Board of Commissioners
Official Minutes
October 23, 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 Conference Room, 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 P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Mary Jo Beverly, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager and M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk. There was no media present Also present was Wiley Grady, Commissioner Elect, Dist. 6.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beverly. The motion carried by a 7 to 1 vote. Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voted aye. Commissioner NeSmith abstained from the vote since he was absent at the meeting.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to award the financing of the three 2012 Pierce Pumpers due to be delivered in December for 15 years, $750,000, at 3.80 interest rate, $66,773.00 annual payments in December. 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products on 10/16/2012 for $3.3060 per gallon. 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 Attorney Aaron Coch, representing Gary Hall and the Walnut Square Apartments. Mr. Coch explained the history and status of the project. Mr. Hall stated that there are 64 units and a waiting list of over 200 applicants. Chairman Mays recognized Johnny Reichert, Planning and Building Director. Mr. Reichert explained that the certificates of occupancy will be issued in the next 2 weeks after a few more items are addressed.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the final plat for Walnut Square, a PUD development with 64 units on Balsam Grove Drive. 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 Beverly who made a motion by recommendation of the Public Works Department to accept Balsam Grove Drive into the county road system. 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.

The request for additional funding by the Thomas County Public Library System from the Library Reserve was postponed until the next meeting to gather more information.

The board agreed to have a unit in the Veteran's Parade on 11-10-12, Downtown Broad Street, 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to adopt the following resolution for the ACCG 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan. 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.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDED AND RESTATED
ACCG 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Thomas County Board of Commissioners (the "County") previously adopted the Association County Commissioners of Georgia 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Thomas County Employees (the "Plan") through an Adoption Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia ("ACCG") has appointed a Defined Contribution Plan Program Board of Trustees (the "DC Board") pursuant to the ACCG Defined Contribution Plan Program Master Trust Agreement (the "Master Trust"), to oversee Plan administration, Plan documentation and to select investment options for investment of the assets of the Plan;

WHEREAS, ACCG has amended, restated and updated the ACCG 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan document to reflect changes in federal and state law and regulations (the "2012 457(b) Plan");

WHEREAS, the County desires to adopt the Master Trust and to amend and restate its Plan by adopting the 2012 457(b) Plan through an Adoption Agreement;

WHEREAS, the County desires to delegate to the DC Board the power to amend the 2012 457(b) Plan on behalf of the County in the future, for the limited purpose of adopting non-discretionary Internal Revenue Service required amendments that must be adopted on a timely basis in order to maintain its status as an eligible deferred compensation Plan under the Code.

NOW THEREFORE, at a meeting held on the 23 day of October, 2012, the Thomas County Board of Commissioners hereby resolve as follows:

RESOLVED that the Thomas County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the adoption of the Master Trust and the 2012 457(b) Plan and accompanying Adoption Agreement as an amendment and restatement of the ACCG 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Thomas County Employees.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Thomas County Board of Commissioners hereby delegates to the ACCG DC Board, the power to amend the 2012 457(b) Plan on behalf of the Thomas County in the future, for the limited purpose of adopting non-discretionary Internal Revenue Service required amendments that must be adopted on a timely basis in order to maintain its status as an eligible deferred compensation Plan under the Code.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take all further actions and to execute all documents necessary to implement these resolutions, including a limited power of attorney to allow ACCG counsel to file all necessary forms with the Internal Revenue Service.

FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution in conflict with this resolution is hereby repealed.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Road Committee to construct and pave both ends of the Egg & Butter Road, approximately .65 miles, and give the landowners in the center of the road, Clark family and Clark family estates, the opportunity to donate the right of way in the center of the road prior to the beginning of the project or the center will not be paved. 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to accept the DOT 2013 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) for $524,782.18 and use the funds to widen and resurface the Patten Coolidge Road. 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.

The following committee meetings were announced:

Purchasing	11/6/2012	8:00 Commissioners Office
Personnel	11/7/2012	8:00 Commissioners Office
Road	11/8/2012	8:00 Public Works Office

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to discontinue the 6-yard front-end loading container service effective 12/31/2012 as recommended by the Sanitation Committee. 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 adjourn. 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.

J. Elaine Mays

J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:

M. Twink Monahan

M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk