

# Board of Commissioners

## Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center

1202 Remington Avenue

July 24, 2012

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 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, and M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio, was also present.

Chairman Mays recognized Dewitt Rehberg who gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Brown voting aye. Commissioner Beverly was not present at the meeting therefore she abstained from the vote

Chairman Mays recognized Thomasville City Manager Steve Sykes. Mr. Sykes gave the board an update of the Red Hills Business Park project and displayed a site plan showing Phase I and the future Phase II. Jerry Pionessa of the Thomasville Engineering Department explained about drainage plans and the wetlands. Mr. Sykes stated that the portion of the 2013 SPLOST designated to the infrastructure of the business park.

Chairman Mays recognized Derrick Ogletree, IS Manager. Mr. Ogletree has been working with Paul Sheets, a videographer. Mr. Ogletree explained that he and Mr. Sheets are filming department activities and will use videos to tell the story of what each department's functions are and how they serve the community. This all being a part of the We Are Thomas County Campaign and videos of the three departments that have been completed and were shown to the board. The videos can be seen on each department's web page; E-911, Emergency Medical Service and Fire Rescue. Mr. Stephenson gave some history of Mr. Sheets' work with the county that dated back to 1999 before he entered the service and received his training in the Navy in Public Relations videography.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the diesel fuel purchase on 07/11/2012 from Petroleum Products, \$2.8902 per gallon and the gas purchase on 7/24/2012 from Plantation Petroleum at \$2.7177 per gallon. 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 declare Items surplus for the Fire Department and Health Department as submitted. 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 grant Judge Vickie Burnette's request to set a monthly salary for the remainder of 2012 for the Probate Court County Administrator/Guardian at \$200. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

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Chairman Mays recognized Alford Bryan. Mr. Bryan asked the status of the Animal Control contract. Commissioner Beverly stated it is still under negotiations. The last meeting was cancelled by the Humane Society the day before it was scheduled.

Mr. Stephenson reported that he was working with the Thomas County Board of Education to coordinate meetings with the School Board concerning the adoption of tentative millage rates. The Board of Commissioners is scheduled to set the tentative 2012 rate on Monday July 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation and purchase a gas fryer from Strategic Equipment and Supply Corp. for \$3,295.43 for the prison kitchen. 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to purchase a ESI Telephone System from Odum Telecommunications for the Jail-Justice Telephone System for \$29,518.97, replacing a 20 year old system and consolidating long distance carriers, Earthlink, with the Judicial Center. 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 recommendations of the Emergency Services committee and purchase five (5) Dell Computers for 911 totaling \$7,988.15; and to purchase a Kodiak Deluxe (extrication equipment), demo unit for \$1,116.50 from Rescue Systems Unlimited. 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 recommendation of the Emergency Services Committee for Debris Removal 2-year contracts; Ceres, Crowder Disaster, B&B. 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 Beverly who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee to approve the engineer's drawings by Olson Architects, Inc. and construction of the mechanical yard for a budget of \$35,283. 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 Beverly who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Design Committee to purchase from Jenkins Brick the pavers for the first floor of the Historic Courthouse, \$5,775. 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.

Commissioner Beverly requested action on Change Order No. 2 for Pelham Variety, Interior Plaster of the front porch for \$7,650, be held for further review and correction.

Sheriff Powell asked about the World War monuments that were at the courthouse and if they would be returned. Commissioner Beverly stated that she would investigate.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Road Committee's recommendation to authorize the release of \$2,000,000 of 2006 SPLOST money for the following road projects: Resurface five roads, estimated cost \$819,000; Maddox Road – 6.00 miles; Smith Road – 2.20 miles; Coolidge Rocky Ford Road – 1.88 miles; Pilcher Road - .18 miles; Davis Road - .80 miles; widen Patten Coolidge Road from SR 122 SR 188, 8.25 miles, estimated cost \$1,113,750; Metcalfe Road soil study in preparation for full depth reclamation and resurfacing, estimated cost \$10,000. 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 Hickey who made a motion to approve the Road Committee's recommendation to solicit bids for an extended cab or crew cab 4 x 4 pickup truck and a power broom to be paid for out of 2006 SPLOST, estimated cost for both items at \$65,000. 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Road Committee's recommendation to replace the timber bridge on Widow White Road with a 100' x 24' concrete bridge after January 1, 2013, using SPLOST funds with the estimated cost of \$90,000 utilizing county forces to construct the bridge. The motion was seconded by Brown. 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 purchase the new computerized sign software program/machine as soon as SPLOST funds become available to meet the new federal sign requirements with an estimated cost of \$13,000. 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Road Committee's recommendation to contract with Lee Green upon receipt of the written agreement, to charge a \$5 per

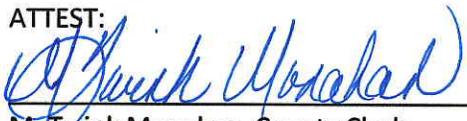
ton grinding charge with no minimum and approve the grinding of the concrete rubble located on the Public Works yard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beverly. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, July 26 at the Emergency Services Center.

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, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

  
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J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk