

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center
1202 Remington Avenue
January 22, 2013 6:00 p.m.

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 P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Wiley E. Grady, 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 and Toyna Allen-Brooks, Secretary. There was no media present.

Chairman Mays opened the meeting.

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

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2013 board meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

The board discussed the letters received from Ochlocknee and Coolidge referencing the Energy Excise Tax on manufacturing. Ochlocknee's was received January 10 and Coolidge was received on January 14, 2013. Thomas County has 30 days to set a meeting with the municipalities from the receipt of the requests.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to set a meeting and notify all cities of a meeting on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Emergency Services Center in compliance with O.C.G.A. §48-13-110, Energy Excise Tax. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify fuel the purchases on 1/14/13; Petroleum Products for gas at \$2.7350 per gallon and Plantation Petroleum for diesel at \$3.1142 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Michael Stephenson. Mr. Stephenson updated the board on the site work and DOT permit status on Madison Street.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve JCI/Site Work change orders 1 & 2 for \$5,000 each totaling \$10,000 for additional work on Madison and Broad Streets changing the contract revised total to \$342,677. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to appoint Donnie Baggett to the open position on the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, previously held by Howard Floyd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Open to the Citizens

Chairman Mays recognized Alfred Bryan. Mr. Bryan asked about the procedure to be recognized at a meeting if topics of interest are listed after the session is open. Chairman Mays stated that during the "Open to the Citizens" session is for items that are not listed on the agenda. The chairman may recognize a citizen at any time during the meeting.

The board was reminded of the 2013 Work Session at the airport on January 29 at 8:00 a.m.

The board discussed with the county manager and attorney about a drainage situation caused by the Timberlake dam overflow on White Blossom Trail. Bruce Warren stated that he has been to the affected site with William Clark, who represents a homeowner who is being affected by the overflow. Timberlake, Horseshoe Lake and Lake Lilliquin are all owned by the respective property owners associations. The dam between Timberlake and Horseshoe is a Category 1 and state approved. The overflow from heavy rains is creating a wash out of the home owner's property. Mr. Warren states that this is the property owners association's liability.

Mr. Stephenson questioned if the board would create a legal issue if the county becomes involved trying to help the association. He also encouraged the board members to visit the site.

Mr. Warren asked the board if he and William Clark could send a letter to the state and have them look at the problem. The board also wants Public Works staff to estimate the cost of repair and the effect on the lakes south of Timberlake.

Commissioner NeSmith changed the Purchasing Committee date from 2/5/13 to 2/7/13 due to the board's training schedule.

The Board set February 18 at Noon for the City/County Workshop.

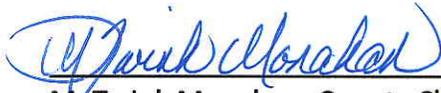
Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Gross. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-

Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.



J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk