

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center
1202 Remington Avenue
January 24, 2012 6:00 p.m.

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Center, with the following board members present:

J. Elaine Mays, Chairman, Dist. 8	Moses L. Gross, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 2
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Kenneth E. Hickey, Dist. 3
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4	Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Mary Jo Beverly, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager, Bruce Warren, County Attorney, and M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio, was also present.

Chairman Mays opened the meeting welcomed everyone attending.

Commissioner NeSmith gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Charles 'Ship' Hightower, CFO Archbold Memorial Hospital. Mr. Hightower explained that the service currently in place to provide indigent health care services to low income individuals. Also available to Archbold is the ability for prescription drugs to be purchased at a lower cost. Mr. Hightower requests the board to sign the necessary document certifying that Thomas County has a valid contract to provide these services.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the necessary document certifying the 2008 is in place for the services provided to low-income persons and provide Archbold Memorial Hospital with the ability to purchase pharmaceuticals at a reduced rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Larry Price from American Legion Post 31. Mr. Price was present to invite the board to a luncheon honoring American Legion National Chairman Fang A. Wong, Saturday January 28, 11:00 a.m. at Post 31.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products on January 10 for \$3.1268 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the 2010 EMS account write-offs, \$419,066.85, and turn the accounts over to Holloway Credit Bureau to pursue for seven (7) more years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley and approved unanimously.

The 2012 Work Plan was discussed and was referred to the Work Session scheduled January 26, 2012.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to execute the necessary documents for Right of Way Certification for the Safety Action Plan Off System Project, DOT, P.I. #0010733. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously.

The chairman opened the meeting to any citizen wishing to address the board who was not listed on the agenda. There were none.

Michael Stephenson, County Manager, reminded the board of the Work Session on Thursday. The time was set to begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Municipal Airport conference room. Mike Woodham the Airport Manager will be taking the board on a tour of the facility after lunch. Items that will be discussed are the revenues, expenses and fund balances. The auditor's preliminary audit results will be discussed, the 2012 Work Plan and a draft from the LOST Negotiation Guidelines. Mr. Stephenson asked that each commissioner review the guidelines prior to the work session.

Commissioner Brown asked if the county had an Energy Savings Program. Mr. Stephenson and Lyndall Knight, Building Maintenance Supervisor, explained that the county does not have a written plan. Mr. Stephenson stated that every precaution is being taken to save energy. However, Mr. Knight monitors all utility usage/billing and all normal tasks are in place, such as thermostat settings, lights not being used are turned off. Mr. Knight also commented that in the new Judicial Center automatic temperature changes and lights turn off automatically when no one is in a room. These were energy savings included in the specifications of the building.

Vice-Chairman Gross made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Emergency Services Committee to repair the roof and building at the New Hope Fire Station for an estimated \$12,947.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beverly and approved unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Gross made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Emergency Services Committee and ratify the repair of Barwick pumper Unit 716, radiator replacement \$3,282. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Gross made a motion to approve the application for the EMS to apply for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant program for an estimated \$100,000 to purchase 26

radios for EMS personnel, with at 10% match. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Beverly made a motion to accept the Public Property's recommendation to approve the change order for Pelham Variety Works and Construction's contract to hardcoat and blue boards certain walls in the Annex and Courthouse for an additional \$26,126. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Beverly stated that the original proposal for about \$145,000, however the committee selected on certain walls to be done.

Commissioner Beverly made a motion to accept the Public Property's recommendation to approve the change order for Thomasville Glass Company's contract eliminating certain glass top walls and the glass door to the Annex 2nd Floor Conference Room, reducing the contract by \$4,589. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley and approved unanimously.

Committee Meetings scheduled:

Road Committee	2/2/2012	8:30 a.m.	Public Works
Purchasing Committee	2/7/2012	8:00 a.m.	Sheriff's Ofc Conf Rm
Finance Committee	2/9/2012	8:30 a.m.	Comm Office Conf Rm

2012 SPLOST Town Hall Meetings remaining:

City of Thomasville	Municipal Building	7:00 p.m.	1/30/2012
City of Barwick	City Hall	6:00 p.m.	1/31/2012
City of Coolidge	City Hall	6:00 p.m.	2/6/2012
City of Boston	Community Center	6:00 p.m.	2/9/2012
City of Pavo	City Hall	6:30 p.m.	2/13/2012

Commissioner Hickey stated that a former Inmate Firefighter who was in Thomas County's program has asked for a letter from the board. Corey Thompson has now completed the EMT training. Because of his conviction Mr. Thompson is requesting a letter from the board to submit to the State. The board asked Captain Martin Smith to find out what the restriction the State has concerning convictions. There was no action taken.

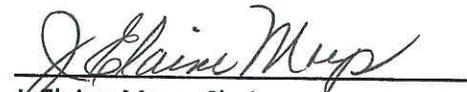
Vice-Chairman Gross reported that he had spoken to Thomasville officials and that anytime is open in February for the City County Workshop. After discussion the board tentatively set February 21 for a Luncheon Workshop. Staff will work it out with the City of Thomasville.

Commissioner Beverly reported that she, Michael Stephenson, Lyndall Knight and Johnny Reichert met on January 20 to discuss the proposed contract with AEC, LLC. They are going to review and identify Task 1 and 2 of the proposal and give a

recommendation. She also reported that she had attended her first board meeting with the Thomas County Humane Society on January 19.

Commissioner Brown reported that he is preparing for his Commission District 7 Community Meeting. Thomas County Department Heads will also be present to answer questions. The meeting will be at the Thomasville Community Resource Center, 501 Varnedoe Street, on Thursday, February 2, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beverly and approved unanimously.


Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk