

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center
1202 Remington Avenue
February 14, 2012 9:00 a.m.

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in regular session at 9:00 a.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, M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk, Toyona Allen, secretary. Patti Dozer, Times-Enterprise and Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio, were also present.

Chairman Mays opened the meeting.

Commissioner Hickey gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the January 24, 2012 minutes as corrected.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to appoint Alfred E. Bryan to the Regional Commission to fill the 'Additional Member' position and forward the recommendation to the City of Thomasville for final approval, a county and city position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Baker who made a motion to authorize the chairman to execute the contract for Rural Public Transportation, 5311 Program for FY 2012; operating costs \$452,072 and capital costs \$14,010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays made a motion to approve the Package Beer License, Parth N. Inc., Navnitkumar K. Patel, dba U. S. Food Mart at 1555 Summerhill Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to approve the grant application for swift water equipment through the All Hazards Regional Council Area 2 for approximately \$150,000 with no local match. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel, \$3.1065 per gallon from Petroleum Products on 2/2/2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously.

Jeff Rich, sales representative with Yancey Bros. Co., was recognized. Mr. Rich has asked Yancey Bros. to make his temporary appointment to Thomas County permanent and that he is available to serve Thomas County. Mr. Rich stated that Woody Gayle, Thomas County's representative has left the company and that Mr. Rich hopes to be assigned Thomas County permanently.

Chairman Mays recognized Bruce Warren to explain the contract with the City of Thomasville/Airport. Mr. Warren explained that Will Sanders had submitted a contract to perform the FAA maintenance at the airport. The county and city jointly own the property. Mr. Warren is recommending that the county approve the contract with the changes he submits.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to enter into contract with the City of Thomasville for the required FAA maintenance of clear cutting timber surrounding the runways. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve for the proceeds of the timber sales due to the FAA maintenance requirements, be distributed to the City of Thomasville's Airport Fund to off-set the cost of the runway maintenance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.

Tim Coefield, Tower Cloud, explained to the board that Tower Cloud is a company that has been contracted by Verizon Wireless to install fiber optic cable on certain right-of-ways in the county. The company is based out of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Coefield, distributed information and maps outlining the routes that will have the fiber optic cable installed.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to add Tower Cloud to the list of utility companies using the county's right of ways. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Beverly stated that staff does not have a problem at this time with right-of-way utility permits. They keep a very detailed record of all utilities on the right-of-ways. The board may want to consider a policy with fees in place to control right of way usage and monitor its saturation. She stated that utilities on right of ways may in the future limit space that the county might need for growth such as a county-wide water system.

Commissioner NeSmith stated that the bids for the narrow banding equipment were rejected and the project is being rebid with revised specifications.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee to purchase the aggregate rock from CMI, the low bidder, for \$56,500. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley and approved unanimously.

Commissioner NeSmith presented a request from the City of Coolidge for assistance from the county to reconstruct the basketball court. Building Maintenance submitted an estimated cost of materials at \$12,397.00 and Public Works submitted a labor and equipment cost of \$1,743.00. Public Works also stated there is an unknown number of loads of dirt that will be needed at \$75.00 per load. The county's labor and equipment expenses will be charged against the City of Coolidge's annual allotment but all out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed by Coolidge.

Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to approve for the county workforce to reconstruct the basketball court according to the drawing and estimates with the City of Coolidge reimbursing the county for all out of pocket expenses. The motion was seconded by Chairman Mays and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Beverly made a motion to approve the City of Thomasville's proposal for a utility tap at the historic courthouse for \$11,975. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to award the New Hope Fire Station tree trim/cutting to Carey's Tree Service for \$1,950. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to increase the cost of the metal roof by \$345.00 for a total of \$2,780 to Elite Structures. The total cost of the New Hope project is \$13,292.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss a legal matter with the county attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to reenter into open session reported that there is no action as a result of the closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith and approved unanimously.

Signed: J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST: M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk