

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

Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1

Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3

Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5

Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7

Moses Gross, Dist. 2

Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4

Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Public Works Project Superintendent Jay Knight, Purchasing Agent Alicia Wiese and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: Patti Dozier, Thomasville Times Enterprise

Chairman Grady called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Rich gave the invocation.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 Board Meeting and the minutes of the October 28, 2019 Legislative Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously.

Chairman Grady recognized County Manager Michael Stephenson who reviewed the Rezoning Application 19-11-1. The request for a reclassification from RM-11 (Residential) to CG C.U. (Commercial) will go in front of the PLUS Commission on Monday, November 18, 2019 and will be presented to the Board for action on November 26, 2019. County Manager Stephenson pointed out that the Planning Staff does not recommend approval for the request. He also stated that the request does not align with the County's Comprehensive Plan for Future Land Use. County Manager Michael Stephenson reiterated the need for a work session at the beginning of the year to review the Land Use Standards ordinances and regulations.

Chairman Grady asked for a motion to approve the ratification of the Vehicle purchase for the Sheriff's Department – eight 2020 Dodge Chargers from Stallings Automotive Inc for \$209,240. Commissioner Hickey made the motion and Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye. Commissioner Brown abstained due to a conflict of interest.

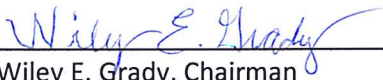
Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve the ratification of the amended budget for the Shooting Range with the new reimbursable amount from the Department of Natural Resources being \$1,650,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Grady recognized Jay Knight who gave a brief update on the progress of the Shooting Range. Chairman Grady thanked Mr. Knight for doing an outstanding job with this project.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the fuel bids on October 29, 2019 from Petroleum Products – Diesel \$1.9612. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady, Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

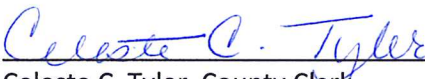
Chairman Grady reminded everyone of the Citizens' Academy Graduation on November 14, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., and Commissioner Rich highlighted the 2020 Budget Hearing on November 18, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Grady recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett and approved unanimously. Chairman Grady and Commissioners Baggett, Brown, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.



Wiley E. Grady, Chairman

ATTEST:



Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk