

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
December 12, 2017

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman, Dist. 3	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4	Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerk Twink Monahan and Assistant Clerk Thelma Maxwell. News Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise. Other staff present were Ken Gay, Inspections, Planning and Zoning Director.

Chairman Hickey opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Vonier gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the 11/28/2017 minutes with one correction, page 2: Phillip Beverly instead of Bill Beverly. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Chandler Giddes. Commissioner NeSmith commended Mr. Giddes for the job he has done for the past 3 years serving as the Animal Control Director. Commissioner NeSmith said that Giddes has resigned effective December 15 to work in the private sector.

Mr. Giddes thanked Commissioner NeSmith, who serves on the Humane Society Board, for his support. He reported that complaints are down and submitted an annual report of the shelters activities. There Humane Society has appointed a new Executive Director and they will be searching to fill the position.

Chairman Hickey recognized Joe Brown, Thomasville Landmarks. Mr. Brown explained change order No. 2 for the Metcalfe Project that deals with the installation of 4 street lights.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to approve Change order No. 2 for David Taylor Construction to purchase and install 4 street lights for the Metcalfe Streetscape Project for \$30,181. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve Thomasville Landmarks request for the county to bear the expense of the monthly utility billing for the lights. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

**Thomas County  
2018 Budget Resolution  
All Funds**

**Whereas**, the Thomas County Board of Commissioners is required by Georgia law to approve balanced budgets for all funds; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Monday, November 13, 2017, as required by Georgia law to receive public comment on the proposed budget; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners has carefully considered the interests of the citizens of Thomas County, the requirements of public services provided thereunto and the extent of financial resources available to county government.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the following budgets are adopted and approved effective on January 1, 2018:

General Fund		
Revenues	\$	22,538,104
Expenses	\$	22,538,104
Unincorporated Services		
Revenues	\$	523,300
Expenses	\$	523,300
Drug Education Fund		
Revenues	\$	30,000
Expenses	\$	30,000
Sheriff's Drug Forfeiture Fund		
Revenues	\$	60,000
Expenses	\$	60,000
Sheriff's Federal Drug Forfeiture Fund		
Revenues	\$	30,000
Expenses	\$	30,000
Enhanced 911 Fund		
Revenues	\$	1,612,162
Expenses	\$	1,612,162
Central Fire District 1 & 2 Fund		
Revenues	\$	1,176,982
Expenses	\$	1,176,982
Thomas County Fire Rescue-Fire District 3 Fund		
Revenues	\$	1,346,100
Expenses	\$	1,346,100
Emergency Services Fund		
Revenues	\$	5,023,013
Expenses	\$	5,023,013
Commercial Collection Fund		
Revenues	\$	85,300
Expenses	\$	85,300
Health Benefits Fund		
Revenues	\$	4,843,100
Expenses	\$	4,843,100
Airport Fund		
Revenues	\$	10,000
Expenses	\$	10,000
Law Library Fund		
Revenues	\$	40,000
Expenses	\$	40,000
County-wide 2012 SPLOST Fund (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	42,000,000
Expenses	\$	42,000,000
Thomas County 2012 SPLOST-CPF (Project Length)		

	Revenues	\$	22,585,774
	Expenses	\$	22,585,774
Thomas County 2006 SPLOST-CPF (Project Length)			
	Revenues	\$	28,110,976
	Expenses	\$	28,110,976
Thomas County Area Transit			
	Revenues	\$	1,118,500
	Expenses	\$	1,118,500
Impact Fees Fund			
	Revenues	\$	300,000
	Expenses	\$	300,000
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund			
	Revenues	\$	300,900
	Expenses	\$	300,900
Capital Improvement Fund (Project Length)			
	Revenues	\$	9,878,901
	Expenses	\$	9,878,901
Recreation Fund			
	Revenues	\$	1,223,910
	Expenses	\$	1,223,910

Approved this the twelfth day of December 2017.

Chairman Hickey recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the 2012 SPLOST – CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (328) 2017 Budget Amendment 17-12-1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT 17-12-1					
2012 SPLOST - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (328)					
December 12, 2017					
Account	Description	Original 2017 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference	
<b>Expenses</b>					
328-4233-54-1405	Infra Roads-Pummy	327,975	331,940	3,965	
328-4234-54-1405	Infra Roads-Stewart/Resurface/Wid en	656,830	757,000	100,170	
328-4235-54-1405	Infra Roads-Stewart/Maddox	110,000	180,000	70,000	
328-4237-54-1405	Infra Roads-Lawhorne	433,332	435,608	2,276	
328-4239-54-1405	Infra Roads-Sally	151,776	155,250	3,474	
328-4241-54-1405	Infra Roads-Legion	49,556	44,850	-4,706	
328-4242-54-1405	Infra Roads-Old 84 East	343,872	330,750	-13,122	
328-4243-54-1405	Intra Roads-Scott	291,696	371,700	80,004	
328-4247-54-1405	Infra Roads-Singletonary	117,449	121,222	3,773	
328-4256-54-1405	Infra Roads-Springhill	854,688	1,116,300	261,612	
328-4265-54-1405	Infra Roads-Five Forks	712,312	866,180	153,868	
328-4270-54-1405	Infra Roads-Whitney Camp	144,200	183,750	39,550	
328-4283-54-1405	Infra Roads-Myrick	107,405	118,522	11,117	
328-5500-54-2205	CDBG16-Foxcroft	0	300,000	300,000	

328-9010-57-9000	Contingencies	5,609,734	4,597,753	-	
				1,011,981	
	<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>	
<b>Net Increase to Expenses</b>					<b>\$0</b>

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve three appointments to the Planning and Land Use Commission; J. Elaine Mays (1<sup>st</sup> Term), Bret Wetherington (1<sup>st</sup> Full Term) and Danny Braddy (1<sup>st</sup> Term) all being 4-year terms and expiring on 12/31/2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the reappointment of Scott Rich to a 3-year term on the Board of Assessors expiring 12/31/2020. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve Linda Solana to her first 3-year term on the Board of Elections and Registration. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey who made a motion to approve the annual reappointment of J. Elaine Mays, Additional Member, and Donnie Baggett, Non-Public Member, to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

County Attorney Bruce Warren reported that he had met with City Attorney Will Sanders and the Pinetree Blvd. Agreement should be ready in January.

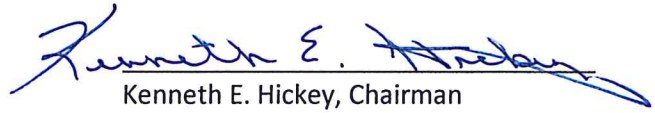
Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the 12/4/2017 purchase of diesel fuel from Products at \$1.9740 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Purchasing Committee (12/5/2017) for the annual asphalt pricing based on the GDOT fuel Price Index from The Scruggs Company, the annual tool purchases from Tom Horne Supply and Whitehead Hardware based on low bid per item with the right to change for quality purposes; the concrete pipe bid from Foley Products, Forterra Pipe and Precast, and Bates Precast by low bid reserving the right to match joints with existing stock pipe. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Public Property Committee recommendation to award the contract for razing the prison to Great Southern Demolition, the low bidder, at \$120,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Ansley reported that the addition to Riverwood Collection site is now complete and the site is manned.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.



Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:



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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk