

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
March 28, 2017

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.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 Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager, Thelma Maxwell, Assistant Clerk and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Brown who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/14/2017 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey declared a public hearing for input concerning two (2) zoning applications.

Chairman Hickey read application #17-2-1 – Brian Lameier, agent for property owner, requests a zoning change for property located on U.S. 319 North (215 acre, more or less, portion of Map 45, Parcel 22) from Ag (Agricultural) to CG (Commercial General) so as to allow for the use of commercial.

Chairman Hickey recognized Bill Eddings, Planning and Zoning Director. Mr. Eddings reviewed the application and the staff's evaluation of the proposed rezoning. He also noted that this is the only application he is aware of that does not have a development plan and being presented to the board.

Mr. Brian Lameier, the agent for the landowner, told the board that the request for rezoning is for the purpose of selling the land only. The board members discussed the surrounding land uses. Commissioner NeSmith stated that 8 items out of 11 on staff's evaluation of the criteria are unclear therefore a development plan is needed to clarify the items.

Application #17-2-2 – Thomas County Board of Commissioners requests to amend the Thomas County Land Use Standards Ordinance Section 2.200 Definitions, Section 3.215 Accessory Uses and Structures, 3.260 Supplemental Regulations, and Section 3.270.5 Permitted Use Chart, Table 4.

Those citizens speaking at the public hearing concerning the proposed ordinance were Allen Reichert, Courtney Brinson and Allan Ricketts (Hannah Solar), Neil Fleckenstein (Tall Timbers Research), John Holt (attorney for 2 landowners), and Candee Henderson.

Commissioner Hickey closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Gross stated that the recommendations of the Planning and Land Use Commission are not in the best interest of the county and that the board wants to get the ordinance right. After discussion of the PLUS Commission recommendations the board called for a Work Session on Monday, April 3 at 8:30 a.m. to review the ordinance and take into consideration what was discussed tonight.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to deny application #17-2-1 – Brian Lameier, agent for property owner, requests a zoning change for property located on U.S. 319 North (21.5 acres, more or less, portion of Map 45, Parcel 22) from Ag (Agricultural) to CG (Commercial General) so as to allow for the use of commercial. 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 Grady who made a motion to table any action on application #17-2-2 – Thomas County Board of Commissioners requests to amend the Thomas County Land Use Standards Ordinance Section 2.200 Definitions, Section 3.215 Accessory Uses until the board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2017. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown.

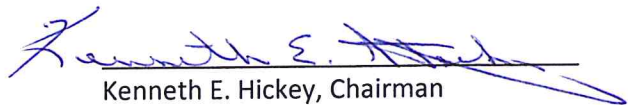
Chairman Hickey recognized Sheriff R. Carlton Powell who was at the meeting after a brief illness. Sheriff Powell thanked everyone for their support and prayers.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the 3/16/2017 purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products at \$1.5990 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 Josh Niswonger of Central High School. Mr. Niswonger explained the Thomas County Student Ambassadors will be attending board meetings as part of their projects in the program. Students attending and grade; Maggie Martin-12th, Hailey Ferrell-11th, Sierra Stephens-11th, Chandler Watson-12th, Vince Wynn-12th, and Michael Moody-11th.

The upcoming committee meetings were announced: Emergency Services 4/17, Road 4/19.

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


Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk