commissioner

Fred W. Ridgon, Commissioner

Hugh Webb, Commissioner

Attest: _____