

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
November 12, 2018

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

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

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Finance Manager Laura Nichols, and County Clerk Twink Monahan. Media present was Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio and Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise.

Chairman Grady declared a public hearing to consider 2019 budgets for all county funds and give citizens the opportunity for input.

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Chris White, Asst. Utilities Superintendent gave a history of the Radio System. The new system maintenance is \$232,629.66; consoles/logger \$92,316.77 and the P25 System infrastructure is \$140,312.89. The 2018 per radio price was \$20.80 and the 2019 per radio price is \$28.56. Mr. White reviewed the itemized breakdown of the cost and explained the total is divided by the total number of radios to arrive at the monthly/per radio charge. He also explained there is an administrative fee added for 5% of the salaries of those involved.

Nate Tyler, Director of Sanitation Operations-Landfill, explained they are opening cell #5 and the cost of a full cell is estimated at 4 million. In the landfill budget is also closure costs, replacement of the methane tank, one in 2019 and one in 2020. There was no distribution for 2017 of the landfill profits. Mr. Tyler was asked where the funding for the expansion. Mr. Tyler will have to get that information from the finance department. He also stated they are continuing to be competitive with other municipalities. Mr. Stephenson asked where the funds coming from for the expansion and how the 11 million is closure funds determined and if there is a cap on the closure fund. Mr. Tyler stated the amount required for closure was set by an independent company and he will have to get the financial information from the financial office. Mr. Stephenson will send a detail to Mr. Tyler of the questions he would like responses.

Mr. Tyler reported the storm clean up procedure and the first round of debris will take 7 to 8 weeks.

The budget recommendations were discussed. Mr. Stephenson stated the library reserve should not be depleted and a minimum reserve needs to be set. This is a board policy decision.

1. Budget Reconsideration #1 (Recommend Approval)

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| Library | \$58,064 |
| Georgia Pines | \$11,570 |
| Probate Court | \$ 4,175 |

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| Public Defender | \$ 2,400 |
| Tax Commissioner | \$ <u>2,380</u> |
| Total | \$78,589 |

2. Budget Reconsideration #2 (Table)

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| Sheriff | \$ 69,518 |
| EMS | \$338,124 |
| Fire | \$369,488 |
| Public Works | \$ 64,087 |
| Fleet Services | \$ <u>15,387</u> |
| Total | \$856,604 |

Chairman Grady asked for any public comments and being none he closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve budget reconsideration #1 for \$ Library-\$58,064, Georgia Pines-\$11,570, Probate Court-\$4,175, Public Defender \$2,400 and Tax Commissioner-\$ 2,380 for a total of \$78,589 over the previous recommendation and to table recommendation #2 until the first meeting in December for further review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

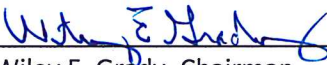
Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the Taylor Benefit annual health insurance renewal from the Finance Committee on November 6, 2018. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to approve the 2018 Operational Budget for Motorola Thomasville/Thomas County Public Safety radio system, for \$340,030/\$28.56 per subscriber. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve canceling the board meeting set for November 13, 2018 since all business has been completed. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Vonier voting aye.

Mr. Stephenson reported for informational purposes the 911 addressing and mapping has been moved into the Information Services Department to combine all mapping duties. That budget is including a vehicle and plotter in the 2019 budget. Addressing and Mapping will no longer be in the 911 Budget. The Tax Assessors office is splitting the reevaluation between 2019 and 2020 budgets. It has been 10 years since there has been a property reevaluation. Keep Thomas County Beautiful has an increase of \$10,000, from \$30,000 to \$40,000, it has been 10 years at the same level of funding. They are very active and have been effective in Thomas County.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye.



Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk