

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center

1202 Remington Avenue

April 9, 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

Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1

Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4

Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6

Moses L. Gross, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 2

Kenneth E. Hickey, Dist. 3

Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5

Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager, Bruce Warren, County Attorney, Twink Monahan, County Clerk, and Toyona Allen-Brooks, Secretary. Chris Hurst, WPAX and Patti Dozer were also present.

Michael J. Stephenson gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2013 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, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Chris Jones, Fire Chief. Chief Jones displayed a map showing coverage areas and fire call locations. The recent changes in the ISO rating system for the premium insurance rates are now calculated by actual road-miles. The map also showed the optimal locations for ten (10) substations that would reduce the new ISO rating in areas that recently changed to a 10. The estimated cost for a one bay station metal building is \$25,000. Chief Jones stated that one (1) acre is optimal for a station with acceptable road frontage. Less acreage can be considered with the proper road frontage. Each substation would have to have a fully equipped apparatus and four (4) trained volunteer firefighters living in the area. Chief Jones said that there is one (1) unit available and possibly three (3) more when the new units arrive. There was no action taken concerning the fire stations.

Chairman Mays recognized Ali McKay with Edward Jones and Cheryl Wunsch with Archbold Medical Center. They are members of the Thomasville-Thomas County Leadership Class of 2013.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to appoint Chuck McDonald as the fifth member to the Animal Control Board, term expiring 12/31/16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Michael Stephenson gave a brief report of the positive response received by employees at the Deming Management meeting with Thomas University President Dr. Gary Bonvillian speaking. The university's management team also contributed by explaining their current processes. Mr. Stephenson said that the county will be able to use information provided by the university. Mr. Stephenson thanked Chairman Mays for attending and that he had received several positive comments from the county employees.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee to purchase all materials needed to reroof over existing

metal roof on the Public Works Warehouse and sign shop and all materials need to remove and replace the roof on the Equipment Shop from Dean Steel Buildings for \$22,264. 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 a motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee to purchase granite rip rap for stock and the Widow White Bridge from CMI,600 tons at \$44.50 per ton, totaling \$26,700. 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.

Commissioner Hickey asked if there had been any new legislation concerning Internet Cafes. Bruce Warren, County Attorney, stated that he was not aware of any.

Commissioner Brown reported that at the April 2 Personnel Committee meeting they received reports from staff concerning their turnover rates. Commissioner Brown also inquired if there was any new legislation concerning security in all government buildings. Derrick Ogletree stated that there was none in this year's session.

Chairman Mays informed the board that at the next meeting there will be a group that will be asking the board to consider closing the New Hope Road. Sheriff Carlton Powell discussed the road condition issues of during inclement weather situations. He also stated that the New Hope Road is a long established thoroughfare in Thomas County.

Chairman Mays recognized Hickey who made a motion to adjourn and Vice-Chairman Gross making the second. 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