

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center

1202 Remington Avenue

August 28, 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 (absent)	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present was Bruce Warren, County Attorney, and M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio and Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise, were also present.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Brown 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 August 14, 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Derrick Ogletree, Information Systems Manager. Mr. Ogletree discussed the GIS-DATA Request Form and the 2012 Compensation Form/Sharing Form. After discussion concerning the type on GIS information that can be shared, Mr. Warren discussed the Open Records Act and the effects of the requests. Mr. Ogletree stated that other governments are showing an interest in 'sharing' information from their entity. Sharing information would be beneficial for other governments and Thomas County.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve the fees and forms 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the following resolution for the distribution of the 2012 Local Option Sales Tax as agreed with the City of Thomasville. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried 6 to 1; Chairman Mays and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Brown voting aye. Vice-Chairman Gross abstained.

**THOMAS COUNTY
2012 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
A RESOLUTION**

Whereas, on November 3, 1992, the voters of Thomas County approved by referendum a joint county and municipal sales and use tax in the amount of one percent (1%); and

Whereas, in resolutions of July 12th, 1993 and May 14th, 2002, the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County and the City Council of Thomasville agreed to distribute the proceeds of the 1% sales and use tax accordingly to the mutual benefit of their respective constituencies:

Purpose	Estimated Funding	Administration	Comment
Library	\$890,243	Thomas County	Maximum 12.0% annually of total sales tax collected. This represents 100% of funds.
Animal Control	\$333,841	Thomas County	Maximum 4.5% annually of total sales tax collected. This Represents 100% of funds.
Economic	\$185,467	City of Thomasville	Maximum 2.5% annually of total sales tax collected. This Represents 100% of funds.
Recreation	\$1,557,926	City of Thomasville	Maximum of 21.0% annually of total sales tax collected. This represents 100% of funds.
Recreation Debt Relief	\$100,000	City of Thomasville	Fixed
Emergency Mgmt.	\$ 50,000	Thomas County	
Jail Justice Center	\$175,000	Thomas County	
Roads	\$300,000	Thomas County	
Drug Squad	\$200,000	Thomas County	
Ad Valorem Tax Relief	\$1,038,613	City of Thomasville Thomas County	Maximum 14.0% annually of total sales tax collected. This represents 100% of funds

And Whereas, Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 48-8-89) requires all counties and municipalities to renegotiate their respective sales tax distributions following each decennial census; and

Whereas the current distributions and commitments have proven to be of great benefit to all the people of Thomas County; and

Whereas, it is the intent of this resolution to formally express the Thomas County Board of Commissioners' desire to continue the current distributions and commitments without change.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Thomas County Board of Commissioners that the following distributions be recommended to the municipalities of Thomas County for certification to the Revenue Commissioner of the State of Georgia:

Governing Body	Percentage
City of Barwick	0.3360%
City of Boston	1.5000%
City of Coolidge	0.6549%
City of Meigs	1.1479%
City of Pavo	0.5457%
City of Ochlocknee	0.6319%
City of Thomasville	41.3782%
Thomas County	53.8054%

And Be It Further Resolved that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County is directed and so authorized to give written notification to the municipalities of Thomas County and the State Revenue Commissioner that sales tax negotiations were commenced officially and in accordance with Georgia law.

Approved this the 28 day of August, In the Year of Our Lord, 2012.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to grant the request from the City of Pavo for Thomas County Public Works to remove and replace culverts on Brannon Street, fill-in headwalls with dirt and rep-rap according to the estimate provided by Thomas County Public Works for \$11,463 with their remaining 2012 allowance to be applied. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to award the striping and RPM bid to the sole bidder, Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, \$15,329.50 for striping and \$1,505.14 for RPMs

totaling \$16,834.64 for the Maddox, Smith, Coolidge Rocky Ford, Pilcher and Davis Roads. 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the FY2012 DOT Transit contract, T004319, for \$904,140. 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to accept the 2012 Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission for \$3,600 to purchase Easy 10G3 Training Kit and medical drills and cases from Vidacare. 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.

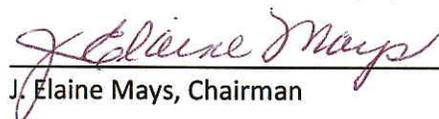
Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of gas, \$3.1183 per gallon, and diesel, \$3.339 per gallon on 8/27/2012 from Petroleum Products. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Shirley NeSmith, Coolidge, who thanked the board for the decision that was made on property tax.

Chairman Mays recognized Bill Floyd, Remington Avenue. Mr. Floyd expressed his concerns about the proposed runway extension at the airport. He stated that the Georgia DOT approved the request for the extension in August 2010. Mr. Floyd had a report that he had prepared and asked that the board accept the report. Mr. Floyd asked about funds to acquire land. County Attorney Bruce Warren recommended the board decline the request stating there is no reason to accept a report prepared by others.

Vann Middleton and Dr. Becky Malphas thanked and commended the board for the commission's commitment to animal control.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. 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.



J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk