

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
February 11, 2020

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:

**Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7**  
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1 (absent)  
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3  
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5

**Wiley E. Grady, Vice-Chair, Dist. 6**  
Moses Gross, Dist. 2  
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4 (absent)  
Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Purchasing Agent Alicia Wiese, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: Patti Dozier, Thomasville Times Enterprise

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

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Financial Authorization Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the petition by Mr. David Cone to name an unnamed driveway to Sawdust Trail Lane. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

In the Open Meeting to Citizens Chairman Brown recognized Mr. Forrest McElreath of 15721 Eason Crossing Road, Boston, Georgia. Mr. McElreath asked the Board to consider signing a Second Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution. Commissioner Grady commented that ACCG was the lobbying arm for Thomas County, and the resolution presented would need to be discussed and reviewed with ACCG and County Attorney Bruce Warren.

Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Stephenson who announced an upcoming Open House at the new Elections and Registration Building on 1402 E. Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The event will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the diesel purchase from Petroleum Products \$1.9111/gal on January 28, 2020. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the fuel purchase from Petroleum Products \$1.5851/gal on February 5, 2020. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the diesel purchase from Petroleum Products \$1.6170/gal on February 5, 2020. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the bid award for a Fuel Dispensing System from Wiregrass Petroleum ( \$24,989.59). Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the bid award for Right-of-Way Mowing (\$152,639.99) and Litter Pick Up (\$87,048) from Green Maintenance & Cleaning. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the bid award for a Tractor & Boom Mower from Flint Equipment (\$332,300.00). Commissioner Grady seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the bid award for 3 Dodge Rams (\$89,904.00) and 1 Dodge Grand Caravan (\$23,000.00) from Stallings Motor Company. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye. Chairman Brown abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the bid award for 3 Ford Interceptors (\$151,932.00) from Wade Ford. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the ratification of the Debris Monitoring Contract with Thompson Consulting Services. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the ratification of the Debris Removal Contract with Crowder Gulf. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

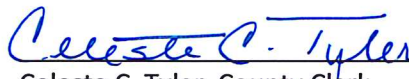
At 9:22 a.m. Chairman Brown made a motion to go into Executive Closed Session. Commissioner Grady seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, and Vonier voting aye.

At 9:47 a.m. the Board of Commissioners returned to the regular meeting. No action was taken.

With no further comments, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting.

  
Phillip V. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk