Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center
1202 Remington Avenue
October 9, 2012

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 (Absent)	Hershel Ansley, Dist. 5
Mary Jo Beverly, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present was Bruce Warren, County Attorney, M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk, and Toyna Allen-Brooks, Secretary. Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise and Chris Hurst WPAX were also present. Michael Stephenson, County Manager was absent.

Commissioner Hickey gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/25/2012 regular board meeting, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Presentations

Chairman Mays recognized Chief Chris Jones. Chief Jones gave an update on the Fire/ISO consultant's findings. Thomas County is developing a plan to eliminate ISO Class 10. In the short-term plan, Mr. Jones is working on joint response with the City of Thomasville at the Municipal Airport, automatic aide with surrounding counties and volunteer stations, turbo draft and long hose. All of these measures will improve services.

Public Hearing - None

Unfinished Business

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel from Plantation Petroleum at $3.240 per/gal and gas at $2.9614 per/gal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

New Business

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Adoption Resolution of the 2012 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update as an amendment to the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Georgia, Thomas County

Adoption Resolution
Capital Improvements Element Annual 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, submitted and reviewed 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;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Thomas County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Capital Improvements Element Annual Update, as per the requirements of the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements.

Adopted this 9th day of October, 2012.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve final payment of $30,000, subject to signing of appropriate documents, to Lord Aeck and Sargent. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the Georgia Department of Veterans Service rental agreement for 406 Smith Avenue, Thomas Plaza, November 1 2012 ending June 30, 2013, with four (4) one (1) year renewals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Open Meeting to Citizens – None

Reports

Postposed discussion of Outdoor Event Permits. Petitioner to call County Attorney.

Solid Waste Committee:

Commissioner Ansley reported that the committee recommended that six (6) yard container service be discontinued on 12/31/12. Letters have been sent to those being provided the service. Tony Wooten stated that the trucks providing the service need to be replaced and the expense would exceed revenues received.

Chairman Mays recognized Hunter Drew, representing Aucilla Plantation. He requested the board reconsider because if he changed to collection by the City of Thomasville his fee would be $65 where the county fee is $20.

There was not action taken on the recommendation to end 6 yard container services.

Commissioner Ansley reported that the County is negotiating with the City of Thomasville for a percentage fee of their solid waste collection in the unincorporated county. The fee will be for the volunteer solid waste service provided by the City of Thomasville.

Public Property Committee:

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approved the revised proposal from JCI, Inc. for the site work at the Historic Courthouse; $345,510 original and $332,667 adjusted cost. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

During discussion it was noted that all sidewalks will be replace and the sidewalks will complement the City of Thomasville's streetscape.

Emergency Services Committee:

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to approve the Fire Consultant's recommendation to purchase three (3) pumpers, 2012 Pierce 1250 GPM/1000 gallon pumpers from Pierce Manufacturing for $747,467 with a 45 day delivery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to request proposals from Pierce for four (4) additional pumpers to implement standardization of equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman

Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Beverly, Hickey, Ansley, and Brown voting aye.

J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:

M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk