

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
November 12, 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	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, and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozier, Times Enterprise and Chris Hurst, WPAX

Chairman Mays called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the October 22, 2013 regular Board Meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Mays recognized Jerry Pionessa, City Engineer, and Charlotte Christian, Thomasville Housing Administrator. Mr. Pionessa explained the purpose of the resolution proposed to update the 2006 Land Bank. The law for land banks changed and GMA and ACCG have approved a guideline to use for the needed amendments.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Resolution adopting an amended intergovernmental contract governing the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority. 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 ADOPTING AN AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT
GOVERNING THE THOMASVILLE-THOMAS COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority (hereinafter "Land Bank") was created on May 22, 2006, pursuant to Section 48-4-61 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by Intergovernmental Contract between Thomas County and the City of Thomasville.

WHEREAS Section 48-4-100 *et seq.* of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (hereinafter the "Land Bank Act") authorizes any Georgia Land Bank Authority created prior to July 1, 2012, to continue in

existence in accordance with the provisions of the Land Bank Act upon the unanimous consent of the Board members, and contingent upon the appointment of at least one additional Board member;

WHEREAS on August 19, 2013 in accordance with Section 48-4-104(j) of the Land Bank Act, the Board of Directors of the Land Bank unanimously resolved to continue in existence according to the provisions of the Land Bank Act contingent upon the appointment of at least one additional Board member so that there an odd number of Board members;

WHEREAS on October 22, 2013, in accordance with Section 48-4-104(j) of the Land Bank Act, the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority nominated and approved one new Board member such that there are now an odd number of Board members of the Land Bank;

WHEREAS the Land Bank is now authorized in accordance with the provisions of the Land Bank Act to exercise the additional authorities and powers contained therein; and

WHEREAS the Land Bank members, as that term is defined in Section 48-4-102(5) of the Land Bank Act, including the undersigned, find that the exercise of such additional authorities and powers by the Land Bank requires amendment to the Intergovernmental Contract between Thomas County and the City of Thomasville dated May 22, 2006, creating the Land Bank;

Accordingly, the Intergovernmental contract between Thomas County and the City of Thomasville dated May 22, 2006, creating the Land Bank is hereby amended and substituted with the new Intergovernmental Contract attached hereto as Exhibit A.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

SO BE IT RESOLVED this 22th day of November 2013, by this **Governing Authority of Thomas County, Thomas County Board of Commissioners** (a Georgia public body corporate).

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the recommendation from Watkins and Associates and Tony Wooten to award the FY2011 CDBG Street & Drainage Systems Improvements – Oakhill Subdivision Phase II – to The Scruggs Company the low bidder with a total base bid of \$239,348.34 and authorizing the chairman to execute the necessary contracts. 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to issue a 2014 license for retail sale of beer to Kailasben Patel of Aarzo, Inc, Liberty Food Mart, 26099 US Hwy 19, Ochlocknee. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Gross. 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 issue a 2013 license for the retail sale of beer to Joao M. Soares at the Thomasville Travel Center, 2685 US Hwy 84, Thomasville. The motion was seconded by Chairman Mays. 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 meeting and holiday schedule for 2014. 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.

2014 Board Meeting Schedule:

9: 00 a.m., 2nd Tuesday		6:00 p.m., 4th Tuesday
January	14 th	28 th
February	11 th	25 th
March	11 th	25 th
April	8 th	22 rd
May	14 th	27 th
June	10 th	24 th
July	8 th	22
August	12 th	26 th
September	9 th	23 th
October	14 th	28 th
November	12 th	25 th
December	9 th	

2014 Observed County Holidays:

New Year's Day, Thursday 1/1/14	Labor Day, Monday, 9/1/14
	Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, 11/27/14
Martin Luther King's Birthday, Monday, 1/20/14	Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, 11/28/14 (mandatory vacation day)
Memorial Day, Monday, 5/26/14	
Independence Day, Friday, 7/4/13	Christmas Eve and Christmas Thursday and Friday, 12/24 and 12/25/14

2015 New Year's Day, Thursday, 1/1/15

Chairman Mays recognized Roger Walker, Hwy 319 North. Mr. Walker spoke concerning sanitation locations; Sunset and Riverwood sites. Chairman Mays stated the board is aware of the problems at the two sites and manning the sites will be addressed in the 2014 Budget Hearings. Mr. Walker said the county needed to be pro-active concerning a long-term plan for the county.

Mr. Stephenson said the budget hearings are next week. There are five (5) departments who have asked to address the board; Sheriff's Office, Prison, Tax Assessor, Fleet Maintenance, and Building Maintenance. He asked the board members to let him know if there was a department they wanted to attend.

County Attorney did not have a report.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to instruct the County attorney to begin the process to abandon the Vann Road at the sole property owner's, Christine B. and Carl W. Caughran, request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve for Public works to proceed with an asphalt overlay of an approximate 700' section on Smith Road with an estimated cost of \$6,000 to be paid from 2012 SPLOST funds.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the South Pinetree Boulevard sidewalk plans and move forward with the easement executions from the Commercial Bank and HUD. 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 Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve to discontinue filling abandoned wells on private property and notify the Health Department of the change. 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.

Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase three (3) trucks; TransPower – 1 dump truck regular cab \$36,389, 1 dump truck super cab \$38,287.76 and Allan Vigil Ford – 1 cab & chassis for a sign truck \$31,788 (no extended warranty on the sign truck). 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 Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase two (2) harrows from Ag Pro/Thomasville; 6' \$4,390 and 9' \$9,520 for a total of \$13,910. 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.

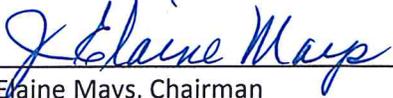
Chairman Mays recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase 650 +/- tons of asphalt for resurfacing Sunnybelle Acres Subdivision, 2012 SPLOST, from The Scruggs Company, the best bid at \$66.90 per ton. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Mays, Vice-Chairman Gross and Commissioners Baker, Hickey, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady and Brown voting aye.

Commissioner Grady stated that he had received a letter from the DAV, Chapter 5 Tallahassee requesting assistance to purchase a 12-passenger van. Bruce Warren advised the board that it was a private organization and recommended not to fund the request.

Commissioner NeSmith also said that Captain Jones had inquired about door-to-door solicitation being allowed in the county. The matter will be turned over to a committee.

Chairman Baker voiced concerns about security at the courthouse. Chairman Mays said this can be addressed during the budget session with Sheriff Powell.

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, NeSmith, Grady and Brown voting aye.



J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk