

**Board of Commissioners**  
**Agenda**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Historic Courthouse  
225 N. Broad Street  
May 23, 6:00 p.m.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Minutes      May 9, 2017 Board Meeting
- E. Public Hearing
- F. Awards and Presentations
  - a. Melody Pierce, Interim Executive Director of WorkSource SW Georgia
- 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
- L. Closed Session (if needed)
- M. Appendix
- N. Adjourn

Minutes  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Board Street  
May 9, 2017

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 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. Others present were Bruce Warren, James Mann, Tim Coram, Lyndall Knight, Tony Wooten, and Tony Bodiford.

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 4/25/2017 Board Meeting, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown and Commissioners Baker, Gross, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Gross who made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the 2017 Capital Improvements Element of the Comprehensive Plan. 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.

#### Reports

Mr. Stephenson handed out a document showing the upcoming SPLOST distribution options; with and without Level 2 and the maximum amount allowed in a Level 2.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to accept the sole bid of \$100 from Jeff Willis to purchase and move the Patten Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Bruce Warren gave a bill of sale to the clerk before the meeting for the Patten Courthouse, building only, for the chairman to sign.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to accept the low bid for the body to go on the air-conditioning maintenance truck from Transport Equipment for \$5927.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Hickey, Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to award Scruggs Company the resurfacing contract for the Singletary, Lawhorne, Pummy and N. Pinetree Road for \$1,380,240. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. 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 approve the low bid for financing Pubic Works Equipment to Ameris Bank, 7 year loan at 2.32% \$606,283 total with \$93,919.45 annual payments beginning December 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried 6-1; Chairman Hickey recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Baker, Gross, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to ratify the May 2, 2017 diesel purchase from Petroleum Products at \$1.6196 per gallon. 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 Gross who made a motion to enter into executive closed session at 9:17 a.m. to confer with the county attorney about litigation and personnel. 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 enter into open session at 10:07 a.m. reporting there is no action to be taken. 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 Commissioner Grady who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. 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:

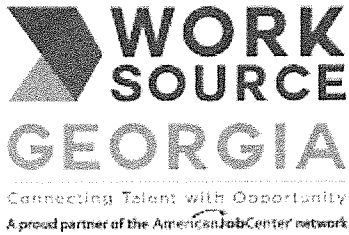
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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk

**From:** Jerry Chapman <JChapman@colquittga.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 3:18 PM  
**To:** monnette.monahan@thomascountyga.gov  
**Cc:** Melody Pierce; Pascha Spence  
**Subject:** Meeting Appearance Request

Good Afternoon Ms. Monahan,  
Melody Pierce, Interim Executive Director of WorkSource Southwest Georgia, would like to appear before the Thomas County Board of Commissioners to provide an update on activities that we have going on. She would like to attend the meeting of Tuesday 5/23, if possible. If this date doesn't work with their agenda, let me know and we can schedule something later.  
Thanks,  
Jerry

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