Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
September 9, 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:

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| 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 Thelma Maxwell, Purchasing Agent. Media present was Chris Hurst with WPAX Radio.

Vice-Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order.

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

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2014 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Hickey, Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady, Brown, and Mays voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Lee Webb, Executive Director of Thomasville Landmarks. Mr. Webb distributed and explained the revised budget of Phase 1 – Downtown Metcalfe Streetscape project. He updated the board on their future steps to get the project back in motion and developing a schedule, there will be a Re-launch Meeting scheduled for a date in October. The Board was given an Agreement from EMC Engineering which gave a cost breakdown for each phase of work. County Manager Michael Stephenson recommended that the contract be approved and signed.

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

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Mays who made a motion to approve the Peacock Point Plat Revision for Ed Guy and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the plat revision in the Chairman's absence. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Aaron Coch's request to rename Phase II Jordan Oaks to Stonybrook Subdivision. Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve Mr. Coch's request to rename Phase II Jordan Oaks to Stonybrook and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the plat revision in the Chairman's absence. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grady. Motion

carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Aaron Coch who is requesting to add Williams Land Holding, Inc. as a Plat Revision to the Madison Grove Subdivision plat.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve Mr. Coch's request to add Williams Land Holding, Inc., Plat Revision Madison Grove Subdivision and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the plat revision in the Chairman's absence. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously; Motion carried unanimously; Chairman Gross, Vice-Chairman Hickey and Commissioners Baker, Ansley, NeSmith, Grady, Brown and Mays voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Al Bryan, Meigs GA. Mr. Bryan recognized the openings of new businesses and the closing of businesses. Mr. Bryan suggested that Economic Development come before the board with a plan on how to handle these closings. Commissioner Mays stated that Shelley Zorn was in charge of the Economic Development and that Commissioner NeSmith is on the Board and gives updates to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brown stated that the Chamber of Commerce holds a meeting every second Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. Commissioner Mays suggested that Mr. Bryan speak with Steve Sykes or Jerry Pionessa with the City of Thomasville.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Terry Scott, 106 Pinecrest Blvd., Thomasville GA. Mr. Scott commended the Thomas County on the Pinetree Blvd. resurfacing project.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized County Manager Mike Stephenson who stated as of December 31, 2014 there would no longer be support for the 800 MHz Radios for Thomas County, Lowndes County and Dougherty County.

Bruce Warren reported the City of Meigs was wanting to hold a Special Election to fill a vacant seat, there has been no formal written request for the election and the use of paper ballots is discouraged. The municipalities have an Intergovernmental Agreement in place stating that the Thomas County Registrar's Office would handle all elections. Mr. Warren reported that the junkyard site on Hwy 84 owned by Mr. Colvin is still an ongoing case and a law suit will be filed. Mr. Warren stated that an appraisal has been ordered for Egg and Butter Road. Commissioner Mays voiced concerns about the rules in place for the Firing Range, should there be any changes or additional rules added. Mr. Warren and Sheriff Powell stated that the rules in place are adequate and restricted access is currently in place.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner NeSmith who made a motion to approve the Purchasing Committee's recommendation to purchase 2015 Peterbilt 365 Cab and Chassis including Donovan Ox fully Hydraulic Tarp for Sanitation from Peterbilt of Albany for $128,798.00 and to purchase the Ampliroll A1-160-1900-20 Lift System from Transport Equipment for $27,959.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Hickey, Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady, Brown, and Mays voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Hickey recognized Commissioner Grady who made a motion to approve the Public Property Committee's recommendation to select Construction Management at Risk as the construction delivery method for the new 911 facility on West Monroe Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Hickey, Commissioners Baker, NeSmith, Ansley, Grady, Brown, and Mays voting aye.

The following committee meetings were set:

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| Road Committee | Wednesday, September 24, 8:30 a.m. | Room 215 Conference Room |
| Emergency Services | To be scheduled | |
| Budget Hearings | November 17 – 21 | Room 215 Conference Room |

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

Thelma Maxwell

Thelma Maxwell, Purchasing Agent