

Board of Commissioners

Official Minutes

Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers

225 North Broad Street

August 6, 2013 6:00 p.m.

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date for the second Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comments on the 2013 Property Tax Levy at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 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 Derrick Ogletree, IS Director. Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio, and Patti Dozier were also present.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mays recognized explained the public hearing procedure then recognized Michael Stephenson the County Manager illustrate the financial status of the county.

Chairman Mays declared a public hearing to receive public comments.

Those who spoke at the hearing were Richard Pearson, Terry Everett, Sam Collins, Edwin Marshall, Doug Slater and Shirley NeSmith. There was a variety of subject matter discussed; furloughs, out-sourcing payroll, the economy, consolidation, budget procedures, financing, deferring purchases of equipment and fire trucks, postponing employee raises, property assessments, sales tax declines, employee turnover, staff reductions, and reserve funds. All questions were answered by Mr. Stephenson.

Chairman Mays called for additional comments and being none declared the public hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.



J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk