

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
October 13, 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 (absent)
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, Facilities and Maintenance Director Lyndall Knight, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Finance Director Laura Nichols, Accounts Payable Lori Mitchell, Purchasing Agent Alicia Wiese, Planning Director Ken Gay, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX

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

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Ranger Todd Milam with the Georgia Forestry Commission who presented their 2020 Annual Report to the Commissioners. Thomas County contributed \$7464.00 to the Georgia Forestry Commission during the 2020 fiscal year toward the cost of protecting the forest land in the County. There were 27 wildfires, a reduction from 2019 by approximately 50 percent. There were 13,386 burn permits issued, an increase of approximately 40% from 2019.

Chairman Brown recognized Mayor Pro Tem David Hufstetler and Councilmember Jay Flowers with the City of Thomasville. As a result of the amended Intergovernmental Landfill Agreement between Thomas County and the City of Thomasville, Councilman Flowers presented Chairman Brown with the first monthly check. Mayor Pro Tem Hufstetler briefly stated the history of the 1973 agreement and since last year has been working with City Manager Alan Carson, Chief Financial Officer Cason, and the Councilmembers to amend the agreement for fairer distribution. The amended agreement was unanimously approved by the Thomas County Board of Commissioners and the Thomasville City Council.

Chairman Brown recognized Judge Stephen Andrews and presented him with a plaque for his retirement from Juvenile Court after 25 years of service. Judge Andrews expressed his appreciation and attributed his success to the resources that are available in Thomas County and to many helpful people along the way. Chairman Brown announced a reception would be held at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Wiley Grady who made a motion to ratify the amended 2020 Budget 20-10-1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross and Vonier voting aye.

2017 SPLOST CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (329)

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Account	Description	Original 2020 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
Expenses				
329-1420-54-1325	1402 E Jackson St-Bd of Electio	-	884,872	884,872
329-1568-54-1301	Govt Bldgs & Facilities	2,000,000	1,115,128	(884,872)
329-4183-54-1410	STIP Bridge Replacements	-	300,000	300,000
329-4184-54-1405	Plantation Woods Subdivision	-	300,000	300,000
329-4185-54-1405	Wagon Wheel Trail	-	38,500	38,500
329-4186-54-1405	Country Estates Subdivision	-	36,300	36,300
329-9010-57-9000	Contingencies	2,083,410	1,408,610	(674,800)
	Total			0
Net Increase to Expenses				\$0

2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT 20-10-1

GENERAL FUND (100)

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Account	Description	Original 2020 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
Revenues				
100-39-9072	2017-SPLOST Reimbursement	100,000	984,872	884,872
	Total			884,872
Net Increase to Revenues				\$884,872

Account	Description	Original 2020 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
Expenses				
100-1420-54-1200	1402 E Jackson St/Renovation	0	228,872	228,872
100-1420-54-1300	1402 E Jackson St/Purchase	0	656,000	656,000
	Total			884,872
Net Increase to Expenses				\$884,872

Chairman Brown recognized Derrick Ogletree who requested items from the ESD Fire Division and Thomas County Emergency Services to be declared surplus. Commissioner Baggett made a motion to approve the Surplus as listed and to authorize the sale of the Surplus on the online auction site, GovDeals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

Under Reports, Chairman Brown recognized County Manager Michael Stephenson who expressed his appreciation to Judge Andrews and reflected on an earlier meeting between the two when his compassion for young people and genuine concern was evident.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the diesel fuel purchase from Petroleum Products for \$1.2015/gal. on September 23, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Baggett who updated the Board on the progress being done at the new Fleet Shop. The lifts are in and have been mounted. The paving of the parking lot is scheduled to begin at the end of the week. He also talked to Frank Scoggins, Elections and Registration Director, who reported that over 1,000 people voted on the first day of Early Voting (October 12, 2020)

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.



Phillip V. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:



Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk