

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
April 28, 2020

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:

Phillip V. Brown, Chairman, Dist. 7
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1
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
Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present: County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Public Works Director Tony Bodiford, Project Superintendent Jay Knight, Sheriff Carlton Powell, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, EMS Director Tim Coram, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: none

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

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of 1402 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to amend the Budget to reimburse from the SPLOST Fund to the General Fund all expenses related to 1402 East Jackson Street property (Elections and Registration Building). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to approve 5311 transit contracts with the Department of Transportation. Commissioner Vonier seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Stephenson who informed the Board of the purchase of a decontamination fogger for the Emergency Services Department. The cost of the decontamination fogger was approximately \$40,000 and was recommended by several agencies in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. This equipment is mobile and since its purchase has routinely sanitized the Remington Station and ambulances. The equipment has a lifetime guaranty and may be reimbursable by FEMA.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to ratify the purchase of the decontamination fogger. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Stephenson who commended the Emergency Services Department for doing such an outstanding job during the COVID-19 Pandemic. GEMA and FEMA have also done a good job with the set up for equipment and supplies distribution.

Chairman Brown recognized County Attorney Bruce Warren who discussed the need for a resolution in order to execute a Customs Power of Attorney. The Digital Target System (\$106,125.00) that has been purchased for the Ranges at Oakfield will not be able to be shipped from Norway (location of the vendor) without the document.

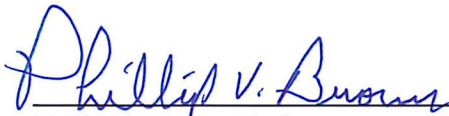
Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to adopt a Resolution to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute a Customs Power of Attorney in order to receive the Digital Target System from Kongsberg/Target Systems AS (Norway). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the gas purchase from Petroleum Products for \$.6290/gal and diesel purchase from Petroleum Products for \$1.1250/gal on March 27, 2020. Also, included in the motion was the ratification of diesel purchased at \$1.0160/gal from Petroleum Products on April 17, 2020. Commissioner Hickey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.


Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the purchase of Double Wall Polyethylene Pipe from Deep South Drainage for \$30,880.40 and the purchase of Metal Drainage Pipe from Gulf Atlantic for \$29,647.82 for the Public Works Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Grady announced that the May 7, 2020 Public Property Committee Meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Ranges at Oakfield.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Rich, and Vonier voting aye.


Phillip V. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:


Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk