

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center
1202 Remington Avenue
February 12, 2013 9:00 a.m.

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	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 Toyna Allen-Brooks, Secretary. Chris Hurst, WPAX was also present.

Chairman Mays opened the meeting.

Mike Stephenson, County Manager gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Twink Monahan, County Clerk, Chairman Mays appointed Michael Stephenson as the Acting County Clerk.

Awards and Presentations

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 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.

Chairman Mays and the County Manager, Mike Stephenson recognized the 2012 employees for years of service:

5 Years

Bragg Barrett	Public Works	Ronald Bennett	Fire Dept.
Dusty Bozeman	Public Works	Terrence Christian	Sanitation
Jerrold Clark	Jail	Kellie Dix	Prison
Pamela Gail Dixon	Tax Commission	Robert Duthoy, Jr.	Fire Dept.
Clint Garbett	Sheriff's Office	Franklin Georgia	Prison
Valda Hagan	Tax Assessor	Cody A. Hamilton	Tax Assessor
Vann Johnson	Public Works	Adam Lawson	Sheriff's Office
Donald J. Long	Tax Assessor	James Nolan	Fire
Mark Player	Sheriff's Office	Kaitlin Ramhofer	911
Brenda H. Richards	Magistrate Court	Katrina Ricks	Tax Commissioner
John Sellers	Sheriff's Office	Cratesha D. Shaw	Transit
Annie Smallwood	Jail	Brett Stewart	Fire Dept.

10 Years

Elaine Anderson	Tax Commissioner	W. Edward Blackburn	Magistrate Court
Ronald Dillard	Sheriff's Office	Deena Jones	EMS

Ron Kelley	Public Works	Robin Lawson	Fire
James Mann	EMS	Lorie W. Mitchell	Commission Office
Jessie Winkelmann	Commission Office		

15 Years

LaTonia Bryant	Jail	Kevin Dennis	Sheriff's Office
Melany Harper	911	Jimmy McCloud	Public Works
John "Daniel" Stokes	Tax Assessor		

20 Years

Ronnie Collins	Equipment Shop	Allen Filmore	Sheriff's Office
Glenn Hutchinson	Sheriff's Office/ID	Brenda Nixon	Probate Court
Martin Smith	EMS		

30 Years

Vanessa Fann	Jail	Hazel Wilkes	Clerk of Court
Gerald Willis	Public Works		

35 Years

Anthony "Tony" Wooten	Public Works		
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Presentation

Chairman Mays recognized Charles Williams, Southwest Georgia Workforce 44 Director. Mr. Williams briefed the commissioners on the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) program and its local economic impact, program information and performance.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee to ratify a change order from Pelham Variety Works to build stairs from the 2nd to 3rd Floor and Annex Basement to 2nd Floor of the Annex, for \$23,772. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. 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 the motion to ratify a diesel fuel purchase on 2/4/2013, for \$3.2823 per/gal from Petroleum Products. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made the motion to ratify the purchase of the E-911 recording System from Motorola in the amount of \$52,067.00. 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.

New Business

Local Option Energy Excise Tax was not approved for lack of a motion.

Open Meeting to Citizens

Chairman Mays recognized Michelle Kimbler. Mrs. Kimbler asked the Board to take in consideration the June 2009 changes in the ordinance in reference to personal care facilities in R- 1 neighborhoods. She stated residents in the Tall Pines subdivision were not aware of the changes in the ordinance to allow this type of business in an R-1 subdivision.

After brief discussion the Board scheduled a work session for February 21, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Emergency Service Center to discuss Personal Care Homes in Thomas County.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made the motion to include Lillie Lane (Avalon Estates) along with Thomas Drive and Brinson Road (Pine Run Subdivision) into the 2013 CDBG Grant application. 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 Lucinda Brown, President of the Thomas County NAACP Branch. Mrs. Brown invited the Board to attend the grand opening of the new Thomas County NAACP office, Wednesday February 13, 2013 at 3pm in the Social Room of the Douglass Complex located at 115 Forest Street. The Board was invited to a special showing of the award winning presentation of "Eyes on the Prizes: America's Civil Right Years 1954-1965" on February 16, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the same location.

Reports

Chairman Mays recognized Mr. Stephenson who gave a brief report on the status the Deming Managing teams. Mr. Stephenson stated these teams will have a presentation ready for the board at the June meeting.

There was no county attorney report.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made the motion approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee to purchase the dishwasher from the sole offeror, Strategic Equipment & Supply for \$19,113, and postpone the purchase of a dryer until the 2014 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. 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 the motion by recommendation of the Purchasing Committee to purchase asphalt from Scruggs, the best bid, and pickup from their Meigs plant at \$66.75 per ton for the estimated amount of \$487,500.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey.

During discussion of the motion Commissioner NeSmith explained that Reeves was the low bidder. The Reeves plant is located in Albany and the Scruggs plant is in Meigs. The extra travel time and the additional trucks that are required to be rented due to the distance, show that the net cost would be lower with the Scruggs plant in Meigs.

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 the motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee to purchase aggregate rock from CMI, the low bidder for rock for the Cone Road Project and stock valid until 4/15/2013. CMI estimated total of \$58,000.00. 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 NeSmith who made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee to purchase uniforms from UniFirst, as needed from approved pricing list and to coordinate with Building Maintenance for future purchases their uniforms from the same contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. 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 the motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee to purchase CRS2H/Tack from the best offeror, Southeast Emulsions for \$2.48 per gallon pickup price and \$2.51 tanker delivery price.. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley.

During discussion Commissioner NeSmith explained that the bid from Blacklidge located in Douglassville was lower per gallon. However the Southeast Emulsions plant is located in Perry which makes the net cost including transportation from Southeast Emulsion the best bid.

Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee for the change order to Pelham Variety/Plaster for \$11,913.00 to install new materials where the 2nd to 3rd floor steps were removed and being rebuilt and repair to walls caused by water damage men's bathroom 1st, 2nd & 3rd floor. 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 Grady who made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee for the change order to Pelham Variety/Gypsum for \$7,942.00 to install new materials where the 2nd to 3rd floor steps were removed and being rebuilt and repair to walls caused by water damage men's bathroom on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd floor. 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 Grady who made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee for approval of a change order for Pelham Variety/Plaster for \$8,739.00 to repairs from water damage to walls and repair to lobby area in the Tax Assessors' Office, adding an expansion joint. 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 Grady who made the motion by recommendation of the Public Property Committee for approval of a change order for Pelham Variety/Gypsum for \$971.00 to repairs from water damage to walls and repair to lobby area in the Tax Assessors' Office, adding an expansion joint. 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 Grady who made the motion by recommendation of the Public Property Committee to approve the purchase of purchasing six (6) Benches for the courtyard from Keystone Ridge Designs, Inc. for \$9,835.80. Terms: Prepaid in February for no freight charges. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made the motion by recommendation of the Public Property Committee for approval of a change order for JCI/ Montgomery Painting for painting repaired areas in bathrooms and lobby from water damage \$850.00. 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 Grady who made the motion by recommendation of the Public Property Committee for approval of a change order for Dudley Moore for tiling repaired areas in bathrooms and lobby from water damage for \$500.00. 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 Grady who made the motion by recommendation of the Public Property Committee for approval of change order #5 Lang Mechanical for Dehumidifier in the basement vault for \$1,288.34. 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.

After brief discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that St. Augustine Grass is to be planted around the historic courthouse.

Commissioner Hickey reported a Road Committee Meeting for February 28th at 8:00 a.m. to be held Public Works in the Conference Room.

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


J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:


Michael J. Stephenson, Acting County Clerk