

Board of Commissioners
Official Minutes
Regular Meeting
3rd Floor Board Room, Historic Courthouse
225 North Broad Street
December 11, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in regular session at 9:15 a.m. 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
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	Mary Jo Beverly, Dist. 6
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	Mark NeSmith, District 8

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager; M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk; Toyna Allen, Secretary. Media present was Chris Hurst of WPAX Radio and Patti Dozier of Times Enterprise.

Chairman Mays recognized Rev. DeWitt Rehberg who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Thomas County Sheriff's Department performed the Presentation of Colors.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2012 board meeting as corrected. 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 announced that the reason for the meeting being held in the Historic Courthouse prior to completion is to honor Commissioner Mary Jo Beverly, this being her last official board meeting. Chairman Mays stated that since Commissioner Beverly's election in 2001, her passion was to restore the historical courthouse. Chairman Mays applauded her for the countless hours dedicated to the multi-year project. In appreciation, Commissioner Beverly was presented a watercolor architectural rendering in of the Historic Courthouse by Bryan Godwin. The board members individually thanked Commissioner for her leadership and dedication to serving Thomas County. Sheriff Carlton Powell and David Hutchings, Jr. also stated their appreciation for all she accomplished and that she is a true leader.

Commissioner Beverly thanked the board, staff, constitutional officers and Mr. Stephenson for all the support shown to her for these twelve years. She summed it up by saying "Thanks for the memories."

Chairman Mays recognized Pam Lister, Director of the Keep Thomas County Beautiful. Ms. Lister reported the year's activities and plans for 2013. Ms. Lister thanked the board for their continued support of the program in the 2013 budget.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the 2013 board meeting schedule and the 2013 holidays observed by the county. 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.

2013 Board Meeting Dates

January 8th and 22nd
February 12th and 26th
March 12th and 26th
April 9th and 23rd
May 14th and 28nd
June 11th and 25th
July 9th and 23rd
August 13th and 27th
September 10th and 24th
October 8th and 22nd
November 12th and 26th
December 10 (Only 1 meeting)

2013 Observed County Holidays

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2013
Martin Luther King's Birthday, Monday, January 21, 2013
Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2013
Independence Day, Thursday, July 4, 2013
Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2013
Thanksgiving Day and the Day After Thursday and Friday,
November 28 and 29, 2013
Christmas Eve and Christmas, Tuesday and Wednesday,
December 24 and 25, 2013
2014 New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Occupational Certificate for the sale of package beer and wine to Chirag Patel, d/b/a Quick Express, Yellow Rose Corp, 21907 US Hwy 19N, Thomasville, GA. 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 Ansley who made a motion to approve the 2013 Budget Resolution for all funds. 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.

**Thomas County
2013 Budget Resolution
All Funds**

Whereas, the Thomas County Board of Commissioners is required by Georgia law to approve balanced budgets for all funds; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Monday, November 12, 2012, as required by Georgia law to receive public comment on the proposed budget; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has carefully considered the interests of the citizens of Thomas County, the requirements of public services provided thereunto and the extent of financial resources available to county government.

Now therefore be it resolved that the following budgets are adopted and approved effective on January 1, 2013:

General Fund	
Revenues	\$ 19,928,868
Expenses	\$ 19,928,868
Drug Education Fund	
Revenues	\$ 51,000
Expenses	\$ 51,000
Sheriff's Drug Forfeiture Fund	
Revenues	\$ 60,000
Expenses	\$ 60,000
Sheriff's Federal Drug Forfeiture Fund	
Revenues	\$ 30,000
Expenses	\$ 30,000
Enhanced 911 Fund	
Revenues	\$ 1,465,613
Expenses	\$ 1,465,613

Central Fire District Fund		
Revenues	\$	1,025,305
Expenses	\$	1,025,305
Thomas County Fire Rescue Fund		
Revenues	\$	1,120,275
Expenses	\$	1,120,275
Emergency Services Fund		
Revenues	\$	3,750,339
Expenses	\$	3,750,339
Commercial Collection Fund		
Revenues	\$	60,300
Expenses	\$	60,300
Health Benefits Fund		
Revenues	\$	3,581,070
Expenses	\$	3,581,070
Airport Fund		
Revenues	\$	2,000
Expenses	\$	2,000
Law Library Fund		
Revenues	\$	40,000
Expenses	\$	40,000
County-wide 2006 SPLOST Fund (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	36,000,000
Expenses	\$	36,000,000
Thomas County 2006 SPLOST-CPF (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	28,110,976
Expenses	\$	28,110,976
County-wide 2012 SPLOST Fund (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	42,000,000
Expenses	\$	42,000,000
Thomas County 2012 SPLOST-CPF (Project Length)		
Revenues	\$	19,000,000
Expenses	\$	19,000,000
Thomas County Area Transit		
Revenues	\$	975,500
Expenses	\$	975,500
Impact Fees Fund		
Revenues	\$	221,300
Expenses	\$	221,300
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund		
Revenues	\$	100,900
Expenses	\$	100,900

Approved this the eleventh day of December 2012.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Certificate of Need from Thomasville Eye Center for expansion of their surgical suite. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to approve the FY2013 Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Transit Contract. 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 set the 2013 COBRA rates the Health Benefit Plan; Single \$641.61, Family \$1,600.53. 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 NeSmith who made a motion to approve the 10-year Animal Control Contract with the Thomasville/Thomas County Humane Society. 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.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT entered into this the 11th day of December, 2012, by and between THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CITY OF THOMASVILLE, CITY OF BOSTON, CITY OF PAVO, CITY OF COOLIDGE, CITY OF MEIGS, CITY OF BARWICK and CITY OF OCHLOCKNEE, (hereinafter known as "the governments") and the THOMASVILLE-THOMAS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY (hereinafter known as "the Society").

This contract shall begin on January 1, 2013 and terminate on December 31, 2022.

The Society agrees to:

1. Provide animal control services throughout Thomas County; and enforce all federal, state and local laws which pertain to animals and birds. Enforcement shall include prosecution of all cases made for violation of said laws and ordinances.
2. Provide animal control patrol in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Thomas County, as required.
3. Provide one on-call animal control officer to be available to handle calls between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends. These calls shall be limited to incidents involving vicious animals, injured animals, animal bites and instances where animals are impeding the activities of law enforcement officers.
4. Enforce all State of Georgia laws and regulations regarding rabies control and dangerous dogs.
5. Keep full and complete records of all animals which are impounded and provide monthly reports to each governing authority for their jurisdiction and a monthly consolidated report to the County.
6. Maintain a departmental and line-item accounting of expenses for animal control activities and functions separate from all other Society expenses, activities and functions. This separate accounting of animal control and Society expenses will also be reflected in the Society's annual audit. The Society shall also provide in its budget allocation and fiscal control by the Thomas County Animal Control Director of the following line items that are expressly used for Animal Control. The specific dollar amounts associated with each line item shall be determined in the overall budget in each fiscal year. The Thomas County Animal Control Director shall also participate in the budgeting process along with the Executive Director of the Thomasville Thomas County Humane Society and the Board of Trustees.
 - Employee Training & Continuing Education for Animal Control officers

- Office Supplies for Animal Control use
 - Field Supplies for Animal Control use
 - Euthanasia Supplies
 - Animal Control Uniforms
 - Animal Control Radio equipment
7. Provide a monthly financial report of animal control and Society activities.
 8. Provide a facility which meets all federal, state and local standards for animal care in animal detention facilities.
 9. Provide for euthanasia and disposal of animals as provided by federal, state and local laws and ordinances.
 10. Provide a program for education of citizens regarding animal control and care with special emphasis on public and private school programs.
 11. Designate a seat on the Society's Board of Directors to be appointed by the Thomas County Board of Commissioners.

As consideration for performance by the Society, Thomas County agrees to:

1. Pay the Society the sum of \$238,500.00 in the year 2013. Beginning in January 2014 and continuing for the duration of the agreement the amount payable to the Society shall be equal to 71.5% of the amount of Local Option Sales tax received by County Government and obligated to animal control functions pursuant to the LOST intergovernmental agreement of 2012. Payment shall be made in monthly installments.
2. Provide a county employee, subject to all rules and policies governing county employees, who shall serve as animal control director. The employee will be assigned to work at the Society's animal shelter and supervise the Society's animal control program, functions and activities under the day to day direction of the Society's Executive Director. The County will pay all salary and fringe benefits associated with the animal control director and that person shall be on the payroll of Thomas County.
3. The Society will transfer ownership of three trucks (2003 Chevy S-10, 2000 Ford Ranger & 1999 F-150) to the County. The County will provide two animal control trucks to the Society for a lease price of \$1.00 per year. The County will provide fuel, maintenance, repairs, insurance and other operating costs for the vehicles. The Society shall be responsible for maintaining liability coverage on the two vehicles in an amount equal to One Million Dollars and shall name the County as an additional insured on the policies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused the authorized representatives of each to execute this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA
J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

CITY OF THOMASVILLE
Max Beverly, Mayor

CITY OF BARWICK
Ned Simmons, Mayor

CITY OF BOSTON
Danny Groover, Mayor

CITY OF COOLIDGE
Diane H. Causey, Mayor

CITY OF MEIGS
Cynthia Chaney, Mayor

CITY OF OCHLOCKNEE
Ronelle Searcy, Mayor

CITY OF PAVO
Faye Walker, Mayor

THOMASVILLE-THOMAS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
Leigh Ann Falconer

OPEN TO CITIZENS

Chairman Mays recognized Alfred Bryan who asked questions about the Animal Control Contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to contract with Transform Health, \$87,850, for the inmate medical care at the Prison and terminate the contract with Southern Health Partners. 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 NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to award the contract for widening the Patten/Coolidge road for \$312,386.99 to Scruggs Company (LMIG Funds). 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation for the 2013 annual tool contract and award to three vendors according to low bid by item; Tom Horne Supply, Whitehead Hardware and Holley, Inc. 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 NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation and award the road striping bid for the Safety Action Program, \$84,924.70, contingent upon resolution of a previous contract. 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 purchase four (4) additional responder fire trucks mounted on 2-door extended cab Freightliners M2-106 chassis from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. for \$246,656 each totaling \$986,624 for a fleet upgrade. 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 a change order for JCI/Fire Sprinkler contract to meet code requirements for \$5,830 for an amended contract total of \$187,830. 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 Beverly who made a motion to approve the purchase of blinds for the Historic Courthouse from Tallahassee Energy & Construction LLC (TE&C) for \$10,837. 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 to approve the following change orders on the Historic Courthouse Project with a net change of \$4,737.96. 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.

Thomasville Glass	-\$13,450.00	CO 1	reduction for glass type change
	<u>1,083.60</u>	CO 2	increase for additional glass Gallery Windows
	-\$12,366.40		Net change
Rowe Roofing	\$10,129.00	CO 3	Addition labor-copper downspouts at four corners
Redwire	\$530.36	CO1	Provide & install smoke detectors/elevator shaft
Wiregrass Electric	\$	827.00	CO 10 Door device changes
		225.00	CO 11 Elevator pit light switches
		244.00	CO 12 Glass breaks
		727.00	CO 13 Chiller wall move
		792.00	CO 14 Fire alarm bell & compressor receptacle
		566.00	CO 15 Added alarms for sump pump in basement
		74.00	CO 16 Move TAVSS box in basement
		334.00	CO 17 Re-route conduit for ductless split outside units
		2,043.00	CO 18 Add Z18 low profile can lights
		460.00	CO 19 Temp power for floor sanders
		<u>153.00</u>	CO 20 Install conduit
		\$6,445.00	Total change to contract

Total net change to the budget: \$4,737.96

Chairman Mays recognized following elected officials present at the meeting: Mike Keown, candidate for State Senate District 11; Alicia V. Hester, Tax Commissioner Elect; Mayor Max Beverly, City of Thomasville; Council Member Jay Flowers, City of Thomasville.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Beverly who made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Beverly and Brown voting aye.


J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk