

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers
225 North Board Street
August 27, 2013

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 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, Derrick Ogletree, GIS Manager, Chris Jones, Fire Chief and M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk. There was no media present.

Chairman Mays called the meeting to order.

Michael Stephenson gave the invocation.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the August 13, 2013 Regular Board Meeting, the August 14, 2013 Special Called Meeting and August 22, 2013 Special Called 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 Newton Cloud from Golden Triangle. Mr. Cloud explained that Resource Conservation and Development (RC & D) program is not currently in Thomas County. He stated that in the fiscal year 2014 he hopes to partner the program with Thomas, Grady, Decatur, Brooks, Colquitt, Mitchell and Worth Counties and to benefit the Ochlocknee River watershed. It would involve two people being appointed by the board to the council and annual dues of \$250. The match for the grant which will spread over two (2) to three (3) years would be in-kind for \$234,336. Mr. Cloud and Tony Wooten, Public Works Director, will meet and discuss the project.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve two (2) amendments to the county's Health Benefit Plans; delete the current \$500.00 deductible and adopt a Wellness Program with a \$2,500 deductible and increase the dental deductible from \$50 to \$100 annually effective January 1, 2014. 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 a motion to approve the 2014 participant premiums for the discounted rates; single coverage from \$55 per month to \$71.53 per month, qualified family coverage from \$250 per month to \$290 per month, being effective with the January 2014 payroll deductions. 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.

**THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN
Plan Amendment: 2014-01
Effective January 1, 2014**

The above Employer hereby amends their Employee Benefit Plan Document as follows:

1. Delete the medical deductible as listed below

DEDUCTIBLE, PER CALENDAR YEAR		
Per Covered Person	\$500	\$1000
Per Family Unit	3 persons	3 persons

2. Insert the following new deductible:

DEDUCTIBLE, PER CALENDAR YEAR		
Per Covered Person Maximum	\$2500	\$5000
Per Family Unit	3 persons	3 persons
<p>The Deductible will be reduced at \$500 increment based on the covered person's enrollment and participation in the Plan's wellness screening program (or through their private physician's office).</p> <p>Conditions identified during the annual wellness screening and the deductible adjustment are: Tobacco use - \$500; Diabetes - \$500; Hypertention \$500; Cholesterol - \$500.</p> <p>When the covered person is identified with one or more of the above conditions and agrees to follow the treatment plan, including office visits and medication their deductible will be adjusted. If a covered person is not identified or does not have any of these conditions their deductible adjustment will be automatic.</p>		

3. Delete the dental deductible as listed below:

DENTAL CARE BENEFIT	
DENTAL CARE DEDUCTIBLE, PER CALENDAR YEAR	
Per Covered Person	\$50
Per Family Unit	\$150
Calendar Year Deductible applies to these classes of services: Class B Services - Basic and Class C Services - Major	

4. Insert the following new dental deductible:

DENTAL CARE BENEFIT	
DENTAL CARE DEDUCTIBLE, PER CALENDAR YEAR	
Per Covered Person	\$100
Per Family Unit	\$300
Calendar Year Deductible applies to these classes of services: Class B Services - Basic and Class C Services - Major	

All other terms and conditions of this plan not affected by the Amendment remain unchanged.

Copies of the Plan Document and all supporting instruments are maintained on file by the Plan Administrator and by the Claims Benefits Service Manager.

INWITNESS WHEREOF, This Plan Document Amendment to the Employee Benefit Plan is executed on behalf of the Plan Sponsor by its duly authorized officer.

This Amendment will be communicated to all Plan Members by the Employer as required by the Department of Labor.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the resolution to amend the Thomas County Code by amending the Thomas Sign Ordinance, Chapter 73. 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.

RESOLUTION
THOMAS COUNTY SIGN ORDINANCE

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County that CHAPTER 73, adopted June 6, 2002, is hereby amended by addition, deletion and substitution as provided in the attached Ordinance.

Effective August 27, 2013.

ADOPTED this the 27th day of August 2013.

J. Elaine Mays, Chairman
Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:
Twink Monahan, County Clerk

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the diesel purchase on 8/19/2013 from Petroleum Products for \$3.149 per gallon. 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.

Mr. Stephenson reported that he had requested bids for a \$1,000,000 Line of Credit from six local banks. Commercial Bank and Thomasville National Bank were the only responsive bidders; Commercial Bank at 2.47 interest rate and Thomasville National Bank at 2.20 interest rate. The line of credit will be used as needed and paid by 12/31/2013.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the 2.20 interest rate with Thomasville National Bank for the \$1,000,000 line of credit to use as needed and payable by 12/31/2013. 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.

The board discussed the use of courthouse grounds for weddings. They board decided for all requests to be referred to the County Manager.

Open Meeting to Citizens

Chairman Mays recognized Roger Walker, Highway 319 North. Mr. Walker voiced his concerns about the 2007 reevaluation of property, insurance, the closing of Southwester State Hospital and the entrance to the Red Hills Business Park.

Chairman Mays recognized Alicia Hester, Tax Commissioner and R. Carlton Powell, Sheriff.

Commissioner Hickey requested an update on county's ordinance and internet cafes. Mr. Warren distributed a draft for the board to review addressing the issues concerning internet cafes. Mr. Warren stated he would also send a copy to Johnny Reichert's office.

The board discussed the Solid Waste Committee's long-term plan.

- 1) Adopt the proposed long-term capital improvement plan beginning with the 2014 Solid Waste Budget as funding permits.

- a) Man the Woodruff Farm collection site, formerly known as the Sunset site
- b) Construct and man SR 188 @ SR 202 site
- c) Construct Hansell Road Site and man
- d) Man the following sites:
 - i) Riverwood
 - ii) Dillon
 - iii) Patten Coolidge
 - iv) Metcalfe

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the long-term capital improvement plan beginning with the 2014 Solid Waste Budget as funding permits. 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.

The board discussed the costs to man the site. Commissioner NeSmith told the board that he realizes that the costs of the commercial goods that are being taken to the unmanned sites will stop and that the county's tipping fees will decrease. Thomas County pays tipping fees for all solid waste from the sites whether from Thomas County or surrounding counties.

Commissioner NeSmith stated that there is a Purchasing Committee scheduled for September 3, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference room in the Annex.

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