

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Emergency Services Center
1202 Remington Avenue
June 11, 2013 9:00 a.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, Twink Monahan, County Clerk, and Toyna Allen-Brooks, Secretary. Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio, and Patti Dozier were also present.

Chairman recognized Michael Stephenson who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 board meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Michael Stephenson introduced the new Elections Supervisor, Walter Mays. Mr. Mays addressed the board and thanked them for the opportunity to serve and will be reporting to work on June 16.

Chairman Mays recognized Lyndall Knight representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Knight presented Public Service Awards to the Sheriff's Department in appreciation of their support of the veterans.

Commissioner Grady requested a letter of support be sent from the county and all the mayors in a supportive effort to keep Southwestern State Hospital open.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of a load of gas on June 5, 2013 from Petroleum Products at \$2.8486 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 Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve the FTA FY2014 5311 operating contract with Georgia DOT for \$862,169. 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 Sheriff Carlton Powell. Sheriff Powell stated that he had polled the surrounding counties for the sheriffs' budgets. Sheriff Powell read some of the statistics of the jobs, per-capita income and budget. Due to his findings Sheriff Powell requested an additional \$70,000 for the 2013 budget to give his staff a \$1 an hour raise.

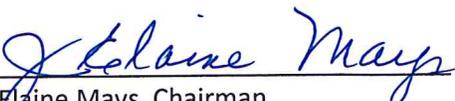
Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to refer the Sheriff's request to the workshop and planning meeting scheduled on Monday June 14, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized George Lewis, South Pinetree Blvd. Mr. Lewis stated that he is requesting for assistance for St. Thomas AME Church in removing the debris where the church collapsed. He asked for the county to waive the tipping fees. Commissioner Gross said that he understood that the City of Thomasville was addressing the debris removal.

Michael Stephenson stated the City of Thomasville has been soliciting for bids for the removal. Steve Sykes, City Manager, had asked if the county would contract with the city. Mr. Stephenson said that there is a process in place to handle the matter. Bruce Warren said the city is acting under their ordinance. There was no action taken.

Chairman Mays recognized Nate Tyler, City of Thomasville Sanitation Director. Mr. Tyler said the company that is contracted to purchase the methane gas produced at the landfill is requiring a letter of agreement from the county to proceed with payment since the county owns the land. The matter was turned over to the county attorney to research.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to adjourn. 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.



J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk