

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center
1202 Remington Avenue
February 28, 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, Toyna Allen-Brooks, Pat Smith, Animal Control Director and M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio, was also present.

Chairman Mays opened the meeting welcomed everyone attending.

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

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2012 board meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Kevin Hils, Chehaw Park Zoo Director, Albany, Georgia. Mr. Hils told the board that he and Chehaw Park appreciated the assistance of Pat Smith, Thomas County Animal Control Director, and the animal control team, Matthew Harry and Thomas McGuire. Chehaw Park and Thomas County Animal Control relocated some snakes; 8 pythons and 3 boa constrictors. He commended them for their interaction with other agencies.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel on February 24, 2012 from Petroleum Products at \$3.3537 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to approve the 2012 funding request, \$11,100, and contract from the Halcyon Home. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beverly and approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays opened the meeting to citizens who wanted to address the board. There was none.

Michael Stephenson told the board that three departments had finished their customer satisfaction survey and that the board would soon receive a report with the results.

The evaluation team members are Angela Jones, Public Works; Bobbie Hickey, Prison and Kathy Brooks, Building Inspection. Also, an employee survey is in progress using the Deming Method of 14 principles.

Commissioner Beverly presented recommendations from the Public Property Committee.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee to approve a change order for the historic courthouse; Pelham Variety Works, install fire-rated sheetrock per the building code above the 2nd and 3rd floor wood bead board ceilings in rooms 202 and 301 and above the lobbies, 201A and 300, \$27,854; install fire-rated sheetrock and fire-caulking per the building code on walls and 4 feet out onto the ceilings of rooms 207 and 304 and adjacent rooms 208, 203, 206, 311, 305, 300B and 303, \$4,852. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley.

The chairman called for discussion. Commissioner NeSmith voiced his concerns about the change orders and it was discussed with staff and board members.

Chairman Mays called the question. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee to approve an increase in Thomasville Utility's utility tap fee by \$3,471 that adds 2 fire hydrants and valve boxes, changing the total fee to \$15,446. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker and approved unanimously.

After discussion concerning the warranty from Jones Septic Tank Service the recommendation from the Public Property to repair the sewerage grinder for the Jail Justice Center was referred to the Purchasing Committee on March 6.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the historic courthouse construction administration contract with APS-AEC, LLC for \$120,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker.

The chairman called for discussion. Commissioner NeSmith voiced his concerns about the contract, and what responsibilities were involved. It was discussed with staff and board members. The contract term is for the duration of the project.

Chairman Mays called the question. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the historic courthouse contract for engineering plans for the fire sprinkler system, to submit to the Thomas County Inspections and to State Fire Marshall with APS-AEC, LLC for \$22,770. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker.

The chairman called for discussion. The contract was discussed between staff and board members.

Chairman Mays called the question. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee to contract for engineering plans for the front steps and porch of the historic courthouse with APS-AEC, LLC, \$7,590. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley.

The chairman called for discussion. Commissioner Beverly explained that the extent of the work was not known until the porch was removed. It was further discussed between staff and board members.

Chairman Mays called the question. The motion was approved unanimously.

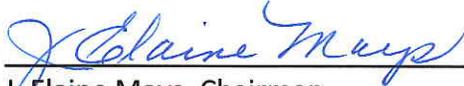
Commissioner Hickey announced that the Lake Riverside Homeowners Association has requested a meeting with local officials. Commissioner Hickey has set the meeting for Monday, March 5, 7:00 p.m. at the Ochlocknee Community Center. Commissioner Hickey has arranged for the Sheriff, County Manager, Fire Chief, Code Enforcement and Public Works Director to be present to address their concerns.

Commissioner Hickey also announced that Sam Olens, Georgia Attorney General, will be at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. to update our community on state issues.

Committee Meeting Scheduled:

Purchasing/Road	March 6, 2012	8:30 a.m.
Finance	March 9, 2012	10:30 a.m.
Emergency Services	March 15, 2012	8:30 a.m.
Solid Waste/Road	March 22, 2012	8:30 a.m.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey and approved unanimously.



J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk