

# Board of Commissioners

## Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center

1202 Remington Avenue

June 12, 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

Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1

Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4

Mary Jo Beverly, Dist. 6

Moses L. Gross, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 2

Kenneth E. Hickey, Dist. 3

Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5

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.

Dewitt Rehberg gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized the two candidates running for Commission District 6; Gene Price and Wiley Grady.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2012 board meeting as presented. 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 NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the diesel purchase on 5/23/12, Petroleum Products \$2.939 and the gas purchase on 6/4/12, Petroleum Products \$2.57041. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

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

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion effective 7/1/12 not to participate in the Employee Retirement System of Georgia (ERSGA) for any Tax Commissioner or Tax Commissioner's employees hired after 6/30/12. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

#### Open to Citizens

Dewitt Rehberg, Glen Arvin Drive., wanted to know how many times per day the inmates are fed. Warden Geer stated the inmates are fed three times per day and the average cost per meal is \$1.22.

Roger Walker, Hwy 319, stated he had some concerns with the Red Hills Business Park; wetlands, traffic flow, types of businesses, and the safety of the entrance. The board heard Mr. Walker's concerns and Chairman Mays, who serves on the board of the Thomasville Payroll Development Authority (PDA), stated she will address his concerns at their next meeting.

Vice-Chairman Gross stated that in previous meetings with the City of Thomasville it was asked that Thomas County participate with the road construction. Vice-Chairman Gross understands that a private contractor is building the road. Chairman Mays and Mr. Stephenson stated that they are not aware of the roads being let for bid. Chairman Mays stated she would address his concerns at the next PDA meeting.

The board was reminded of the ACCG training session, Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the Best Western Conference Center of Thomasville.

Bruce Warren stated that he had received information concerning a class action notice of partial settlement regarding hotel taxes. The defendants are on-line travel agencies. Thomas County does not need to respond to participate.

#### Purchasing Committee Recommendations (6/5/12)

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee and award the striping of Woodhaven, Salem, Oak Hill, Dillon, Ozell, and Old Cassidy Roads to Peek Pavement Markings for \$21,189. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee and award the purchasing of roadside spraying herbicides to Helena Chemical for \$15,182.70. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

### Public Property Committee Recommendations (5/24/2010)

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve items 1-9 as recommended by the Public Property Committee for the Historic Courthouse renovation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

1. Pelham Variety Change Order #1 – Interior Plastering Contract \$9,821, Fire Safety Code Requirement: Added plaster work on four restroom walls in place of ceramic tile, Install hard coat plaster finish, build-out wall, install hard coat plaster finish, new exterior stucco system at jams and head of door 118A ramp entrance;
2. Pelham Variety Change Order #4 – Gypsum Contract \$2,281, Fire Safety Code Requirement: 1 hour fire-rated gypsum wall board and caulking work on first floor restroom ceilings, rooms 115, 117, and 113C
3. Lang Mechanical Change Order #4 HVAC Contract \$2,596.86 Fire Safety Code Requirement: Provide and install additional fire dampers
4. Fred Eubanks/Ironworks, New Contract - \$63,000 Specialized design and fabrication, and repairs to railings and posts on the front exterior steps of the courthouse
5. JCI – Montgomery Paint – Change Order - \$8,000 Exterior paint, waterproof paint with 10-year guarantee, Paint only, No labor
6. Pelham Variety – Millwork Contract – Change Order - \$16,458.16 Hardware changes for ADA
7. Rowe Roofing – Repairs to copper roofs and 2 new downspouts - \$16,303
8. Marlin Coatings - \$6,850 - Water proofing front steps and wall of annex basement at employee entrance and main building on TNB side
9. Quality Care Flooring, Wood floor finishing – \$32,375

The following committee meeting dates and the board members will be notified: Emergency Services, Solid Waste, Finance and Purchasing. Board members will be notified when the dates are confirmed.

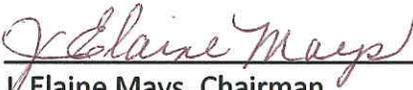
Commissioner NeSmith commented on the letter Mr. Stephenson sent to county departments commending them for their work on June 6 when Thomasville and portions of Thomas County received 7 inches of rain in a very short period of time causing flooding in the area.

The board was reminded about the City County Workshop on June 20<sup>th</sup> the location has not been determined.

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.

  
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Elaine Mays, Chairman

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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk