

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
April 13, 2021

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

Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, Planning Director Ken Gay, Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert, Emergency Services Director Derrick Ogletree, Facilities and Maintenance Director Lyndall Knight, Sheriff Carlton Powell, and County Clerk Celeste Tyler.

News/Media present: Chris Hurst, WPAX radio

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

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Mrs. Joy Knop who requested a one -day special event permit for Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The Music Festival will be held at the Deep South Fair Grounds and proceeds will go toward the Levi Knop Memorial Scholarship Fund. All required licensure for vendors providing alcohol have been submitted to the County Clerk, and two deputies from the Sheriff's Office are scheduled to work the event.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the one-day special event permit request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, Ne Smith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Lisa King, applicant, who requested a Package Beer License for Ma's Corner Stop, LLC located at 1555 Summerhill Road, Thomasville, Georgia 31757. According to Finance Director Laura Nichols, the business has passed all requirements to obtain a Package Beer License according to Thomas County's ordinance.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the application for a Package Beer License to Lisa King, dba Ma's Corner Stop, LLC at 1555 Summerhill Road, Thomasville, Georgia 31757. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Zoning Administrator Donna Holbert who introduced Application 21-4-1 by Cary (Britt) Wetherington, agent for property owner, Mary Sue Castleberry has applied for a rezoning from Ag (Agricultural) to R-2 (Residential, Single Family) on a 5.6 acre, more or less portion of a 42.72 acre, more or less, parcel. The entire parcel is zoned Agricultural and R-2 along the portion of the parcel fronting

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Hwy. 84 East. The 5.6 acre, more or less, portion is located in the Agricultural portion of the parcel and has two existing homes. If approved, the zoning change will allow for the two existing homes known as 70 and 100 Vanncastle Lane to be located on individual parcels. The Planning Staff recommends approval of this application.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the approval to submit the application for the 2021 LMIG Safety Action Program. The project list is estimated at \$229,930.00. The County would be responsible for a 30% match of the total project cost. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the purchase of ammunition for Ranges at Oakfield from Georgia Arms for \$31,544.00 on March 19, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid selection of Great Southern Demolition for the demolition of the old Fleet Services Shop for \$59,050.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid approval for roadside spraying chemicals by Nutrien Ag for \$44,319.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the six-month bid for Concrete Drainage Pipe by Foley Products. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the bid approval for Custom Truck & Body Works for a 2021 Dodge 4500 Ambulance for \$164,143.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved 6-0-1 with Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye, and Chairman Brown abstaining.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to approve the submittal of the EMS Trauma Related Equipment Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the purchase of fuel from Petroleum Products for \$2.2215/gal on April 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.


Commissioner Vonier made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel from Coastal Plains Farmers CO-OP for \$1.90907/gal on April 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye.

The upcoming committee meetings were announced. The Public Works Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on April 14, 2021, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. The Emergency Services Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on April 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. The Fleet Services Committee will meet at the Historic Courthouse on April 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. The motion was approved unanimously with Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baggett, Grady, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Vonier voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

  
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Phillip V. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Celeste C. Tyler, County Clerk