Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
April 8, 2014

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:

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 Stephenson, County Manager, Bruce Warren, County Attorney 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 Brown who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2014 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady, Brown, and Mays voting aye.

Commissioner Mays and Michael Stephenson presented the Explorer Award to the Public Works Process management Team. The team members are Ron Kelley, Team Leader, Seneca Springle, Lamar Bynum, Terrence Christian and Robby Crawford. Mr. Stephenson explained that the process set the foundation and prove what goes on in their department. Commissioner Mays stated that she appreciated the hard work and time they devoted to the project. Commissioner Hickey thanked them for the work they do.

Mr. Stephenson explained that Ross + associates are in the process of completing the annual Capitol Improvement Update. This proposal is the result of the board's request to review the Impact Fee Program to realign funding. It has been seven (7) years since the fee was implemented.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the proposal from Ross+associates for amending the Impact Fee program for $32,400. 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 Robert Geer, Warden. Warden Geer stated that the Capacity Agreement is for 185 inmates at $20 per day. The Agreement will be from 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Department of Corrections Capacity Agreement for FY 2015 for 185 inmates. 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.

Tony Wooten explained to the board about the reclamation of the Metcalfe Road in preparation of paving. The proposed area is 10 miles long. Several core samples will have to be taken and the results will determine what the mix will be for the road base. The proposal from TTL will includes unit pricing since some areas might require additional testing.

Chairman Gross recognized Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to approve the proposal from TTL for an estimated $15,300 to the pavement evaluation and design of the Metcalfe Road as specified in their proposal. 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.

The board discussed using SPLOST funds to start the project and use as the match for the LMEG funds.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of 7,500 gallons of diesel from Petroleum Products on March 28/2014 at $3.0290 per gallon. 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 opened the meeting for citizens' comments.

Roger Walker spoke to the board concerning Governors Deal's visit to Thomasville and the present and future use of the Southwestern State Hospital.

Commissioner Grady stated that there is a Public Property Committee scheduled for 4/21/2014 to review the feasibility study being prepared by Leon Lynn.

Commissioner Baker stated that there will be a Finance Committee meeting in the next few weeks to review budget amendments.

Commissioner Hickey stated that he will be scheduling a Road Committee meeting the first or second week of May.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. 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 enter into open session and report there is no action to be taken. 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 adjourn. 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.

Moses L. Gross

Moses L. Gross, Chairman

ATTEST:

M. Twink Monahan

M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk