

Minutes

Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
February 12, 2019

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:

Wiley Grady, Chairman, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8 (Absent)

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Bruce County Attorney Warren, County Clerk Twink Monahan and Purchasing Agent Alicia Wiese. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise. Other staff present was Ken Gay, Inspections, Planning Director.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

County Manager Michael Stephenson reviewed the revised distribution of the Hotel/Motel Tax.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to declare the Trimble Pro XR/XRS GPS receiver obsolete and surplus property for recycling. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Rich who made a motion to declare 16 office chairs from the Clerk of Court Office as surplus property for the next auction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

The Board members discussed the Hwy 319 South property that is currently in the planning stages. Mr. Stephenson reviewed the history of zoning changes and requests; 2007 changed to RM11 with restriction (no rental property); 2009 request to remove the restrictions was denied; 2019 Evergreen Brock Apartments now the current owner. He also stated there was strong opposition to rental units and the removal of the restriction by neighboring property owners. These new owners purchased the property and additional property with knowledge of the restrictions. Mr. Stephenson asked for the board to allow staff to have the owner comply with restrictions.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Road Committee recommendation to use 2012 SPLOST funds and pave the Shooting Range \$190,000 parking area. The

motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the diesel purchase on 1/25/2019 from Petroleum Products at \$1.9421 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

The board members discussed the gas and diesel vendors being in the same building.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee, 2/5/2019, recommendations and award the following bids:

AGGREGATE ROCK – 90 DAY CONTRACT Conrad Yelverton, to purchase as needed, base and #57 limerock and purchase surge rock when needed from Martin Marietta or, if we can find one, a cheaper source.

CONCRETE PIPE – 6 MONTH CONTRACT *Foley, Diamond Concrete, Bates Pre-cast* - Evaluating each job as it arises and determine the cheapest route based on the combination purchase of pipe and flares.

ASPHALT – ANNUAL CONTRACT Scruggs – Bid price according to the GDOT Liquid AC Pricing Index

PATROL CARS (6 Units) Budget \$243,300 with equipment and emergency lighting (cars only) from Stallings Motors at \$136,422.

EXTENSION SERVICE ½ T PICKUP, Budget \$27,000, Stallings Motors, \$20,970.

INFORMATION SERVICES/MAPPING, Compact SUV Budget: \$25,000.00 from Stallings Motors at \$19,275.00 for the mapping and addressing staff.

PUBLIC WORKS Pickup Truck Budget \$47,500 with tool service body Stallings Motors for \$32,829.00 a 2019 ¾ Dodge Ram

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Pumper, Budget \$340,000 Ten-8 for \$248,663 completely equipped and to be funded from the Unincorporated Reserve fund.

FLEET SERVICES – ¾ T Pickup, Budget \$30,000 Allan Vigil Ford for \$22,057 Ford ¾ T F250

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, Ambulance, Budget \$150,000, Custom Truck and Body Works for \$147,090 Dodge 4500 Ambulance

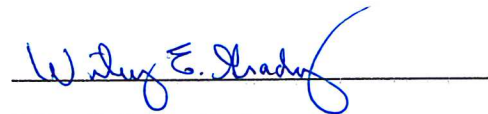
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye. Vice-Chairman Brown abstained his vote on the Stallings Motors award due to a conflict of interest.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee recommendation to purchase the following items not currently in the 2019 Budget and make necessary adjustments to the budget: FIRE DEPARTMENT – Turnout gear, up to \$30,000 for the new firefighters and a generator and UPS system with necessary adjustments from the Capital Improvement Fund, Williams Electric Service a generator for the Northside Fire Station for \$10,550 and Generator and \$10,550 and Bannister Electric a Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for Remington Station \$24,939.90.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

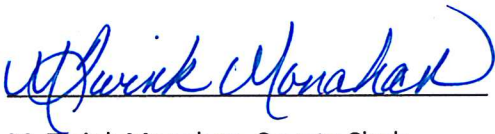
The board discussed a letter received from CSX Railroad notifying the county and municipalities of their intent to bill a shared portion of railroad crossings to the local governments. The letter was turned over to the county attorney to look into for the county.

Chairman Grady recognized Vice-Chairman Brown who made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Grady, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Baggett, and Vonier voting aye.

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Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "M. Twink Monahan", is written over a horizontal line.

M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk