Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
August 26, 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 (absent)	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 Chris Hurst with WPAX Radio and Patti Dozier with Times Enterprise.

Vice-Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ansley. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Hickey, Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady, Brown, and Mays voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Charles Williams, Executive Director of Southwest Georgia Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Williams distributed and explained the board's annual report. He updated the board on their performance goals and their roll in retraining and placing former employees of Southwestern State Hospital.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to ratify diesel purchases from Petroleum Products; 8/1/14 $2.9455 per gallon and 8/21/14 $2.8818 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Aaron Coch. Mr. Coch is the attorney representing the new owners of Phase II of Jordon Oaks. They would like to change the name and have it listed as a separate subdivision named Stonybrook Subdivision and file a new plat showing the change. He stated he would like to bring the request to the next board meeting if the consensus is to approve.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Ed Guy who is requesting a plat revision for Peacock Point. He explained a newly formed homeowners association will be meeting in September. Mr. Guy is enlarging the lot sizes to build fewer homes than originally intended. Action was postponed until the September 9, 2014 board meeting in order for Mr. Guy to present the plats in format for approval. Staff was instructed to give him direction.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve 2014 Budget Amendment 14/8/2 to comply with the Uniform Chart of Accounts. 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.

2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT 14-8-2
General Fund (100)
August 26, 2014

Account	Description	Original 2014 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
Expenses				
100-2150-523600	Superior Court-Dues & Fees	24,000	1,000	- 23,000
100-2180-523600	Clerk of Court-Dues & Fees	600	23,600	23,000
	Total			**0**

Net Increase to Expenses **$0**

All Jury expenses should be charged to the Clerk of the Court's budget instead of the Superior Court budget according to the uniform chart of accounts.

Bruce Warren reported that the junkyard site on Hwy 84 owned by Mr. Colvin does not have the designation zoning for a junkyard. The other site owned by Mr. Colvin on Old 84 is now in the court system. Mr. Warren stated that Pat Smith, Code Enforcement Officer, is handling both cases.

Mr. Warren requested minutes showing the current gun club requirements set by the board in order to proceed with the request from Southwest Georgia Technical College to use it for firearms instruction.

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

Ken Hickey, Vice-Chairman

M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk