

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
September 10, 2013

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.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 (absent)	Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5
Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6	Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager, Tony Wooten, Public Works Director, Derrick Ogletree, GIS Manager, Johnny Reichert, Building and Zoning Director, Donnie Baggett, Equipment Shop Supervisor, Toyna Allen-Brooks, Commissioners' Secretary, Kathy Brooks and Donna Holbert of the Planning and Inspections Department, and County Attorney, Bruce Warren. M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk, was absent.

Media present Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise and Chris Hurst, WPAX

Chairman Mays called the meeting to order.

Michael Stephenson gave the invocation.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the August 27, 2013 Regular Board Meeting and Work Session, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Charles Clark. Mr. Clark stated he wanted to build a go-cart race track on a rental piece of property located at North Bypass at GA 202, County Line Road. Mr. Clark stated there is already a lawnmower racing track in the area and he has been told he cannot construct a go-cart race track at the location. Mr. Clark said he has been to Mr. Reichert's office several times to speak with him and talked to his secretary, but Mr. Reichert has not returned his calls.

Chairman Mays recognized Johnny Reichert, Building and Zoning Director. Mr. Reichert stated Mr. Clark has been told several times that the area was not zoned Commercial General and was also given the information for a proper request. Mr. Reichert also stated the property is one-eighth of an acre, in a flood plain and receives drainage from the nearby City of Thomasville sewage plant. To rezone an area like this was not favorable, in his opinion.

Vice-Chairman Moses Gross told Mr. Reichert he thinks Mr. Clark is being denied due process. Chairman Mays expressed to Mr. Clark to submit a formal application for rezoning.

Chairman Mays asked the Board what was the consensus of the board on the surplus property, Annex II, 101 S. Broad Street. Bruce Warren, County Attorney, recommend having the property appraised. The Board agreed the property will be sold by receiving sealed bids.

Chairman Mays appointed Commissioner Wiley Grady as Thomas County's voting delegate at the 2013 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference.

Chairman Mays also stated that the county had an open position on the Recreation Board due to Mark NeSmith's resignation, of Boston. Staff was instructed to advertise the opening.

Chairman Mays opened the meeting to citizens for public comments.

Chairman Mays recognized Roger Walker, Highway 319 North. Mr. Walker suggested to the Board to consider a capital outlay budget to help with the yearly budgets and daily department operations. Chairman Mays told Mr. Walker that Michael Stephenson had spoken with Steve Sykes, Thomasville City Manager concerning the business park entrance. Mr. Stephenson said the entrance had been approved by Georgia Department of Transportation. This was in reference to Mr. Walker's concerns about the entrance to the Red Hills Business Park.

Chairman Mays recognized Bruce Warren, County Attorney. Mr. Warren distributed a draft of an ordinance addressing sweepstake parlors to be discussed the next regular scheduled meeting.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase turnout gear from Fisher Scientific for \$28,112.58 and Municipal Equipment for \$5,186.00 for a total purchase of \$33,292.58. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase road spraying chemicals from Helena Chemical Company in the amount of \$12,507.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Ansley who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase inmate lockers from Rembert Company, Inc. in the amount of \$7,452.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye

Commissioner Hickey stated that he was going to schedule a Road Committee later in the month.

Commissioner Gross asked about the status of the sidewalk on South Pinetree Blvd. Commissioner Mays recognized Tony Wooten. Mr. Wooten stated he expects the plans to be ready by Friday, September 13.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady. Commissioner stated a Public Property Committee will be held September 26, 2013 in the Commission Committee room on the 2nd Floor.

Commissioner Brown reminded everyone of the Personnel Committee Meeting on Wednesday September 12, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Committee room on the 2nd Floor.

Chairman Mays recognized Vice-Chairman Gross who made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an appointment. (O.C.G.A §50-14-3(6)) The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

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

Chairman Mays reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

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, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.



J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk