

**WORKSHOP SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 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, June 7, 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. Mr. Gilbert Boyette was scheduled to address the Board concerning taxes and penalties however, his concerns were worked out prior to having the meeting and he was not present.
2. Mr. Gary Hawkins with the University of Georgia was present to discuss a grass parking lot at the new Tifton based facility that would address storm water issues. He is asking the County to participate in an experiment at the Rural Development Center which will use the property as a test for a special soil drainage system to help the area understand how to deal with storm-flooded grounds. Other meetings will be set up to include city and county officials to further discuss this matter.

Public Hearings scheduled for the June Business Meeting:

- A. TCZ-05-05 Special Exception Request from Catherine Butler
- B. TCZ-06-05 Rezoning Request of Alton & Dannie Sparks

Items to be discussed at the June Business Meeting:

- C. Annexation from the City of Tifton by the 100% Method which requires no action from the Board.
- D. Reappointment of Audrey F. Cromer to the Department of Family and Children Services Board for another term.
- E. Reappointment of Laverne Land to the Tift County Board of Elections for another term.
- F. Reappointment of Charles Majeski to the South Georgia Community Service Board for another term.
- G. Four appointments to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board from applications received.
- H. Reappointment of Filiberto Hernandez and Eunice Mixon to the Tifton-Tift County Library Board.
- I. Beer License Application for Curtis Brian Barbee for Good Neighbor Grocery.
- J. Award equipment bids for the Tifton-Tift County Animal Shelter
- K. Award backhoe bids for the Road Department
- L. Out Sourcing Payroll Figures & Recommendations from staff
- M. Award Paving Bids for the Parking Lot at the Multi-Purpose Building
- N. Hospital Board Liaison Appointment
- O. Authorize execution of documents for DOT 5311 Transportation Grant Application
- P. Commissioner Hester – Discussion of Neighborhood Service Center
- Q. Condemnation Resolution regarding Goff Street

After discussion the following items were put under the Consent Agenda for the June Business Meeting: Letters D, E, F, G, H, J, L, M, O, & Q.

County Managers Items:

- Reported certified copies of Legislation has been received, signed by the Governor
- Gave an updated Monthly Status Report
- Explained why the Board of Commissioners has changed to a Consent Agenda for the Regular Business Meeting

Commissioner Items:

Vice Chairman Bedell reported that she attended the DHR Budget hearing in Albany. She stated that the DHR Board is now having meetings throughout the state. They have not had a Board meeting in this area and was told that the DHR Commissioner would look favorably on having one in Tift County if we issued them an invitation. She said it would probably be next year sometime. The Board was in agreement to issue the invitation.

Vice Chairman Bedell discussed the last Road Committee Meeting and would like to see the Commissioners move ahead with the recommendations presented. It was reported the bids are being sent out on Carpenter and Rigdon-Aultman Road for paving and for resurfacing of the Vanceville County Line Road. The bids will be opened on June 29, 2005 and be placed on the July Agenda for action by the Board.

Chairman Thompson reported that the County has two new Health Board members. Vice Chairman Charlotte Bedell and Commissioner Frankie Mathis have been appointed to serve on the Tift County Health Board.

Commissioner Hester inquired about the paint for the roads. Mr. Harry Doss reported that we are in the process of purchasing a paint machine jointly with the city and next month the road department will be bidding and purchasing the paint and beads.

Commissioner Huggins commented on the fact that we do have two good qualified folks appointed to the Health Board. He asked what will take place in the Court System as a result of the death of Judge Harvey Davis. The County Attorney explained that the Judicial Nominating Committee will send invitations for nominees for this appointment. They will interview all applicants and recommend a list of nominees to the Governor for review who in turn makes the appointment to serve the remainder of this term.

Commissioner Huggins also asked about mosquito control. Mr. Harry Doss will send him a schedule of the spraying times. He also inquired about the completion of the water tank and the remainder of the pipe on Highway 82. Mr. Park reported the tank will be completed tomorrow because the final walk through is scheduled for then. The work on Highway 82 was let and the notice to proceed was issued on June 1, 2005.

Public Comments: Ms. Addie Jean Tabor addressed the Board with a problem in her neighborhood. She stated that there is a house there that a lot of people live in and they are now holding dog fights in the house. The Animal Control Director reported that the dogs have been removed from the property.

Executive Session: Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to go into Executive Session under OCGA 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(6), seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Thompson adjourned.

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. Rigdon, Dist 5

ATTEST:

County Clerk

**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 13, 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, June 13, 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.

RECOGNITION OF CERTIFIED COMMISSIONER: The Chairman asked the County Clerk to recognize Commissioner Huggins for his recent completion of the certification program for County Commissioners. Commissioner Huggins received his honor and certificate of completion at Annual Conference held in Savannah in April. It was also announced that the County Clerk has completed the criteria for a Certified County Official and will receive her honor and certificate at Policy Conference to be held in Atlanta in September. The County Clerk also recognized the Chairman for recently completing his certification in record time and will be receiving the same honor and certificate in Atlanta in September.

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 Mathis approving the minutes of the May 3, 2005 Workshop Session, May 9, 2005 Regular Meeting, and May 18, 2005 Special Called Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Webb to add the following item to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Thompson added the item as letter T.

- Appointing the Audit Firm for the County's 2005 Audit

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell to add an Executive Session to the Agenda under OCGA 50-14-2 (1), consult with the County Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. TCZ-05-05 Special Exception Request from Catherine Butler: This request is to allow a manufactured home to be placed in an R-8 zoning district as provided for in the Tift County Zoning Ordinance Section 5-2.15 (Land Use). The property is located at 606 Washington Street. Carl Fortson reported to the Board that Ms. Butler at first had requested a single wide manufactured home be placed on this property, however she is now going to place a 28 x 40 double wide. He presented the Board with pictures of the one block area adjacent to this location to show that there are presently six (6) mobile homes already placed on lots in the area. He also stated that this request meets the criteria set forth in the Tift County Zoning Ordinance. It comes to the Board with a

recommendation of approval from staff and a recommendation of denial from the Zoning and Planning Board.

Tift County Hearing Officer, Rob Reinhardt opened the scheduled public hearing.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the request: Rosa Knighton, Allen Davis, Catherine Butler and Lovett P. Brantley, all residents of Washington Street. They stated that because of health problems of Ms. Butler it would be beneficial to her to have someone close to her to look after her and others have mobile homes on their land and Ms. Butler wants to be treated equally as other residents in this area. Ms. Butler told the Board she had a list of names in support of her request and took it to the Code Enforcement Office to be presented at the Planning and Zoning meeting. She stated that no one was present to speak in favor of the request at the Planning and Zoning meeting because she was told by Teresa Dover at the Code Enforcement Office that it was not necessary that she or anyone be at the Planning and Zoning Meeting.

The following citizens spoke against the request: Ricky Johnson, Annie Jean Tabor, Mary Sue Bateman, Melissa Chevers and Jeanette Jones. None of these citizens are residents of Washington Street but live in close proximity of the property. The main reasons stated for the opposition to this request is the fact of the entrances and exits. Ms. Tabor presented a petition from all residents in opposition to this request from the adjacent property owners. Ms. Bateman stated that she told a family member they could not put a mobile home on her property because the people that lived around the neighborhood would not stand for it. She stated that there are six other pieces of property there and if the Board allows one mobile home to go in, then all the property owners should be allowed to do the same. Melissa Chevers, a member of the Planning and Zoning Board addressed the Board in opposition. When asked by a Commissioner if she would be allowed to speak on behalf of this request because of her position on the Planning and Zoning Board, Ms. Chevers explained that she excused herself from the Planning and Zoning Board when this came before them. Ms. Chevers stated that there would be too much traffic coming in and out and that we cannot clean up all of South Tifton but we can clean up one block at a time and that the citizens do not want a trailer park in South Tifton.

Some Commissioners stated that they should not go against the zoning board's decision to recommend denial. The Board felt that since no one spoke in support of the request at the zoning board that it should be sent back to the Planning and Zoning Board for the citizens to have the opportunity to state their side. Commissioner Hester stated that if the Board of Commissioners was not going to recognize those boards then the boards need to be cut out and the Commissioners make all the decisions. Commissioner Huggins and Vice Chairman Bedell agreed.

Hearing Officer Reinhardt closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to send this request back to the Planning and Zoning Board for review, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried by a five (5) to one (1) vote with Commissioner Hester voting against the motion.

2. TCZ-05-06 Rezoning Request of Alton & Dannie Sparks: To rezone 4.473 acres of land located on the corner of William Gibbs and Salem Church Roads from its existing A-U (Agricultural Use) to R-R (Residential). If rezoned the property will be sold as single family residential lots consisting of 1.491 acres each. This request comes to the Board with a recommendation of approval from staff and the Planning and Zoning Board.

Tift County Hearing Officer opened the scheduled Public Hearing.

Mr. Alton Sparks, Jr. spoke on his father's behalf and Mr. Ken Murphy spoke both in favor of the request.

There was no opposition.

Mr. Reinhardt closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis to approve TCZ-05-06 Rezoning Request of Alton and Dannie Sparks, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Chairman read the items placed on the Consent Agenda from the June 7, 2005 Workshop Meeting as follows:

- D. Reappointment of Audrey F. Cromer to the Tift County Board of Family and Children Services for a five year term to expire June 30, 2010.
- E. Reappointment of Laverne Land to the Board of Elections and Registration for a four year term to expire July 9, 2009.
- F. Reappointment of Charles Majeski to the South Georgia Community Service Board for a two year term to expire June 30, 2007.
- G. Appointment of Karen Hendrix, Debbie Thompson, and Jacquelyn P. Smith to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board for a three year term to expire June 2008.
- H. Reappointment of Filiberto Hernandez and Eunice Mixon to the Tifton-Tift County Library Board for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2008.
- J. Award bid for the purchase of various equipment for the Tifton-Tift County Animal Control Shelter in the amount of \$25,945.
- L. Authorizing Request for Proposals (RFP) to be prepared and sent for Out Sourcing of the County Payroll.
- M. Award bid for the paving of the parking lot at the Multi-Purpose Building to Reeves Construction Company in the amount of \$15,487.50.
- O. Adopt Resolution and authorize the Chairman to execute documents for the DOT 5311 Transportation Grant Application for the 2006 Budget Year.
- Q. Adopt Resolution authorizing acquisition of the necessary right of way to make anticipated improvements to the re-routing of Goff Street.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

I. Beer License Application for Curtis Brian Barbee:

Mr. Park advised the Board that he spoke with the Sheriff concerning the issuing of this license. It was discovered that the offense on the criminal history report occurred when this man was a juvenile. The Sheriff has no problem approving the issuance of this license. Motion to approve the Beer License for Curtis Brian Barbee was made by Commissioner Huggins, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Award bid for Backhoe for the Road Department:

After much discussion on the difference in the two bids, the County Manager advised that there would be no legal difficulties in accepting the bid of the recommendation of the staff which is the John Deere quoted from Reliable Tractor. Yancey Brothers bid is \$55,642 while Reliable Tractor's bid is \$58,740, more than the allotted three (3) percent difference allowed in the Tift County Purchasing Policy for local bid. Some Commissioners were not willing to compromise the difference of \$3,000.

Commissioner Huggins stated before making a motion that the Commissioners have a duty to spend the taxpayers money wisely. Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to purchase the backhoe from Yancey Brothers. Motion dies for the lack of a second. After some further discussion, Commissioner Hester made a motion to accept the low bid in the amount of \$55,642, seconded by Commissioner Huggins. Motion carried by a five (5) to one (1) vote with Commissioner Webb voting against the motion.

N. Hospital Board Appointment: Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to appoint Commissioner Buck Rigdon as the Hospital Board Liaison, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Neighborhood Service Center Discussion: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester reconsidering changes in personnel and equipment at the Neighborhood Service Center and to put everything back where it was, seconded by Commissioner Huggins. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Board Application received for new appointment to Library Board: The County Clerk received two applications, one from Debbie Benson and one from Melissa Chevers to fill the available position on the Tifton-Tift County Library Board. Ballots were prepared for the Commissioners. Debbie Benson was appointed to serve on this Board for a three year term expiring June 30, 2008.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell allowing the County Clerk to destroy the ballots, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Board Application received for new appointment to Keep Tift Beautiful : The County Clerk received an application from Susan Saye to fill the vacant position on this Board for a three year term to expire June 2008. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell appointing Susan Saye to the Keep Tift Beautiful Board, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Appointing the Audit Firm for the County's 2005 Audit: It is the staff recommendation that the Board consider appointing Mauldin and Jenkins to continue to audit the records for Tift County. The County Manager was not sure of the cost for the 2005 audit at this time. Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to table until the next meeting so further information could be obtained, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS: No Comments

Mr. Roger Dill was invited to the meeting to give the Board an update on Road Projects and a recap on monies he has been able to aid the County in receiving from the Department of Transportation. The funding for various projects in the 2004 budget amounted to around \$535,665 which included work on Salem Church Road, Ty Ty Omega Road, Ferry Lake Road, a turning lane off US 319 and two bridges that had to be replaced. Funding in the 2005 budget includes work on Golden Road, Carpenter Road, Vanceville County Line Road, Bruce Lane and Southern Avenue and a project on US 41 which amounted to approximately \$492,585. In the 2006 budget year he is trying to get funding for paving of Bruce Lane, Southern Avenue, work on Fletcher Road and Melanie Lane. Commissioner Huggins would like for him to inquire about sidewalks on Fletcher Road.

Commissioners Items:

Commissioner Mathis asked Carl Fortson the status of the property at 2908 5th Avenue. Mr. Fortson explained that this did go to Magistrate Court but he has found out that the judges orders were never mailed to the landowner, Mr. Littman. He has now asked for an extension for 90 days because of the default, he has been granted this by the judge.

Vice Chairman Bedell asked the press to please make note in the article from this meeting that bids for paving Carpenter Road/Rigdon Aultman Road had been sent with a bid opening date of June 29, 2005, and bid award will be on the July Agenda.

Commissioner Huggins inquired about the text amendment that was tabled concerning the substandard size lot. After some discuss a committee was appointed to research and work on the wording for this text amendment. The Committee, headed up by Commissioner Huggins will include Commissioners Mathis and Rigdon.

Mr. Park advised the Board of dates that have been set up for the adoption of the budget process. The Board agreed for the following dates to be advertised:

Special Called meeting to hold a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 6 PM
Special Called meeting to adopt the Budget for Thursday, June 30, 2005 at 6PM

Public Comments None

Executive Session: Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to go into Executive Session under OCGA 50-14-2(1) to discuss legal matters seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Grady Thompson, Chairman

Charlotte Bedell, Vice Chairman

Donnie Hester, Commissioners

Frankie Mathis, Commissioner

Hugh Webb, Commissioner

John M. Huggins, Commissioner

Fred W. (Buck) Rigdon Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

**TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 21, 2005 6:00 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 Special Called Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room of the Administration Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Commissioners Donnie Hester, John Huggins, Frankie Mathis, Buck Rigdon, and Hugh Webb.

Vice Chairman Bedell was not present at this meeting due to being out of town.

Chairman Thompson stated that this meeting was for a scheduled public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Proposed 2005-2006 Operating Budget for Tift County.

County Manager, Bill Park presented an overhead slide presentation of the budget process. The proposed budget shows a 1.7% increase over last year however, by some reductions, consolidations and some other changes, the budget was able to be balanced without the need to increase the millage rate. The main increases in the budget reflect healthcare cost, a 3% performance based payroll increase, moving State Court from part time to full time, a full year budget for the Public Defender and fuel cost. Included in the budget for this year was money to be put in the County's Reserve. The contingency fund was raised by approximately \$50,000 from last year with \$350,000 earmarked for the reserve.

Mr. Park explained that several projects that were not pressing were moved into the 2007 or later budget.

In the budget process and presentation, the County Manager gave the Board a list of completed projects in the 2005 year as well as some short and long term goals for the upcoming fiscal year.

Chairman Thompson commended the County Manager, the Finance Department and all Department Heads for their efforts to cut their budgets in order to eliminate a millage rate increase for the County. He feels that the County is making progress and making an effort to keep the burden off the taxpayer, but still maintaining the same level of service; he said, "You can't keep raising taxes."

The Proposed Operating Budget for Tift County is \$24,545,122.

There were no public comments.

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

Grady Thompson, Chairman

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Charlotte Bedell, Vice Chairman

Donnie Hester, Commissioners

Frankie Mathis, Commissioner

Hugh Webb, Commissioner

John M. Huggins, Commissioner

Fred W. (Buck) Rigdon Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Tift County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Joint Meeting
City of Tifton
Thursday, June 30, 2005
6 PM

The Tift County Board of Commissioner met in a Joint Special Called Meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2005, at 6 PM in Room 207 of the Charles Kent Administrative Building

Present: Tift County: Chairman Grady Thompson, Vice Chairman Charlotte Bedell, Commissioners John M. Huggins, Frankie Mathis, Fred W. Rigdon, and Hugh Webb, County Manager Bill Park, County Clerk Glynda Hemby, County Attorney Rob Reinhardt. Commissioner Hester was absent.

Present: City of Tifton: Mayor Paul Johnson, Vice Mayor Joe Lewis, Councilmen Richard Chalfant, Dave Hetzel and Roosevelt Russell, City Manager Charlie Howell, City Clerk Carla Cooper and City Attorney Greg Sowell.

Chairman Grady Thompson called the meeting to order for the Tift County Commissioners.

Mayor Paul Johnson called the meeting to order for the City of Tifton Council.

Chairman Thompson announced that the purpose of the Special Called Meeting was for the adoption of interlocal agreement on Mosquito Control, Recycling, and Code Enforcement.

County Attorney Rob Reinhardt gave out copies of each agreement and explained the documents.

Mosquito Control: Motion was made by Commissioner Webb to adopt the Interlocal Agreement, Addenda # 9, for Mosquito Control, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Motion was made by Councilman Hetzel to adopt the Interlocal Agreement, Addenda # 9, for Mosquito Control, seconded by Councilman Hetzel. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Greg Sowell explained the interlocal agreement for Recycling, First Amendment to Addenda No. 5A which is the Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan.

Recycling: Motion was made by Councilman Chalfant to adopt the Interlocal Agreement, First Amendment to Addenda No 5A (Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan, seconded by Councilman Russell. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to adopt the Interlocal Agreement, First Amendment to Addenda No. 5A (Comprehensive Solid

Waste Plan, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

County Attorney explained the Interlocal Agreement for consolidation of Development Support Services (Code Enforcement).

Development Support Services (Code Enforcement): Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell to adopt the Interlocal Agreement, Addenda No. 10 for consolidation of Development Support Services, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Motion was made by Councilman Russell to adopt the Interlocal Agreement, Addenda No. 10 for consolidation of Development Support Services, seconded by Councilman Hetzel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Paul Johnson requested that the Tift County Board of Commissioners meet in Joint Session on Monday, July 25, 2005 at 5:30 PM for the purpose of reviewing the consolidation of water services.

Mayor Paul Johnson adjourned the City of Tifton's portion of this meeting.

County Meeting continued...

2005-2006 Proposed Operating Budget for Tift County: Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins to adopt the 2005-2006 Operating Budget for Tift County contingent upon setting the final millage rate for Tift County, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Tentative Millage Rate: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell to set the tentative millage rate at 10.71 Mils Countywide and 2.17 Mils in the Special Tax District, totaling 12.88 Mils, seconded by Commissioner Huggins. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Due to a tax increase, the County is required to hold three (3) advertised public hearings. The Board needs to set these dates and times. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell to set the following times and date for the required public hearings for the tax increase: Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 10 AM and Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 6 PM and Friday, July 22, 2005 at 12 o'clock noon. The Special Called Meeting to set the final millage rate to be held on Friday, July 22, 2005 at 12:30, seconded by Commissioner Huggins. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Authorize Chairman to execute Governmental Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement: Motion was made by Commissioner Huggins authorizing the Chairman to execute the lease documents for the equipment purchase, seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Webb to go into Executive Session under OCGA 50-14-2(1) for a legal matter, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bedell to close Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Webb. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mathis to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Bedell. Motion carried unanimously with the Chairman not voting.

Grady Thompson, Chairman

Charlotte W. Bedell, Vice Chairman

_____absent_____
Donnie Hester, Commissioner

Frankie Mathis, Commissioner

Hugh Webb, Commissioner

John M. Huggins, Commissioner

Fred W. (Buck) Rigdon

Attest:

County Clerk