

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center
1202 Remington Avenue
May 8, 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, Toyna Allen-Brooks, secretary, and M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media representatives present were Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio, and Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise.

Michael Stephenson gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012 board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays and Michael Stephenson presented Deming Management Method Class Number 13 with their Certificates of Completion:

Franklin Georgia	Corrections
Robert Mills	Fire
Lynn Anglin	Public Works
Deena Jones	Emergency Medical Service
Jessie Winkelmann	Commissioners' Office

Chairman Mays recognized members of the Thomasville and Thomas County Chamber of Commerce Leadership 2012 Class; Jerry Pionessna, Engineering Department/City of Thomasville, Tim Powers, Ameris Bank, Misty Scully, Ameris Bank and Marie Adams, Archbold Medical Center.

Chairman Mays recognized Pam Lister the Director of Keep Thomas County Beautiful. Ms. Lister gave an update of the clean-up campaigns. The Great American Cleanup was on April 13th and 14th with almost 300 volunteers, 19 miles cleaned resulting in 600 pounds of litter. On June 2 there will be a breakfast at the Public Works Department for Volunteers wishing to participate in the Community Appearance Index.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Dept. of Corrections annual capacity agreement for 185 state inmates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Sheriff Powell and Capt. Steve Jones. Capt. Jones updated the board on the collection of mobile home fifas. They found that many of the mobile homes did not have a clear title or were worthless therefore unable to be sold at auction. There are 36 fifas that they are moving forward to sell on July 3. After this year the records will be purged of mobile homes that should not be on the tax digest.

Chairman Mays recognized Jerry Pionessna with the City of Thomasville Engineering Department. Mr. Pionessna thanked the county staff for working together with the city to find with a solution to the drainage and infrastructure needs of the historic courthouse. Commissioner Beverly said that Mr. Pionessna and the city have been helping with drainage problems and their attitude and cooperation has been very appreciated.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to accept the Road Committee's recommendation to allow the county crews on a one-time basis to repair and fill-in potholes on Thomas Drive and Brinson Road to allow access by emergency vehicles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Road Committee's recommendation for Bob Roberson & Associates pursue an application for a CDBG grant in 2013 for Thomas Drive and Brinson Road for infrastructure and paving. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Gross. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Road Committee's recommendation to pursue with the City of Thomasville the needs of Pinetree Boulevard to determine what engineered traffic studies need to be conducted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

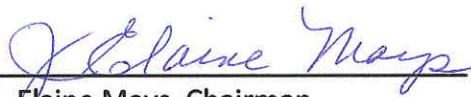
Committee Meetings announced: Purchasing, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m., May 15, Commissioners' Office and Finance, Thursday, 9:00 a.m., May 17, Commissioners' Office.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to enter into closed session for consultation with the county attorney at 9:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Beverly. The Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

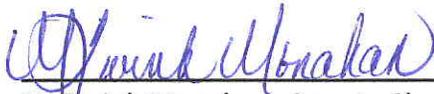
Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to enter into open session reporting no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

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



J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk