

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
April 22, 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 (absent)

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 Hickey 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 April 8, 2014 board meeting and April 8, 2014 Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady, and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Gross declared a public hearing for Application #14-4-1 – Jack D. Miller, Property Owner, requests a zoning change for property located at 1495 M & M Road (4.525 acre, more or less, portion of 183.37 acres Map 15, Parcel 73) from Ag (Agricultural) to I (Industrial) so as to allow for the use of manufacturing business.

Chairman Gross read a letter from Jack Miller stating that he is withdrawing his rezoning request. Chairman Gross called for any comments from the public.

Mrs. Denise Vinson, Vinson Road, stated the truck traffic in the residential farming community should not be allowed and that it was her opinion that his business should be shut down immediately. Mrs. Karlin Holic, Vinson Road, asked the board how long Mr. Miller would be allowed to continue his business.

Chairman Gross closed the public hearing.

The board members and the county attorney discussed the non-compliance issue in detail.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to officially notify Jack Miller of the following:

1. Your business operation located at 1495 M & M Road was determined to be in noncompliance of the Thomas County Land Use Standards Ordinance.
2. You will have until July 31, 2014 to obtain a new location for your business.
3. You will have begun your business relocation and made significant progress by October 31, 2014.
4. You will have completely relocated your business by April 30, 2015.
5. If you fail to comply with this schedule Thomas County will impose penalties pursuant to "Section 5.000: Enforcement" of the Thomas County Land Use Standards Ordinance.
6. You will be allowed to continue your business at the current location without expansion until relocated pursuant to the schedule specified hereinabove.

The motion was seconded by Chairman Gross. The motion was approved unanimously. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Gross declared a public hearing to consider a resolution transmitting a draft Capital Improvements Element (CIE) 2014 Annual Update report, relating to the County's impact fee program, to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for regional review pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

Chairman Gross recognized Bill Ross, Ross + associates. Mr. Ross was contracted to execute the county's CIE Update. Mr. Ross stated that he was present to answer any questions concerning the update. Chairman Gross asked if there was any public comment. There were none. Chairman Gross closed the public hearing.

Chairman Gross recognized Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to approve the resolution to transmit the Draft Capital Improvements Element (CIE) 2014 Annual Update report to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify the purchase of 7,500 gallons of diesel fuel from Petroleum Products on April 18, 2014 at \$3.1283 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the 6 year appointment of Constance 'Connie' Gilbert to the Thomas Board of Health with the term expiring on June 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized two Boy Scouts present. Life Scouts Marshall Jones 8th Grade, working on his Communications merit badge and Will Ladson, 9th Grade, working on his Citizenship in Community merit badge. Assistant Scout Leader Powell Jones was also present and thanked the board for their

recognition of these young men. Sheriff Powell also commended them for their commitment and effort to become Eagle Scouts.

Chairman Gross recognized John Booth. Mr. Booth stated that he lives on the land that Mr. Jack Miller owns on the M & M Road. He thanked the board for the time they have spent on the matter. Chairman Gross also recognized Kay Reynolds, Mr. Miller's sister. She told the board that her family had owned the property since the 1840's and appreciated the board allowing them time to move the business.

Jeanine Haynes with Georgia Transmission updated the board on the new service lines. The first town hall meeting has been scheduled for May 13th at the Boston Community Center at 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

REPORTS

Michael Stephenson said the Intergovernmental Agreement with Brooks County to provide *Primary* Fire Protection for the Cities of Pavo and Barwick has been reviewed by the Emergency Services Committee and is ready to execute. Thomas County has already been responding in Brooks County. With Thomas County being the dispatched by Brooks County as primary the citizens within these cities will see a substantial savings in their homeowners insurance for fire protection.

Chairman Gross recognized Vice-Chairman Hickey who made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Thomas County and Brooks County for Thomas County to be provide the primary fire services for the Cities of Pavo and Barwick. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Brown voting aye.

Intergovernmental Agreement

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT entered in to this the 22nd day of April, 2014 by and between THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BROOKS COUNTY, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS Thomas County has fire stations located within the incorporated city limits of Pavo, Georgia and Barwick, Georgia, both of which are adjacent to the Brooks County line; and

WHEREAS Brooks County desires that Thomas County Fire/Rescue provide its primary fire protection services within the incorporated areas of Pavo and Barwick in Brooks County, Georgia: and

Whereas the parties are willing to enter in to this agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following:

1. Brooks County will serve as the dispatch for the fires located within the incorporated areas of Brooks County.
2. In the event that both units from Thomas County and Brooks County respond to a fire, Thomas County shall be the primary station and in control of the operations and the non-primary unit's senior officer shall report to the primary station's officer upon arrival and provide such assistance as is requested by the primary officer.

3. The undertakings herein are at the request of the Brooks County Board of Commissioners and Brooks County agrees to hold Thomas County harmless from any suits arising out of the failure of Thomas County to respond in a prompt manner and/or for any actions taken by Thomas County is guilty of gross negligence.
4. Both parties acknowledge that they currently have in place liability insurance policies that would provide protection for third parties that are injured as the result of the activities of the department.

This agreement shall continue in place and be in full force and effect until such time as one or both of the parties elect to terminate it. Termination shall be in writing and provide thirty (30) day notice and shall be mailed to the respective county managers of each county and ISO office by certified mail, return receipt requested.

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

THOMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Grady reported that the Public Property Committee had reviewed the feasibility study for the relocation of the 911 Center, Planning and Zoning/Inspections, 911 Mapping, Environmental Health and the Extension Service. It was the consensus of the committee and all board members present that the 911 offices would have to be the first priority.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Public Property Committee to instruct Leon Lynn of Jinright, Ryan and Lynn, to proceed with preliminary drawings for a new E-911 Center to be located on the Judicial Center property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, and Brown voting aye.

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Baker who made a motion to approve the 2013 Year End Budget Amendments and

**2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT 13-12-1-EOY
GENERAL FUND (100)
April 18, 2014**

Account	Description	Original 2013 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
Revenues				
100-33-4010	SANE Grant	0	107,300	107,300
100-33-4011	TLM-Metcalfe- GDOT	0	25,000	25,000
	Total			132,300
Net Increase to Revenues				<u>\$132,300</u>
Expenses				

100-1420-53-1188	Election Supplies	1,000	5,000	4,000
100-1500-52-2310	Rental of Land & Buildings	18,000	40,000	22,000
100-2150-51-1100	Salaries-Sup Crt	104,028	123,000	18,972
100-2150-51-2200	Fica-Sup Crt	7,000	8,200	1,200
100-2150-52-1200	Professional-Sup Crt	5,000	11,000	6,000
100-2150-52-3200	Communications-Sup Crt	7,000	8,500	1,500
100-2150-52-3500	Travel-Sup Crt	200	1,500	1,300
100-2200-52-3200	Contracted R&M-DA	0	1,400	1,400
100-2300-52-1200	Professional-State Court	21,000	29,000	8,000
100-2800-52-2200	Contracted R&M-PD	2,500	3,000	500
100-2800-53-1213	Energy-PD	2,775	4,100	1,325
100-3400-53-1300	Food-Prison	180,000	242,000	62,000
100-3915-52-1300	Technical-Animal Control	0	22,100	22,100
100-3915-52-2200	Contracted R&M-Animal Con	0	2,900	2,900
100-3915-52-3200	Communications-Animal Con	0	1,200	1,200
100-3915-52-3400	Printing & Binding-Animal Con	0	750	750
100-3915-53-1100	General Supp & Mat-Animal	0	100	100
100-4900-51-1100	Salaries-Shop	264,915	294,000	29,085
100-4900-51-2200	Fica-Shop	20,266	21,500	1,234
100-4900-52-2200	Contracted R&M-Shop	5,000	16,000	11,000
100-4900-53-1169	Vehicle Repair Materials-Shop	6,000	16,000	10,000
100-4900-53-1186	Stock-Shop	0	16,500	16,500
100-4900-53-1600	Small Equipment-Shop	0	6,200	6,200
100-4900-53-1602	Small Equip-Computer-Shop	0	1,600	1,600
100-4900-53-1700	Other Supplies-Shop	32,000	40,000	8,000
100-5500-52-1313	GDOT-Metcalf Project	0	25,000	25,000
100-5500-57-1025	SANE Grant	0	107,300	107,300
100-7140-57-1020	Forest Protection	20,023	20,323	300
100-7450-52-3100	Insurance Expense-Code Enf	0	3,500	3,500
100-7450-53-1602	Small Equip Computer-Code Enf	0	1,650	1,650
100-8010-58-2002	Interest-LOC	0	400	400

100-9010-612005	Rainy Day Account	1,505,999	1,261,283	-244,716
	Total			132,300

Net Increase to Expenses

\$132,300

**2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT 13-12-1-EOY
E-911 FUND (215)
April 18, 2014**

Account	Description	Original 2013 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
Revenues				
215-39-1015	911-Fund Transfer	701,130	761,130	60,000
	Total			60,000

Net Increase to Revenues

\$60,000

Expenses

215-3800-58-1100	Debt Service	108,726	168,726	60,000
	Total			60,000

Net Increase to Expenses

\$60,000

**2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT 13-12-1-EOY
CENTRAL FIRE - FIRE DISTRICT 1 & 2 (270)
April 18, 2014**

Account	Description	Original 2013 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
Revenues				
270-39-3000	F1&2 Loan Proceeds	0	493,312	493,312
	Total			493,312

Net Increase to Revenues

\$493,312

Expenses

270-3505-54-2200	Vehicles	0	493,312	493,312
	Total			493,312

Net Increase to Expenses

\$493,312

**2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT 13-12-1-EOY
THOMAS COUNTY FIRE/FIRE DISTRICT 3 (272)
April 18, 2014**

Account Revenues	Description	Original 2013 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
272-33-1003	Federal Grant-AFG-FEMA	0	445,824	445,824
272-39-3000	F3 Loan Proceeds	0	442,492	442,492
	Total			888,316
Net Increase to Revenues				<u>\$888,316</u>

Expenses				
Account	Description	Original 2013 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
272-3500-54-2200	Vehicles	0	494,362	494,362
272-3500-54-2500	Equipment	0	393,954	393,954
	Total			888,316
Net Increase to Expenses				<u>\$888,316</u>

**2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT 13-12-1-EOY
EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND (273)
April 18, 2014**

Account Revenues	Description	Original 2013 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
273-31-1315	MV Title AV Tax	0	36,000	36,000
273-31-1342	ES Tax-Intangible Rec Tax	25,000	31,000	6,000
273-31-9107	ES Tax-Property Penalties	10,000	14,584	4,584
273-33-1008	GEMA PPA Grant	0	13,416	13,416
	Total			60,000
Net Increase to Revenues				<u>\$60,000</u>

Expenses				
Account	Description	Original 2013 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
273-9010-611001	Operating Transfer-E911	701,130	761,130	60,000
	Total			60,000
Net Increase to Expenses				<u>\$60,000</u>

**2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT 13-12-1-EOY
THOMAS COUNTY TRANSIT (545)
April 18, 2014**

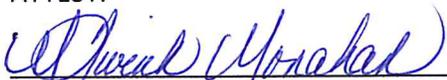
Account	Description	Original 2013 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
Revenues				
545-33-4100	DOT-Federal Grants	390,000	470,000	80,000
	Total			80,000
Net Increase to Revenues				<u>\$80,000</u>
Expenses				
545-5540-54-2500	Equipment	0	80,000	80,000
	Total			80,000
Net Increase to Expenses				<u>\$80,000</u>

Chairman Gross recognized Commissioner Grady 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, Chairman

ATTEST:



 M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk