

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
February 25, 2014

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:

Moses Gross, Chairman, Dist. 2	Kenneth E. Hickey, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 3
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5	Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7	J. Elaine Mays, Dist. 8

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager; Bruce Warren, County Attorney; Derrick Ogletree, IS Manager and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Media present was Patti Dozer, Times-Enterprise and Chris Hurst with WPAX Radio.

Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady, Brown, and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross acknowledged the citizens attending to gain information concerning the proposed new electric transmission line in Thomas County. The proposed corridor is between Pavo and Eason Crossing. At the February 11th board meeting Ms. Jeannine Haynes presented the board with the proposed corridors.

Chairman Gross recognized Ms. Haynes, Herb Payne, Senior Project Manager, and Nicolas Ham with Georgia Transmission. They explained that they are in the joint planning stages with the EMC's and Georgia Power Co. to replace the aging transmission lines.

Chairman Gross asked if there were any citizens present with questions concerning the project. Chairman Gross recognized Ronald Cohen. Mr. Cohen stated that he owned land on the route and would like to see how much acreage is going to be involved. Ms. Haynes stated she has maps and can show him after the meeting. Mr. Cohen thanked her. Commissioner NeSmith stated that the majority of the property that will be on the route is agricultural and he asked if the irrigation systems will be taken into consideration. Mr. Payne stated and showed on the map where they are making adjustments for systems. Commissioner NeSmith requested that they work with the landowners where the substations are located. Bret Owens also spoke about the route.

Commissioner NeSmith asked how the value of the land acquisitions was going to be determined. Mr. Payne said they use the fair market value as a starting point, a third party appraiser and their

experience to determine the value. Commissioner NeSmith stated that devaluation of property should be part of the compensation since fair market value is not always equal to what was paid for the property.

In closing, Ms. Haynes said it their intention to work with every property owner. Chairman Gross thanked the staff from Georgia Transmission Corporation for attending the meeting and addressing the concerns of the citizens present.

Chairman Gross recognized Brian Overeem of Bigham Construction, Inc. Mr. Bigham explained that when drilling for a cable provider, MediaCom, on the Metcalfe Road at Bellingham Drive they lost a missile. The City of Thomasville wants to retrieve the missile because of their utilities that are buried on the right of way. Bigham Construction, Inc. did not have an approved utility permit.

Chairman Gross recognized Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to allow the City of Thomasville to retrieve the missile off of the Metcalfe Road at Bellingham Drive. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of diesel fuel from Plantation Petroleum on 2/11/2014 at \$3.050 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioners Mays who made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Georgia Dept. of Transportation for the Transit 5311 FY14. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

EXHIBIT 6

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR A GRANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 5311 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT LAWS UNDER CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE 49 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation are authorized to make grant to non-urbanized areas for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act, the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and under the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Thomas County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "APPLICANT",

1. That the County Commission Chairman, Moses L. Gross hereinafter referred to as the "Official is authorized to execute and file an application on the behalf of the Applicant, a City/County government, with the Georgia Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of public transportation assistance pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act."
2. That the Official is authorized to execute and file such application and assurances or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That the Official is authorized to execute and file all other standard assurances or any other document required by the Georgia Department of Transportation or the U.S. Department of Transportation in connection with the application for public transportation assistance.
4. That the Official is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation or the Georgia Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application of the project.
5. That the Official is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the Applicant with the Georgia Department of Transportation in connection with the application for public transportation assistance.
6. That the applicant while making application to or receiving grants from the Federal Transit Administration will comply with FTA Circular 9040.1G, FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal Assistance 2014 as listed in Appendix M and General Operating Guidelines as illustrated in Appendix D of the Georgia State Management Plan and Administrative Guide for Rural Public Transportation Programs.
7. That the Applicant has or will have available in the General Fund the required non-federal funds to meet local share requirements.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2014.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to declare 2,400 feet of 2 ½" fire hose surplus and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to donate the hose to Brooks County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT entered into this the 25th day of February, 2014, by and between THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA and the BROOKS COUNTY, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS Thomas County has declared the 2,400 feet of 2 ½ inch fire hose as surplus property; and

WHEREAS the Brooks County has requested that Thomas County contribute the hose to Brooks County for use by its Fire Department; and WHEREAS the Thomas County Commission has agreed to the transfer;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

1. The Thomas County Commission hereby conveys the old 2,800 feet of 2 ½ inch fire hose to Brooks County.
2. The Brooks County Board of Commissioners accepts the hose in their current condition and fully understands that it is their responsibility to maintain and perform any repairs necessary to make the items usable by then.
3. The Brooks County acknowledges that this transfer is made pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement and that, should the Brooks County decide that it no longer has any use for the items being conveyed, that it shall notify Thomas County Commission to determine whether the items should be returned to the Thomas County Commission or disposed of by Brooks County.
4. This agreement shall remain in full force and effect until 3 months after the Brooks County notifies Thomas County Commission that it no longer wants the fire hose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals on the date above first written.

APPROVED AND ENTERED INTO this 25th day of February, 2014.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the 2014 contract and payment of \$11,100 to Halcyon Home. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Al Bryan who wished to address the board. Mr. Bryan asked if he could get a copy of the public comments from the 2014 Budget Hearings. The information was available at the February 11 meeting and giving to the board members.

Chairman Gross recognized Roger Walker who wished to address the board. Mr. Walker spoke about family heritage and long range planning. He also stated that he had submitted questions to the personnel committee for consideration.

Mr. Stephenson stated that there was going to be a Planning Session 2/26/2014 and a Solid Waste meeting on 2/27/14.

Mr. Warren stated that he closed the sale of 101 South Broad Street and delivered the check to Ms. Monahan tonight.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee, 2/6/14, to purchase rock for stock; base, 57's and surge, from CMI for \$50,250. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Purchasing Committee, 12/2/14, to purchase road side spraying chemicals from Southern States for \$17,120. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of nine (9) pursuit vehicles; Carl Gregory \$191,886.20, West Chatham Warning Devices - \$81,003.49, Total \$272,889.69. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Hickey. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of a 1992 Trail King Low Boy from Southern Concrete for \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

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



Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:



M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk