

# Board of Commissioners

## Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center

1202 Remington Avenue

July 10, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in regular session at 9:10 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 Ansley, Dist. 5
Mary Jo Beverly, Dist. 6 (absent)	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. Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio, was also present.

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

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2012 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, NeSmith and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays and Michael Stephenson presented Deming Management Method Class Number 14 with their Certificates of Completion:

Vera Arrington-Transit	James Nolan-Fire
Dusty Bozeman - Public Works	Jamie Parrott-Equipment Shop
Toyna Allen-Brooks-Commissioners' Office	Marvin Pittman-Prison
Travis Brooks-Prison	April Robinson-911
Alice Bryant-Public Works	Donna Schie-Inspections
Lee Clanton-EMS	Thelma Salter-Commissioners' Office
Yolanda Johnson-Fire	Daniel Warren-EMS

Chairman Mays declared a Public Hearing to receive the public's comments concerning the 2012 Capital Improvement Element (CIE) Annual Update. Chairman Mays recognized Bill Ross, Sr. Ross + Associates, who explained the report and the history of the county's impact fee structure. Mr. Ross explained the two sections of the report; Financial Report and the Short Term Work Plan. He also answered questions concerning permitted expenditures of the different funds. Mr. Ross stated that he would be available to attend a workshop for the board if needed.

Chairman Mays declared the Public Hearing closed.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to approve the Transmittal Resolution for the 2012 Capital Improvements Element, Impact Fees, of the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Brown voting aye.

Georgia, Thomas County

**Transmittal Resolution  
Capital Improvements Element Update  
Thomas County, Georgia**

WHEREAS, Thomas County adopted a Capital Improvements Element as an amendment to the *Thomas County Comprehensive Plan*; and

WHEREAS, Thomas County has prepared a 2012 Annual Update to the adopted Capital Improvements Element (including financial data for fiscal year 2011); and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update was prepared in accordance with the "Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements" and the "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning" adopted by the Board of Community Affairs pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and a duly advertised Public Hearing was held on July 10, 2012, at 9:00 A.M. in the Thomas County Emergency Operations Center;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County does hereby submit the 2012 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for Regional and State review, as per the requirements of the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the purchase two (2) surplus tankers, 2001 International 4900, 5,000 gallon tank, to be assigned to Fire District 3 and the Central Fire District for \$3,500 each, \$7,000 total from DOAS/Surplus. (Poll taken on 27 June 2012 all board members voting in favor.) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Brown voting aye.

Commissioner NeSmith asked Chief Jones to clarify the status of the fire gear voted as surplus at the June 26 meeting. Chief Jones stated that the turnout gear listed is damaged or worn beyond repair and the helmets have been scavenged to repair other helmets. After making it clear as to why the items on the Fire Department's list were surplus, there was no need to amend the previous action.

It was discussed that Commissioner Beverly is going to look at the chairs that were declared surplus when she returns and report to the board at the next meeting.

Chairman Mays recognized the two (2) candidates for County Commission District 6; Wiley Grady and Gene Price.

OPEN TO THE CITIZENS

Chairman Mays recognized Alford Bryan. Mr. Bryan stated his views concerning additional information being on the county's website, promoting voter registration, LOST/SPLOST funds, Economic Development and animal control.

Chairman Mays recognized Roger Walker. Mr. Walker spoke concerning the Red Hills Business Park. Chairman Mays said that his concerns would best be answered by the Thomasville Payroll Development Authority.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to grant the library's request for \$9,563 from their reserve fund to pay for their property and casualty insurance with ACCG/IRMA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to approve to submit application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) as described below. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Brown voting aye.

1	Truck application for Zone 3 is	\$250,000.00	
	Includes 50,000.00 in equipment	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>	
	Total Match for Application #1		<u>\$30,000.00</u>
2	Updating all of the air packs to meet the current standard and standardize equipment in Fire District 3	District 3 and Central Fire District.	
		\$438,476.80	
	Match		\$43,847.68
	Central Fire District	\$139,419.80	
	Match		\$13,941.98
	Total match for Application #2		<u>\$57,788.00</u>
	<b>Total Match for Application #1 and #2</b>		<b><u>\$87,788.00</u></b>

Chairman Mays recognized Sheriff Carlton Powell and Capt. Steve Jones. Captain Jones gave an update report on the tax collection and mobile home tax sales.

Sheriff Powell advised the board that the inmate population at the Jail has increased. The average for the last four (4) months is 254 per day. This is having an effect on the budget, in particular the meals. More bunks have been purchased to accommodate the increase.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the 2011 distribution of the drug education funds as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Brown voting aye.

1/1/2011	Balance	\$43,928.05
	2011 Revenues	<u>\$31,015.37</u>
	Available for 2011 Distribution	\$74,943.42
	2011 Distribution	(\$35,000.00)
12/31/2011	Balance	\$39,943.42
	<b>Recommended for 2012 Distribution</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
	Thomas County FTE 5241 (64.4%)	\$19,320.00
	Sheriff's Office DARE Program	
	Thomasville FTE 2,897 (35.6)	\$10,680.00
	Police Department's DARE Program	
Note:	Thomas County Sheriff's Office Total DARE expenses	\$46,346.97
	Thomasville Police Dept. Total DARE expenses	\$58,664.00

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to appoint Emma R. Chatmon to the Library Board, Position #7, a 3-year term expiring 6/30/15. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Brown voting aye.

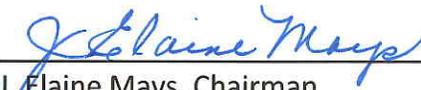
Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to appoint Carolyn D. Brown to the Department of Family and Children Services Board for a 5-year term expiring 6/30/17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, and Ansley voting aye. Commissioner Brown abstained from the vote.

The following committees were set: Purchasing Committee, Monday July 16, 2012 8:00 a.m., Commissioners Office; Emergency Service Committee, Tuesday July 17, 2012 8:30 a.m., Emergency Service Center; Road Committee, Thursday July 19, 2012 8:30 a.m.; Public Works

Conference Room; Finance Committee, Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Conference Room.

Mr. Stephenson reviewed the history of the LOST so the board would have a good understanding for the negotiation process.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, NeSmith, and Brown voting aye.

  
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J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk