



**Board of Commissioners**  
**Agenda**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Historic Courthouse**  
225 N. Broad Street  
March 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Minutes February 24, 2017
- E. Public Hearing
- F. Awards and Presentations
- G. Unfinished Business
- H. Zoning/Preliminary Site/Final Plat Approval/Variances
- I. New Business
- J. Open Meeting to Citizens
- K. Reports
  - a. Manager
  - b. County Attorney
  - c. Committee
    - i. Purchasing
      - 1. Ratify Diesel Purchase – 2/23/2017 Petroleum Products \$1.7394
      - 2. Committee Recommendations from 3/7/2017 meeting
- L. Closed Session (if needed)
- M. Appendix
  - a. FEMA, Kevin Hannes, Letter of Thanks
- N. Adjourn

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
February 28, 2017

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:

Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman, Dist. 3	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4	Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager, Thelma Maxwell, Assistant Clerk and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Brown who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/14/2017 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Don Shiver, Thomas County Coroner. Mr. Shiver requested that the board approve a total of three (3) deputy coroners for Thomas County. The statues allow for one (1) and any additional has to be approved by the board. Salaries would not change in the budget and he does have the training covered in the 2017 budget. He also noted that they will be on-call only when he is unable to take a call. Selected are Charles Jones, Tom Coram and Mark Sealy in answer to Commissioner Gross' inquiry.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Coroner's request to two (2) additional deputy coroners for Thomas County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Don Lyles, Senior Attorney, Public Defenders Office. Mr. Lyles explained that their copier, though not budgeted, needed to be replaced. Commissioner NeSmith reminded him that these type purchases should be budgeted.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the purchase of a Kyocera TA-4002i copier with a large capacity tray from Rumbles Office City for \$7,250.88. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Josh Niswonger of Central High School. Mr. Niswonger explained the Thomas County Student Ambassador program and the projects that the students have, such as serving

as a page for members of our legislative branches. Students attending and grade; Maggie Martin-12<sup>th</sup>, Anna Jense-12<sup>th</sup>, Kennedy Ward-11<sup>th</sup>, Hailey Ferrell-11<sup>th</sup>, Sierra Stephens-11<sup>th</sup>, Chandler Watson-12<sup>th</sup>, Cole Redfearn-12<sup>th</sup> and Michael Moody-11<sup>th</sup>.

There were no committee reports. The upcoming committee meetings were announced.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss property in accordance to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4) at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to return to open session at 7:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey reported there is no action to be taken as the result of the closed session.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Gross and Vonier voting aye.

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Kenneth E. Hickey, Chairman

ATTEST:

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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk



## FUEL BIDS



DATE OF BID: February 23, 2017

Base Prices Only

VENDOR	GAS B 87 OCTANE CONVENTIONAL UNLEADED 7,500 GALLONS	DIESEL B ULTRA-LOW SULFUR 7,500 GALLONS
<b>PETROLEUM PRODUCTS</b> Harold Jackson 229-226-8354 Fax 229-228-7694		<b>1.7394</b>
PLANTATION PETROLEUM Kim Chason 229-226-5600 Fax 229-228-9611		1.784312

Approved by Commissioner Vonier on 02/23/17 @ 8:40 A.M.

Ratify at the February 28, 2017 Meeting

Purchasing Meeting  
Budget Recap

3/7/2017

Description	Budget	Cost	Difference	Department	
Dodge Chargers	153,724.00	152,232.48	1,491.52	Sheriff	
Pick Up Truck	28,000.00	25,127.00	2,873.00	Equipment Shop	
Pick Up Truck	28,000.00	25,127.00	2,873.00	Building Maintenance	
Budget price included a work body -Work Body not in this price					
Motor Grader	Sloper	46,000.00	24,956.00	-4,877.72	Public Works
Motor Grader	Scarifiar		25,921.72		
Utility Tractor		60,000.00	42,767.50	17,232.50	Public Works
Tilt Trailer		17,000.00	19,000.00	-2,000.00	Public Works
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$332,724.00</u>	<u>\$315,131.70</u>	<u>\$17,592.30</u>	Under Budget	

Equipment Financing

	Estimated Costs	Actual	
Compact Excavator/Mulch Head	130,000.00	133,740.00	Public Works
Boom Mower	133,000.00	148,000.00	Public Works
Vac Truck	350,000.00	325,113.00	Public Works
		Total Costs	606,853.00
			Lease pmt TBD
<b>Budget:</b>	Lease Purchase (7 years)	Annual Payment	\$103,000.00

Purchasing Committee Recommendations  
3/07/2017 Meeting

1. **Dodge Chargers** – Sheriff’s Office – Budget \$153,724 – Committee recommends to award the Chargers to:
  - a. **Stallings Automotive** for \$38,058.12, 4 totaling **\$152,232.48**
  - b. **West Chatham Warning Devices** for lights and Equipment for \$14,303.12, 4 totaling **\$57,212.48**

**Total purchase - 4 Dodge Chargers including Lights and Equipment – \$152,232.48**
2. **Ambulance** – EMS – Only 1 bid was received, the other vendor Custom Truck & Body Works did not receive the RFP due to sales staff changes at Custom Truck & Body Works. Committee recommends to extend the date to accept bids in order to give Custom Truck & body Works the opportunity to bid and notify Southeastern Specialty Vehicles that their bid is unopened and if they would like to resubmit or to use the existing bid.
3. **Pick-Up Trucks** – Budget \$28,000 each, Total \$56,000– Building Maintenance & Equipment Shop – Committee recommends to award to:
  - a. **Stallings Automotive** \$25,127 each **Total purchase \$50,254**
  - b. Rebid the work body for Building Maintenance since only one vendor replied
4. **Compact Excavator & Mulch Head** – **Estimated Cost-** \$130,000 – Public Works – Committee recommends to award the Compact Excavator & Mulch Head to:
  - a. **Yancey Brothers** 2017 CAT 308E2 Compact Excavator, \$101,000.00, 4 year/3000 hour Warranty, \$1,740 Total with warranty \$102,740
  - b. **Yancey Brothers** Denis Cimaf DAH-050C mulch head \$31,000

**Total purchase \$133,740**
5. **Motor Grader Lease** – Public Works – Committee recommends to award:
  - a. **Yancey** – 1 Motor Grader Lease for a 2017 Caterpillar 12M3 with Front-Mounted Scarifier  
**Annual cost - \$ 24,956.00**
  - b. **Flint Equipment** – 1 Motor Grader Lease to for a 2017 John Deere 670G with Rome GS16 Sloper  
**Annual cost - \$25,921.72**
  - c. **Yancey Brothers** – Accept cash trade-in allowance of Unit #10-106 Caterpillar 140M **\$103,000.00**
6. **Midsized Utility Tractor** – Budget \$60,000 – Public Works – Committee recommends to award the Midsized Utility Tractor with 2-year Full Machine and 3 year Powertrain, 5 Year Limited Warranty for no additional charges
  - a. **TNT Super Center** 2017 Mahindra MPOWER 85 **\$42,767.50**
7. **Self-Contained Boom Mower** – **Estimated Cost -** \$133,000 – Public Works – Committee recommends to award the mower with a Front Attachment Hitch (standard):
  - a. **Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company** **\$148,000**
8. **Vac Truck** – **Estimated Cost -** \$350,000 – Public Works – Committee recommends to award the Vac Truck to Adams Equipment Company for the 2017 Freightliner 1145D and VAC-Con V390/1000 LHA-P for **\$325,113.00**
9. **Tilt Trailer** – Budget \$17,000 – Committee recommends to award the Tilt Trailer to **Bishop Trailers and Equipment** for the 2017 20T Tilt for **\$19,500.00**
10. **Ready Mix Portland Cement Concrete Annual bid price** – Committee recommends to accept both bids, **Argos USA and Scruggs Concrete** and purchase according to job site and availability

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Joint Field Office  
FEMA-4294/97-DR-GA  
691 Wellborn Road  
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088



**FEMA**

March 1, 2017

Mr. Chris Jones  
Chief, Thomas County  
Fire Department  
1202 Remington Ave.  
Thomasville, GA 31791

Dear Mr. Jones,

I wanted to take a brief moment to say thank you, not only for your response to the events in January that led to the two Major Disaster declarations, but for your support and teamwork as we jointly coordinated the ongoing recovery. As the Federal Coordinating Officer for the declared disasters, DR-4294 and DR-429, it is my role to lead the Federal Response and Recovery in direct support to the state of Georgia and your efforts at the local level. Your ability to coordinate the required facilities to house our Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) at the Thomas County Fire Department facility in Thomas County allowed our collective teams to provide direct, unencumbered support those individuals and families who suffered because of the events in January. These DRCs provided the cornerstone to your communities' recovery.

Your invaluable contribution to supporting the mission has enabled FEMA and the State of Georgia to bring the necessary resources and assistance to the stricken communities within Georgia, and sets the foundation for putting their lives back together again.

I appreciate the sacrifice and generosity that you have demonstrated through your actions.

Respectively Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin L. Hannes", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Kevin L. Hannes  
Federal Coordinating Officer  
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